

Golden Gate Labradoodles: Fall 2021 Breeding Plan

UPDATED December 9th, 2021. Please see below for our program plans for puppies going home through January 2022. **(If you read the document in your email browser, you can view the numerous links to current photos and other stories.)** Even if I may not be able to take more confirmed reservations for particular litters at this time, I always plan on under-reserving each litter, so I often have 1 or 2 puppies which I offer later on in the process when they are old enough to evaluate in terms of temperament (see our placement policies below).

*All of these breeding dogs have been tested with qualifying results either the PennHIP or Orthopedic Foundation For Animals (OFA) hip testing methodologies (or both of them) for hips and elbows, and have all testing completed required for registration with the [Australian Labradoodle Club of America \(ALCA\)](#), and/or with the Australian Labradoodle Association of America (ALAA) including eye exams, PRA clearances, as well as further screenings for a broad array of genetic diseases to help prevent breeding carriers to other carriers. Specific testing results are available upon request. **There may be Foster/Guardian opportunities in these litters, as well as breeding pups to qualified breeders.** We will have openings booked with several highly reviewed trainers for each litter should you opt a 4 to 6-week board-and-train situation for housetraining and obedience prior to bringing your pup home. Please enquire for more information.*

“On The Ground”

1. “GG Yosemite Mist” x “By The Bay Finn” (Minis to Small Mediums in Chocolate, Parti, Caramel, Phantom):

“Yosemite” is the daughter of “GG Jasmine Tea” and “GG Sir Kermit”, and consequently has a pedigree containing many of the original Australian Labradoodles from Rutland Manor and Tegan Park who made the breed famous the world over. She is a smart, sweet, cooperative, and cuddly little girl--devoted to her human dad—and lives part-time in Palo Alto, and part-time on a ranch in the East Bay. She is a tiny thing weighing in at about 17 lbs.! Yosemite has exceptional hip scores from PennHIP and OFA, and a clear Paw Prints genetics profile. We have paired Yosemite with “By The Bay Finn”, who has sired two other exceptional litters in our program. Finn is a good-hearted, affectionate, easy-going fur-person of a dog, much beloved by his family in the East Bay. Finn is solidly put-together, with a deep and broad chest and weighs about 33 lbs. Fully-tested with Pawprints panel/OFA/PennHIP. Given the size differences in the parents, we anticipate offspring to mature to a range of sizes from 20-32 lbs. We will have a better idea about projected relative sizes of individual puppies once they reach 6-7 weeks of age.

Seven puppies were born on 11/09/2021. There are 2 Chocolate Phantoms/Tri (M and F), One Sable Phantom (M), 1 Chocolate Phantom (M), 2 Parti/Tricolor (F), and one Caramel (M). Please see first photos of the pups via the album link below. These puppies will have a firm go-home date of January 4th. 2022. (Accepting 2 more reservations plus two waitlist spots).



Miss “GG Yosemite Mist”



Mama J and Yosemite



Baby Yosemite



“Finn”



[Finn's Instagram Gallery](#)

PHOTOS OF YOSEMITE AND FINN's PUPS: [Yosemite Pups](#)

Previous Pups from Yosemite: [Yosemite's Pups with Jack](#)

Previous Pups from Finn and Sydney: [Sydney and her Pups with Jack](#)

2. “GG Adelaide” aka “Addie” x “Poppins Robin Hood aka “Sydney” (Large Mediums to Small Standards in Chocolate):

Adelaide has some of my favorite dogs ever in her pedigree, including her sire Topper—one of the Founding Fathers of the GGAL program and her grandmother “Stella” that happy-go-lucky and loving clown. Adelaide is also fun-loving and active and is great fun if you have a spare tennis ball! -- but she is also such a sweet, compliant, and affectionate girl who is happy lounging about the house. We were close to keeping her for our own family pet, but at that point we were already at full capacity in terms of dogs. This litter is actually under consideration by my family for our next generation of family dogs! Even my reproduction specialist has commented on Adelaide's stable temperament and easy-going nature. Addie

has the Paw Prints Genetics full panel, PennHIP and eVet hips and elbows. We have paired Adelaide with "Sydney", a boy we bought from our friends at Poppins Labradoodles in VA and this is his first litter. Sydney" is a gentle and sensitive boy but also playful and active with a love of the great outdoors. Though he is not a social butterfly, he is very affectionate with friends and family and enjoys standing on his hind legs giving long loving "good morning" and "welcome" hugs. He is stunning in every way with a lovely dark Chocolate fleece coat. Fully tested, at 47 lbs, he is very close to Addie's size.

