

Highlight

We are excited to partner with you in bringing better education to new puppy owners. It is our passion to help families learn how to train their new canine companion and we absolutely appreciate your efforts in connecting us with them! We have phenomenal breeders on board and want to highlight a few of the great things we see happening.

Jenessa at Camdenlane Labradoodles in Utah hosts puppy reunions where doodles and families from past litters can come together, meet, visit and learn from one another! We love this idea!

Jen from Bunji Doodles in Michigan sends a weekly puppy update to every family and includes pictures, weights, details about what is happening that week with the puppies, a link to our training site as well as helpful tips for food, flying, matching day, and more. Keep up the good work!

Training Tip

Do your families ask you for a calm puppy? While I agree there are different personalities in every litter, I also believe you can teach a puppy to be calm. There is a big difference between letting a puppy run around like a wild child and teaching him to settle on a mat when appropriate. I start very early with a young puppy teaching him good things come to those who lie down on a mat! To start, I put a mat in my kitchen area near the location I am working. I stand right next to the mat and reward my puppy for sniffing it, putting a paw on it, then ultimately going on it. I then lure them into a down and jackpot reward them! From that moment on, if they choose to go on the mat and lie down, I drop a piece of chicken from last night's dinner in between their front paws and continue doing what I'm doing. If they stay there, I drop a cheerio or piece of string cheese next. It's amazing how quickly a very young puppy learns to run to his mat and relax while I'm working in the kitchen all because he knows good things come to those who are calm.



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The Puppy Problem

There is a noticeable gap when most puppies leave the breeder's home to join their new family and when training starts. We are working hard to close the gap, seamlessly transitioning puppies from breeders to families by educating the new families so they can hit the ground running when their new puppy comes home. This means the hard work and effort put forth by good breeders does not go wasted. There is less frustration in the new homes as well because they know what to do on a daily basis, what to expect and how to continue doing what the breeder started doing with the puppy, ultimately leading to better outcomes for everyone. We are thankful for you partnering with us to help fix this problem and improve the lives of puppies and their new families. If you have any suggestions or ways we can improve please let us know.