

Golden Gate Labradoodles: Spring 2022 Breeding Plan

UPDATED March 22nd, 2022. Please see below for our program plans for puppies going home through early June 2022. **(If you read the document in your email browser, you can view the numerous links to current photos and other stories.)** 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. Golden Gate Anabeth “Sydney” x “GG Figo” (Minis to Large Minis in Chocolate, Sable, Parchment)

Sydney’s mama is the lovely little “Patch”, making her the half-sister of our own favorite family dog Kermit and also the great niece of our Cosmo! This is a line that we have worked with for over a decade and have long enjoyed the intelligence, sensitivity, and playfulness of many related pups in the family. Sydney’s sire is “Rutlands Lil Solitaire” aka “Solly”, who was imported from the originators of the breed in Australia. Sydney is a real Snugglebug. She is affectionate and human-focused, but also just a little self-centered, so it was quite a surprise to witness her unsurpassed-in-my-experience unswerving devotion to her first litter! She would not leave the box for any reason, and her last pups thrived with constant care and round-the-clock nursing. When Sydney is here with me, I am always happy to have her sunny and attentive little personality around me! Sydney lives in SF with her humans and her housemate “GG Harley”.

For her second litter we paired Miss Sydney with “Figo”-- a good-hearted, affectionate, fur-person of a dog, much beloved by his family in the on the Peninsula. Figo similarly has a long pedigree with some of our favorite lines I have worked with (“Roscoe”, “Caidy”, and “Lily”.) Figo has a stunning rare Parchment fleece coat, just like his grandma Lily! This litter is Figo’s first. Figo and Sydney are mini/ large mini respectively at about 18 and 28 lbs. and we anticipate offspring in the same size range. Both parents fully-tested with Pawprints panel/OFA/PennHIP. We anticipate puppies with the classic intuitive, intelligent, and people-focused Australian Labradoodle temperament from these two sweethearts.

*Seven puppies were born on **February 1st to go home March 29th**. There are 4 boys and 3 girls in various shades of Brown. I will be holding back 2 females until 8 weeks to pick my puppy for the breeding program. After temperament and health evaluations, one will be available as a pet.*

Here they are!

Puppy Photo Album: [Sydney and Figo's Puppy Photos](#)

“Sydney”



Sydney as a Pup



“Figo”



Baby Figo



2. “GG Brinkley” x “GG Sir Kermit” (Minis-Mediums in Chocolate, Caramel/Caramel-Cream):

Miss Brinkley is from our amazing litter from “Marlowe” and “Luke” [“The Environmentalists”](#). This is a line that we have been developing for over 9 years and 4 generations and have long enjoyed the joyful affection, intelligence, playfulness, and frequent “Old Soul” temperaments of many related pups in the family. “Brinkley” is loving and affectionate, attentive, and obedient to commands. (Brinkley was trained at Freedom Dogs.) She is easy-going and gets on well with other dogs. She loves to play gently with her doggie housemate “Maya”. She likes to get out and explore, but around the house she is laid-back and floppy. We have received a lot of positive feedback about her first litter!

For her second litter we paired Miss Brinkley with our “keeper” house-dood little Sir Kermit. No one in the household could bear to part with this brilliant, hard-working, affectionate little guy with a big desire to please and he enjoys being part of the pack with Uncle Cosmo and Bibi. (Quite a few local breeders have used him to sire litters in other programs!) Kermie is sensitive and intuitive, but he is also pretty bomb-proof and doesn’t miss a beat out-and-about meeting new folks and dogs. We love that he doesn’t really have much of an agenda and goes-with-the-flow. We expect puppies in this litter to be human-focused, playful, and affectionate. Maybe water-dog ball-chasers like Kermit? Both parents with OFA Hips/Elbows Good/Normal and solid PennHIP scores; clear of everything on the Pawprints genetics panel. Brinkley weighs about 38 lbs and Kermit 25 lbs, so we expect puppies to mature to a range of sizes from 25-40 lbs. We will have projected relative sizes of individual puppies once they reach 6-7 weeks of age. Great family dog litter.

