

Golden Gate Labradoodles: Fall 2019 Breeding Plan

Please see below for our program plans through November 2019. (If you **read the document in your email browser, you can view the numerous links to current photos** and other stories.) Once you have submitted an application, please feel free to call me for more specific information. Please do not select litters for which the listed Go-Home dates do not work with your schedule. 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 generally 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 my placement policies below.) Please understand that, in the interest of fairness, we will accept confirmed places and reservation fees in order of original application date.

We will have openings booked with our 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.

*All of these breeding dogs have been tested with 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.***

“On The Ground”

1. Dolce Vita Cinnamon Girl (“Lucy”) x GG El Capitan (“Ringo”) (Mediums to Small Standards in Apricot and Caramel):

Miss “Lucy” is so affectionate and happy...and easy-going, like her mama Haiku (retired), and enjoys hanging out quietly with her humans, as well as playing with other dogs. She is always a welcome guest at our house as a well-intentioned, loving team-player. With her impressively solid Labrador-like build, she is kind of a “tank” and seems to have missed some of the “-oodle” part, although her pretty red fleece coat is non-shedding of course! Lucy has full Pawprints Genetics screening and solid PennHIP/OFA hip scores as well. Lucy’s past two litters have produced wonderful all-around family companion pups!

For Lucy’s last litter, we have paired her with “Ringo”, the son of our retired “Rusty”(Golden Gate Diamonds and Rust). Ringo is outgoing, affectionate, playful, and friendly with a dark Apricot fleece coat and a sweet teddy-bear face. Ringo and Lucy have OFA “Good” hip score, have passed hip testing with the PennHIP protocol, and have Paw prints genetic panels. We anticipate Caramel and Apricot puppies with confident, active, affectionate, and happy temperaments suitable for a wide range of households in wavy and curly fleece/wool likely to mature to small medium to small standard sizes ranging from 30-45 lbs, though, given Lucy’s substantial boning, there are some sturdy pups who may not be as tall.

Nine pups (6 males and 4 females) born on August 6th, with a Go-Home date of about October 1st. This litter is developing to be an all-around happy, affectionate, very “Labrador-temperament” litter suitable for most households. Brave, affectionate, food-motivated and trainable. Great choice for kids. (Availability for 4 more reservations and I will be hoping to retain a female pup for my own program so seeking a Foster-guardian family as well.)

“Lucy”



“Ringo”



Lil Ringo



“The Puppies”



Photo Album of [Lucy and Ringo's Pups](#)

2. Golden Gate Oona x Golden Gate Hubble (Minis in Chocolate, Caramel, and Cream):

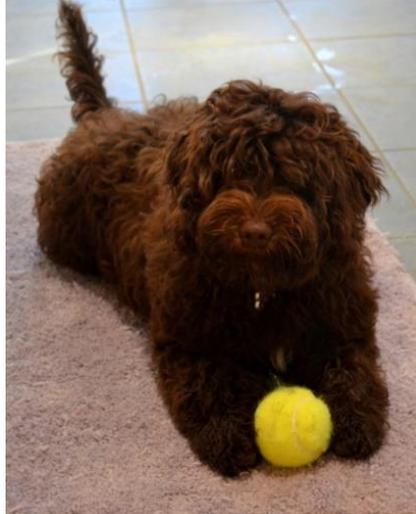
Cocoa-Puff's beautiful daughter "Oona" is a full sister to Patch and the "[Cocoapups](#)". She has solid health testing results with a 70th %ile PennHIP" score. Though she is a mini under 25 lbs., "Oona" is an intelligent and an active outdoor dog with lots of spunk, and drive. She and her daughter Gypsy enjoy competitive agility work and other training games. Oona was our beloved house-pup but, when she was boarding Oona for us, our trainer fell in love with Oona's intelligence and focused work-ethic and asked to become her Guardian Family. Oona has way more fun now and is training as a Service dog for her family and is also a training "demo dog".

We have paired Oona with the stunning little mini "Hubble" who has already had a couple of litters of amazing pups for us. His pedigree includes some of our favorite 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. I'm excited about this little fella whose more laid-back temperament will complement Oona's wonderfully. **Six Caramel and Chocolate mini pups born August 17th, to go home October 12th, 2019. (Accepting 2 reservations for 1 Caramel female and 1 Chocolate (M or F TBD.) "Stinkin' Cute!")**

"Oona"



Young Oona



Oona and daughter Gypsy



Two of Oona's Former Pups



Hubble



Past Hubble Pup



Oona's Pups



[Link to Oona's Puppies Photo Album](#)

3. Golden Gate Lady Willa x Golden Gate Sir Kermit (Minis and Small Mediums in Chocolate):

Willa is one of our beloved *"Brownie Bites"* from Brownie and Manor Lake Apollo "Roscoe". Happy, friendly, intelligent, affectionate and a wonderful family member, Willa had her first beautiful litter 2 years ago (*"Willa's Pups"*). Willa is another one of our girls with fabulous hip testing results to match her stellar temperament, along with the Pawprints genetic screen. We have paired Willa with our "keeper" house-dood little Kermit. Kermit must be something special...because he is still here! Yep. 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. Kermit has OFA Hips/Elbows Good/Normal and a PennHIP score in the 60th %ile; clear of everything on the Pawprints genetics panel.

