

LABRADOODLES

The Awesome Family Dog



What Everyone Should Know Before They Buy A Labradoodle

- They are a cross breed, so you won't know what you get until you see it
- They are very gentle, but high energy and excitable
- They are hypo-allergenic, but can still shed!

What Everyone Should Do Before They Bring their Labradoodle Home

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- Crawl around your house on all fours and see what exciting things you could chew on – move them!
- Block off a section of the house with baby gates, or risk having your carpets ruined by accidents!
- Read books, have conversations and make a plan for training and obedience – the whole family needs to know their job!

What Everyone Should Have Before They Bring their Labradoodle Home

- For eating:
 - really good dog food, try and get the same brand the breeder uses so your new family member doesn't get an upset stomach
 - Sturdy bowls for water and food, the heavier the better or they will push them around the room

- For sleeping:
 - A cozy bed with sheepskin or fleece, but not too plump - dogs like a firm mattress
 - A baby blanket - some dogs like to hide their noses under it

- For grooming:
 - A good pin brush
 - Toothbrush and paste
 - Nail clippers

- For playing:
 - Heavy duty rubber chew toys like Kongs - no squeakers, that gets them too excited
 - Bones and Balls

What Everyone Should Do The First Day They Have Their Labradoodle

- Go for a family walk – this establishes that you are a pack
- Eat something, and then feed the dog. People eat before dogs do – establishes dog's position in the pack (at the bottom)
- Leave the room and return, ignoring the dog for several minutes – another method for establishing dog's position in the pack.

GROOMING AND MAINTENANCE

CURLY COATED 'DOODLES

- ▣ Requires frequent pin brushing to prevent mats
- ▣ Must be very careful when bathing that fur is completely mat free
- ▣ Clipping must be done slowly to ensure skin isn't nicked.

Fly in from bottom

FLAT COATED 'DOODLES

- ▣ Requires less pin brushing, but still needs regular brushing
- ▣ Bathing is easier, as matting doesn't occur
- ▣ Clipping can still be a challenge if the coat is thick.

Float in from top

GROOMING AND MAINTENANCE

Teeth

- Brush daily with tooth brush and paste (chicken flavour is always enjoyed)
- Pick tarter off the molars

Nails

- Invest in high quality clippers
- Be very careful not to cut the quick
- If not comfortable doing it call in a groomer!



Ears

- Check for dirt, use cotton balls to clean out
- If dog is scratching lots, could be mites...off to the Vet you go!



Take
Note

My own drawing



BEST ADVICE TO MAINTAIN A HEALTHY HAPPY LABRADOODLE

PLAY
AND
LOVE