As indicated by the ultrasound, 5 puppies were born on **February 9th** and will be going home **April 6th**. One Chocolate Girl (mini); Two Caramel girls; One Caramel-Cream girl; One Caramel Cream male. **We are accepting 2 more Reservations, plus waitlist.** **Puppy Photo Album:** [Brinkley and Kermit's Puppy Photos](#)

“Brinkley”



Brinkley’s Past Puppy Photo Album: [Brinkley and Bear](#)

“Kermit”



Lil Kermie



Past Puppy Photo Album: [Kermit's Puppy Photos](#)

3. “GG Clementine” and “GG Hubble” (Minis in Chocolate and Caramel/Caramel Cream)

Clementine had such a stellar temperament as a puppy that it was just no question of our wanting to hold her back for the breeding program. She is easy-going, easy to train, good with kids, and an intuitive, beloved family member in her home in San Francisco. Clementine is a daughter of “Cocoa-Puff” (retired), and consequently comes straight down the line from my foundation dogs. Such a lovely girl! We have paired Clementine with the stunning little “Hubble” who has already had a quite a few litters of amazing pups for us. His pedigree includes some of our favorite Australian Labradoodle lines of all time. **“Hubble”** is a sweet and affectionate little soul. He’s my idea of the ideal balanced family pet. Friendly, but not in-your-face exuberant. Confident, but not over-bold. His exceptional temperament is just the right in “middle of the pack”. Hubble enjoys an active outdoor lifestyle with his special humans hiking and on long walks around his neighborhood. Both of these parents are great with kids. Both parents have OFA “Good” hips and PennHIP evaluations and have complete Pawprints genetic panels, “Clear” of tested genetic disease.

Clementine had 5 puppies on February 20th ...and then, a 6th, miraculously, after a 10-hour pause! There are 4 girls and 2 boys in Caramel and Chocolate. These pups will be going home on April 17th. We are accepting 2 Reservations, plus waitlist.

Puppy Photo Album: [Clementine's Puppy Photos](#)

"Clementine"



Baby C and her mama Cocoa-Puff



Past Pups from Clementine: [Clementine and Luke](#)

Hubble



Past Hubble Pup



Past Pups from Hubble: [Hubble and Cherry](#)

4. “GG Kinky Boots (“Kiki”)” and “GG David Attenborough” (“Bailey”) (Mediums in Chocolate and Caramel/Caramel Cream)

“Kiki”(from our adorable litter from [Violet and Finn](#)) is affectionate, human-focused, intuitive, obedient... and smart. Spending lots of one-on-one time with Kiki and her puppies (they are in my bedroom!), I have become extremely impressed with her compliant and sweet temperament. She has been an angel! So trusting and tolerating all my housedogs and other mom-dogs even right outside her puppy box. She minds her own business but works hard at training jobs, having a great recall and listening to commands even when she knows we can't enforce. (Kiki was trained by Freedom Dogs.) For her first litter, we have paired Kiki with the lovable Mr. Bailey. Bailey is a full sibling of Brinkley from “Marlowe” and “Luke” “[The Environmentalists](#)”. He was such a terrific puppy in terms of his temperament, that I kept both him and Brinkley back for the breeding program! Bailey is easy-going, chill, affectionate, sociable and an all-around wonderful family companion enjoying outings as much as lounging around the house. Both pups tested with Pawprints and PennHIP/OFA. (Bailey has the highest PennHIP score in my program at present.)

Wowza! On February 22...Girls, girls, girls... Kiki delivered TEN puppies (of which NINE were girls!). Six Chocolate Girls, 3 Caramel Girls, 1 Chocolate (Parchment or Café) Boy. Pups to go home April 19th. Accepting reservations and guardian family.

Puppy Photo Album: [Kiki's Puppy Photos](#)

Please see our [Puppy Photo Blog](#) for stories about this litter!

