

Golden Gate Labradoodles: Winter 2020 Breeding Plan

Please see below for our program plans through March 2020. **(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 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.

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

“On The Ground”

1. GG Samantha (aka “Lola”) x Golden Gate Hubble (Minis in Caramel-Cream):

We repeated this litter from last year as the pups were so exceptional.

"Samantha", a daughter of our sunny-tempered "Estie" (retired) is an extremely affectionate, smart, and confident family companion. She has excellent focus and eye contact and is particularly sociable, like her mama. She's never met a stranger and is definitely is one of those dogs who likes to be where the action is. (I'm thinking of renaming her "Golden Gate I Wanna Be In the Room Where it Happens.") Like her parents, she has a beautiful wavy fleece coat, correct conformation, and luminous eyes.

Papa **"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. Just the right "middle of the pack" temperament. Hubble enjoys an active outdoor lifestyle with his special humans hiking and on long walks around his neighborhood. I'm pretty excited about this little fella and look forward to several of his litters.

The pups are growing fast due to good nutrition and care from this dedicated mama. While it is difficult to tell with such young puppies, we expect the puppies to mature to sizes under 25 lbs., given the weights of the respective "mini" parents, (Samantha weighs just 20 lbs. and Hubble- 21 lbs.), and the fact that the puppies in the previous litter have matured to around 21 lbs. That being said, there are a couple of dogs in the pedigree who are "mediums" and it's entirely possible certain individuals will be a bit larger. Generally when we are closer to seven weeks of age we can make a better assessment of a projected weight range. The pups have wavy to slightly curly fleece coats, and appear to have beautiful heads.

Four Caramel mini pups born November 9th, to go home January 3-4th, 2020. (Reservations full; accepting 1 waitlist reservation for 1 Caramel male.) I intend to hold back the female from this litter for my breeding program and will be seeking a Foster-Guardian family. Please inquire if you have interest in this program and see attachment to this email.

Samantha:



You can see pictures of baby Samantha and her family in this blog post: [Friday's Modern Family](#)

Hubble



Past Hubble & Samantha Pup



Here is the link for the puppy photo album:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/HqZf1nA3iPX9YDBr6>

...and, for the previous litter:

[Samantha and Hubble's I Promessi Sposi](#)

“Expecting”

GG Blush (aka “Lottie”) x Tango Wool Bullseye (Mediums in Chocolate and Black):

Lottie is a sweet, kind, and easy-going soul from our “Willa” litter with “Tobias”, both solid all-around family companions. Formerly of the East Bay, Lottie now enjoys the outdoor life with her human kids in Bend, OR. (The puppies will be here in the Bay Area.) Lottie is definitely pregnant with her first litter with “Bullseye” from Mountain View Labradoodles—a sweet and affectionate guy who comes originally from the East Coast, allowing us to diversify our program genetics. (See more on Bullseye in link below,)

We expect an x-ray head-count estimate this week. Accepting one more reservation plus waitlist, pending the headcount. Due date 12/8/2019 and go-home 2/2/2020.

Lottie



Bullseye



[See Details on Bullseye by scrolling down in this link](#)

“Honeymooned”

Golden Gate Sunspot (aka “Lola”) and Springville Jack (minis in parti and solid Caramel and Chocolate.)

“Lola”: A daughter of “Hazel”, “Lola” has a superb never-met-a-stranger temperament. It’s hard to exaggerate her easy-going and confident good nature! She just rolls with everything around the house in a cooperative and good-natured way, checking in with the humans with very direct eye contact along the way. An “easy keeper”, Lola is most welcome around our household. From earliest puppyhood she displayed her relaxed and interested attitude (even at the eye vet for her check up!) Lola is also very affectionate and sociable like her mama. While she loves to chase the ball, she also enjoys long snuggling sessions with her family members. “Jack” was bred by Springville Labradoodles in Oregon.

Lola



With her BFF “Biscuit”



Springville Jack



[Scroll down in this link for more about "Jack"](#)

We project that these pups will be large minis to small mediums in around the 25 to 30 pound range, based on the parents' sizes. We anticipate Chocolate, Caramel solid and parti puppies. Due date is December 27, go home date—February 21st.

Golden Gate Gypsy Princess “Gypsy” and “By The Bay Finn” (Large minis/small mediums in Chocolate Phantom and Caramel)

Gypsy is a highly intelligent, active, and affectionate girl who lives with her human family and actual dog-mom “Oona” in Alameda. Gypsy’s papa is the sweet and loving little GG Sir Francis Drake “Frankie”, (making Gypsy the half-sister of our own family pet dog “Kermit”). Gypsy shares her mama’s keen sense of observation of everything going around her, and is a loving family companion in her human family. Gypsy weighs 22 lb. and has a Phantom fleece coat. -- For this litter we paired Miss Gypsy with “By The Bay Finn”. Finn is a good-hearted, affectionate, easy-going fur-person of a dog, much beloved by his family in the East Bay. Fully-tested with Pawprints panel/OFA/PennHIP and owned by By The Bay. Like Gypsy, he is solidly put-together, with a deep and broad chest.

We anticipate offspring in a range of sizes from 25-35 lbs. We will have a better idea about projected relative sizes of individual puppies once they reach 6-7 weeks of age. Due date around **January 23rd, 2020, going home March 19th.** **We are accepting 3 Reservations, initially, plus Waitlist. (I hope to retain a female for my program and will be seeking a Foster-Guardian Family.)**

Gypsy and mama Oona



Gypsy as a Pup



“Finn”



[Finn's Instagram Gallery](#)

"Honeymooning Soon"

Golden Gate Sugar, Sugar x Golden Gate ???? (Minis to Small Mediums in Chocolate, Parchment, and Caramel)

Sugar is the daughter of our beloved "Brownie" (retired) and "[Roscoe](#)". You can see her as a puppy here: "[Doodle Scouts](#)". Sugar is very much like her mama—calm, laid back, and affectionate. She is the quintessential "Family Dog" who loves her big human family of 5 kids! For her this litter, we plan to pair Sugar with "Hubble" or "Kermit". We anticipate a Chocolate, and Parchment litter of minis/small mediums averaging 25-32 lbs. (We will have a better idea about projected relative sizes of individual puppies once they reach 6-7 weeks of age.) We will know more after the Honeymoon, but if Mother Nature cooperates, puppies will be born around the first week of February, to go home in late March/early April 2020. **(We are accepting 4 Reservations initially, plus Waitlist, until puppies are born and we have a headcount. I hope to retain a female for my program and will be seeking a Foster-Guardian Family.)**

"Sugar"

(Any Puppies In There?)



Possibilities through 2020 from some of these ladies:

Sunspot (Lola)



Mandy



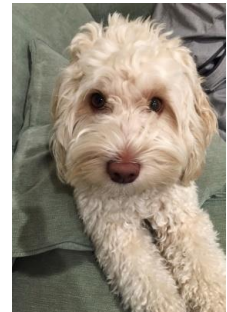
Cherry



Bordeaux



Samantha



Elizabeth Taylor



Snow Angel (Emmy)



Sugar



Maisy



Our handsome Golden Gate Labradoodles Sires:

Luke



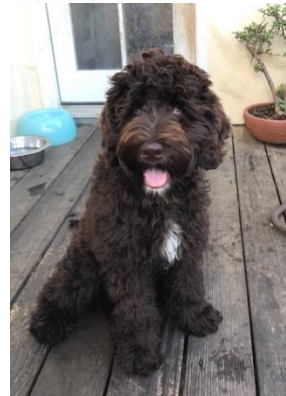
Bacchus



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?