Eight Puppies were born on Thanksgiving (November 25th, 2021). There are 6 girls and 2 boys in the different variations of Chocolate (*Café, Lavender, and possibly Parchment*), likely to mature sizes of around 45 to 50 lbs. These puppies will be going home on January 20th, 2022. **We are accepting 3 more confirmed Reservations, initially, plus waitlist.**

(I will be seeking a Foster-Guardian Family for a female, or, I may just keep one for our family!)

Thanksgiving Babies



"Adelaide"



Young Adelaide



“Sydney”



Here for : [Addie and Sydney's Puppy Photos](#)

Adelaide's Past Puppy Photo Album : [Adelaide and Brody](#)

JUST HONEYMOONED:

“Sydney” has Honeymooned with “Figo”. Fingers crossed for mini/small medium puppies in Chocolate and??? early February 2022.



“Brinkley” is honeymooning with “Kermit” in early December. Medium and small medium puppies in Chocolate and Caramel and Caramel-Cream in mid-February!



As a result of the back-up at vet offices across the region over the past 18 months, we are going through the health testing process for 6 of our younger generation girls who will (fingers crossed) be joining our program as future mamas in 2022! Stay tuned for more about Kiki, Maisie, Minnie, Bonny, and Nelly !

New Breeding Plan document coming out by December 19th.

More Possibilities through early 2022 from some of these ladies:

Tessa (Elizabeth Taylor)



Sydney (F)



Crumpet



Some of our handsome Golden Gate Labradoodles Sires:

Luke



Bacchus



Sydney(M)



Kermit



I am happy to discuss upcoming litters with you on the phone. (Thank you in advance for your patience in trying to reach me...I do want to connect with you in person, but am often engaged in care of the pups and other dogs, as well as involved with my human family.) Often, an email will receive a faster response from me.

Best Regards,
Kristin
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Our Placement Technique:

I intentionally try to under-reserve each of my litters to optimize the ability to match up my clients with the right puppy in terms of temperament, as well as to allow me some room to evaluate the litter for possible breeding-quality puppies to retain for my own program. While we cannot have visitors into our home (for the peace-of-mind of the mama dogs), we typically have had a Garden Playdate when the pups are about 4 to 6 weeks old so that families have the opportunity to interact with the entire litter. ***(At present, due to COVID-19 precautions, most interactions are remote though we do want you to visit the litter if you can at around 6.5 to 7 weeks of age.)*** We undertake formal temperament testing at 7 weeks, prior to recommending specific puppies to each family. I always expect to have a puppy or two available "at the last minute" (usually a week or so before they can go home) which I make available to suitable families on my waitlist. These are not "last pick" puppies by any means, as families have very different tastes and needs, and sometimes, in my experience, the nicest pups can become suddenly available—most often a "first- or second- pick" puppy I was eyeing for myself!

I do not believe in kennel set-ups for our breed and my breeding dogs live as pets with their own "forever families". The puppies live in our homes and are acclimated to the sights and sound of a "normal" family. I encourage Guardian families to help socialize the litters in the mama's own homes when possible, as not only does this make mama happy to spend less time away from her human family, but also puppies get more socialization with mama's favorite people.

As much as I enjoy matching up pups with the right new "family member", the primary objective of my breeding program is to preserve and continue to improve the true Australian Labradoodle breed, rather than to manufacture pet puppies. These are not "commodities" bred to meet consumer demand for superficial traits such as pretty colors and cute faces, which tends to weaken dog breed health over time through loss of genetic diversity. As such, I am working hard to avoid the inbreeding that occurs when dog breeders keep breeding the same dogs over and over, generation after generation, and I strive to make each of my breeding decisions with continued breed improvement in mind. I pay quite a lot in stud service fees, travel, and breeding expenses to introduce the traits and strengths from other breeders' lines to continue to strengthen my own program in terms of health, temperament, conformation and coat. As such, many of the male dogs I use are owned by other breeders, though I do also maintain my own stud dogs.

Our Foster-Guardian Program:

Because we want our breeding dogs to enjoy undivided attention and "Star" status in their own loving families, we offer the Foster/Guardian Family program to approved local families. The benefits of the program are that families may enjoy a thoroughly health-tested, "pick-of-the-litter, breeding-quality Australian Labradoodle of the finest pedigree as their family pet, with a significantly reduced cost. We do ask for a refundable security deposit for the puppy/dog of about \$1,200-\$1,500, depending on the family home situation. As is the case with our pet-quality dogs, families will also enjoy significant support in all areas relating to their puppy, as well as dog socializing and exercise events ("doodle romps") within our community of Golden Gate Labradoodle (GGL) owners.