Kiki



Lil Kiki



Bailey

Baby Bailey



5. “GG Miz Crumpet” x “Oscar” and/or “Hubble” (Minis in Chocolate and Caramel-Cream):

Crumpet is the daughter of our family’s beloved pet dogs “Cherry” --who lives with Grandpa Allan--and “Kermit”—our own family dog! Like her mama, Crumpet is an easy-going little gal, who takes a lot in stride without a lot of “fuss”. She is smart, affectionate, and human-focused. Her papa is Kermit! We have bred Crumpet with a tried-and-true retired stud “Oscar” aka “Sunset Hills Eat Your Heart Out”, who is already sire to our amazing “Mandy”. (This breeding was via artificial insemination with his semen stored frozen at the canine semen bank). We have backed up this breeding with Hubble (see above). We will do paternity testing after the birth using umbilical cord DNA! All parents tested with Pawprints and PennHIP/OFA. We expect these pups to mature to the mini size if Hubble is the sire; minis to large minis if it is Oscar.

Four Caramel puppies born on March 14th, to go home May. Accepting 3 preliminary reservations plus Guardian Home.

“Crumpet”

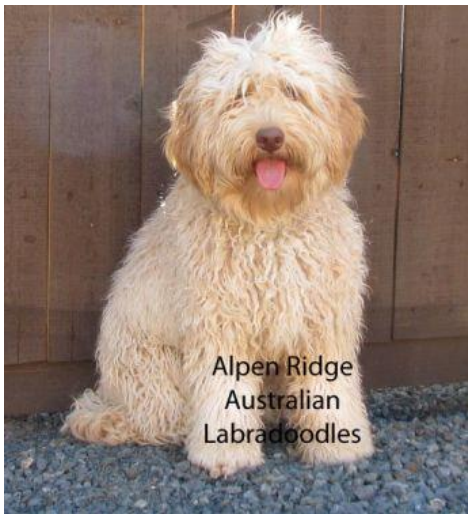


Baby Crumpet



Puppy Photo Album: [Crumpet Pups](#)

“Oscar”



“Sunsethills Eat Your Heart Out” from Sunsethills Heart Breaker + Raresilvers Chocolate Kiss

Retired, frozen semen available in South Australia. ALCA # 116-10182009-017-D, ALAA # 021601, ALA # E810014170. 18 inches. Gorgeous Oscar is a small medium fleece coat caramel cream bbee (double recessive for chocolate). Lovely boning on this boy and a real sweetheart. I couldn't ask for a nicer boy. He lives with his guardians in Bend. Hips, Elbows, Cardiac, CERF, Thyroid, pred-PRA clear by parentage, vWD clear by parentage, CBC, DNA typed (Information from Alpenridge).

“Expecting”

6. “GG My Fair Lady” aka “Julie” x “GG Beau Romeo” aka “Romeo” (Minis/large mins in Caramel and Caramel-Cream):

Julie was our keeper out of her nine siblings, due to her calm and sweet temperament, even as a young puppy. A daughter of Cinnamon Girl (“Lucy”) and GG El Capitan (“Ringo”), Julie displays the happy, affectionate, and easy-going nature of her parents. Julie's Guardian family also have “Romeo”, (from Luke and Elsa's *Shakespeareans* litter) and he is much beloved for his human-focused, kind, and playful nature. These two attract fans wherever they go due to their friendly and kind demeanor. Great all-around family dogs. Both parents tested with Pawprints and PennHIP/OFA. Julie weighs 25 lbs. and Romeo 23 lbs. and consequently we expect minis and large minis in the size range of the parent dogs.

Julie is confirmed pregnant with 7 or 8 puppies to be born around April 16th, to go home around June 11th. Accepting 3 more reservations plus Guardian Home.

Julie and Romeo's Photo Album: [Happy Couple](#)



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 4 of our younger generation girls who will (fingers crossed) be joining our program as future mamas in 2022! Stay tuned for more about Maisie, Minnie, Bonny, and Nelly !

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 mamas' 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, at the earliest. Females may 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?