We think Willa and Kermit are a fabulous pairing and we expect this litter will be special in view of the joyful and sociable natures of the parents. We anticipate that the puppies will likely mature to about 25-28 lbs, give or take 5 lbs. **Six puppies born on August 29th, with a Go-Home date of October 24th, 5 Chocolate Males and 1 Chocolate Female. (Open Availability).**

Pretty Mama Willa



Baby Willa



Lady Willa



“Kermit”



Lil Kermie



[Willa's Puppy Album](#)

4. Golden Gate Lucky Charm “Cocoa” and “Sir Kermit” (Minis to Small Mediums in Chocolate and Caramel)

“Cocoa” is a medium Café female from Manor Lake Apollo “Roscoe” and Harmony’s Haiku (currently retired). You can see her litter [“The Lucky Seven”](#) on our blog. Cocoa is an affectionate, playful, and very smart family companion. She has the largest and most luminous eyes of almost any dog in my program! PennHIP in the 70th %ile; genetic panels from Pawprints and UC Davis. We have also paired Cocoa with Hubble (see above) and anticipate a litter of smart, affectionate, human-focused pups suitable for most households.

Five puppies were born on August 30th, with a Go-Home date of October 25th. (4 Chocolate Males and 1 Caramel female) Cocoa weighs about 29 lbs and Luke 35 lbs. so we anticipate mediums in the size range of the parent dogs in Chocolate/Café and Caramel fleece coats. (2 Chocolate Males, 1 Caramel Female available.)

Miss Cocoa



Cocoa as a Pup



Hubble



The Puppies at 3 Weeks



[Lucky Charm's Puppies](#)

5. Golden Gate ("Maddie") x Golden Gate El Capitan (Ringo) (Large Mediums to Standards in Chocolate, Black, Apricot):

Maddie is the big-and-beautiful daughter of Hudson's The Topper, the sire of many of the most beloved dogs from our program and who has contributed to putting more "Lab" back in the "Labradoodle"! At about 60 lbs, Maddie herself outweighs her dad, and with her broad head and chest and her solid build, she looks more like a Newfoundland than a Labradoodle. Maddie loves the outdoors, including swimming in the pond on her home-property, but is also devoted to her family of humans and two other dogs and graciously accepts the existence of two new kittens in her household. With Ringo (see above), we anticipate offspring in a wide range of sizes from 38-58 lbs. (We will have a better idea about projected relative sizes of individual puppies once they reach 6-7 weeks of age.) **Puppies were born on September 8th, to go home on November 3rd. There are 6 males in Caramel, Black and 1 Chocolate, and 3 females in Black and Caramel. (We are accepting 6 Reservations. I hope to retain a female for my program and will be seeking a Foster-Guardian Family.)**

“Maddie”



With “Sister” Ruby



Baby Maddie



Maddie with her Pups



Maddie x Romeo Puppy



UPDATES: Cherry and Hubble are likely expecting minis to go home in early December! All will be Caramel or Apricot. Seeking Guardian family for a female.

September 25th: Actively Seeking Guardian for Large medium Apricot Female puppy. Four Months Old. Already potty trained with beginning obedience. Extremely calm and chill.

Possibilities through 2020 from some of these ladies:

Sunspot (Lola)



Mandy



Cherry



Bordeaux



Samantha



Elizabeth Taylor



Snow Angel (Emmy)



Sugar



Maisy



Our handsome Golden Gate Labradoodles Sires:

Luke



Bacchus



Santana



Sydney



Tobias



Romeo (Retired)



Kermit



Rusty (Retired)



Jabba (Retired)



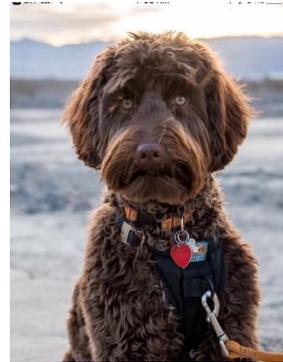
Frankie



Tommy



Linus



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.)

Best Regards,
Kristin
650-576-9068

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 have 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. 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 kennels 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. *If you would like to meet me and a number of dogs from my program (and their "unbiased" owners ;-)) you are welcome to email me with the words "Doodle Romp" in the subject header and I will notify you of our occasional weekend get-togethers. (NOTE: Due to the recent outbreak of highly infectious dog influenza, we will not be holding any large gatherings this Fall/Winter.)*

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 like 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 reside with other breeders, though I do also maintain my own stud dogs.

After submitting an application on my website, you are welcome to call during the daytime, after 9:00 AM and before 4 PM, if you have questions. Please see my website under the ["Buying A Puppy"](#) for application, reservation information, my placement policies, price, etc. ***I will be accepting confirmed reservations in order of application date. I do have a***

number of applications outstanding from the past year (perhaps yours?!) to whom I will be giving priority. I apologize in advance if you are not able to reserve a pup from your preferred litter. You are welcome to join a "waitlist" (No strings attached!) for any of these litters, as often last-minute changes occur with families switching to different litters.

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 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.

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?