A "Foster Family" will take care of one of our untested female breeding puppies as their own until she passes all health testing over a period of about 5-12 months. If the puppy passes testing, the family may become a "Guardian Family" for approximately 2-4 litters over about 3-4 years, after which she will be spayed and resume her life as the family's pet. A male might have a longer career, but due to the nature of his "job", a family would not expect to be parted from him in most cases for more than a few hours to several days at a time. We place male puppies at a \$500 discount and refund

\$400 each time we use him to sire a litter. The ultimate cost for this program depends on the age and expected breeding life of the dog, and we do take a deposit and expect the family to pay for "pet-related" expenses, while we cover all "breeding-related" expenses. (If a puppy does not pass testing, or an adult dog does not prove to be breeding quality, the Foster Family has first rights to purchase the puppy/dog at a discounted pet price, or may accept a different Foster or Guardian puppy from another litter.)

Female dogs will not have a litter until roughly the age of 18-24 months. Females will be returned to us to be bred (for 3-4 days at most) and then will go back to their families until about one week before the puppies are born. The dog will remain with us for about 6-7 weeks until her puppies are fully weaned. We are happy for select Guardian families to raise puppies in their own home for some period of time under our supervision and we provide financial compensation for this important responsibility. We also welcome families to visit their mama and the puppies frequently while they are in our home, as the mama's human kids make the best early puppy-socializers! The timing of litters will likely be once a year for the first year, and possibly two, for the second or third year, depending on the health and well-being of the dog, but also on the schedules of the Guardian Family and on my own schedule. (Some families like to plan their vacations when their dog is with me, to avoid having to board.) Depending on various considerations, we would expect a male to be kept intact for 4-5 years after maturity. All of these terms, as well as other issues are well-laid out in a comprehensive contract between the family and us, as we consider it very important to anticipate any potential issues whatsoever that might impair what we hope will be a warm and cooperative relationship!

We will likely be looking for Foster-Guardian Families for untested female and perhaps male puppies from most of the above-mentioned litters. If you have any questions regarding future pups from the Foster-Guardian program, or if you would like my information sheet/application, please contact me.

Are You REALLY Ready for A Puppy?

1. Can you care for a puppy for its whole life?

The expected lifespan of dogs is around 12 years, with some dogs living until 14 or even older. While puppies are irresistibly adorable, you will need to be prepared to provide for an adult animal too and, in the case of some dogs, a much larger animal with considerable exercise requirements and a sizable appetite.

2. Can you afford a puppy?

Responsible pet owners should vaccinate, desex dogs and feed them a high-quality, species-appropriate diet. This comes at a cost. Additionally, you will need to think about ongoing costs like grooming, toys, bedding, worming, annual health checks, vet bills, and pet insurance. The cost of caring for an average sized dog can be \$30-\$50+ a week, and this does not include any emergency vet care they may need. Pet Health Insurance is something that every pet owner should consider carefully.

3. Do you know how to care for a puppy?

As a dog owner it is your responsibility to know how to properly care for your pet. We suggest that you do some research before deciding to buy or adopt and are happy to provide links to websites and other documentation such as Dr. Ian Dunbar's free eBook [Before You Get Your Puppy](#).

4. Do you have time to care for a puppy?

Exercise, grooming, obedience, and play are important aspects of dog ownership. Puppies are a huge time investment – you will need to ensure that they settle into your house comfortably, are house trained, learn obedience, and are fed, walked, and taken to the vet when necessary. Adults are no less work. You will need to set aside time to exercise, groom, and play with your pet for its entire lifetime.

5. Is your home suitable for a puppy?

Carefully consider the kind of accommodation you will be able to provide for your pet. Your home and garden size are significant factors in determining your suitability as a dog owner. If you live in a rented property think carefully before committing yourself to any pet. While some landlords allow pets, many do not. The fastest way to ruin a puppy (possibly without any future recourse) is through overhandling by kids and overenthusiastic adults.

6. Will a pet fit into your lifestyle?

Working hours, a busy social life and taking regular trips away are all factors you need to consider before adopting a dog. Companion animals like dogs and cats thrive on human company and will always depend on you – you must be sure that your lifestyle will accommodate them. Before you adopt a pet consider their specific requirements:

- Are you prepared to walk your dog every day?
- Are you home often enough to keep your dog company? (Who will when you are away from home?)
- Do you have time to give your puppy the basic training it needs?