

# Labradoodle



## Perfect Pet Rating



## Overall Breed Rating



5 Paw Rating: 1 = Poor, 2 = Adequate, 3 = Average, 4 = Good, 5 = Excellent

*Rating system for perfect pet includes the following categories: Will this breed bite my child? Would they kill other animals? Are they easy to train?*

*Rating system for overall breed rating includes all categories.*

**PLUSES:** Labradoodles are intelligent, a new breed, and hopefully have a great personality!

**MINUSES:** As with any dog, they can be a problem if they are not properly socialized and trained.

### WHO SHOULD NOT OWN THIS BREED?

This dog was bred to be a service dog and companion. They will need attention and training to be good companions. You should not own this dog if you have limited time and don't want to train them.

### DO THEY SHED?

Their coat may shed a little, or not at all. He will need daily grooming.

### WILL THIS BREED BITE MY CHILD?

If a Labradoodle comes from quality parents (great examples of each breed) they should be good with children. However, **EXTREME CAUTION AND SUPERVISION IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED WHEN CHILDREN AND DOGS ARE TOGETHER!**

### WOULD THEY KILL OTHER ANIMALS?

They come from two parents that have the instinct to retrieve game, so their chase drive is high. Generally they are good with animals they are raised with.

### WHAT IS THEIR ENERGY LEVEL?

They are a high energy dog. You need to take an active roll in exercising and have a nice size backyard for them to run.

### ARE THEY EASY TO TRAIN?

This breed is intelligent and easy to train.

### WHAT ARE THE HEALTH CONCERNS?

They have the same health concerns that the parent breeds have: hip and elbow dysplasia, eye problems, bloat, VonWillebrand's disease, A syndrome of exercise intolerance and collapse (EIC), thyroid problems and Cancer. Buying from a reputable breeder is always advisable and will help to lessen the chances for health problems and congenital defects.

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**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:** In 1988, the manager of the Australian Guide Dog Association, met a woman who needed a guide dog that her husband could be around with his allergies; a search began for a dog that could fit this woman's needs. The woman had heard that Standard Poodles had been used for Guide work. A search began for non allergic dogs that could be trained for Guide work. In 1989 a Standard Poodle was found and that dog was bred to a Labrador Retriever that had a track record of producing pups for Guide Dogs. The intent was to produce a litter that would have the best traits of both dogs, especially a non-allergic coat. That litter began the first Labradoodle Hybrids. This breed is not recognized by the American Kennel Club.

### BREED APPEARANCE:

Labradoodles are medium size dogs; height is 22+ inches and weighs from 45 – 75 pounds. Their coat is between 2 – 6 inches long and roughly half the Labradoodles have a low or non shedding coat. They are usually heavier in body than the Poodle. They come in a variety of colors similar to the Poodle.

### WHY YOU WOULD LOVE THIS BREED?

They may have a non-allergic coat, shed less or not at all and usually love to be with people.

### WHY YOU WOULD NOT LOVE THIS BREED?

If improperly bred, they may be overactive dogs that require lots of exercise and attention. You may find professional behavior and obedience training a must to establish control and have a mannerly dog. You must research for a quality breeder and observe the parents of the pup.

