

Ausm Labradoodles

Vasectomy Information and Contract

Your puppy has had a vasectomy. This means that his Vas Deferens ("tube" in which sperm travels from the testicles to penis) has been severed. His testicles remain intact; however, he is considered sterilized and therefore unable to impregnate a female dog. He has a tattoo of a "V" on his belly, meaning vasectomy. By leaving your puppy's testicles, your puppy will be able to produce the hormone testosterone.

Testosterone is needed for proper bone and joint growth. Due to many recent research studies, your puppy can benefit from testosterone, not only during growth, but for his entire life. Testosterone production can decrease the incidence of hip dysplasia, joint disorders, thyroid and adrenal disorders, as well as certain cancers, such as Lymphomas. It has also been proven that dominant behaviors seen in intact male dogs is not usually cured by neutering. **Proper training**, along with the wonderful disposition of the Australian Labradoodle, should prevent any dominant behaviors.

You may elect to remove your dog's testicles at a later date for aesthetic reasons, etc.; however, **I require that you leave his testicles until he is at least 12 months old. I highly recommend to wait until he has completely finished growing - at least 2 years old. Removing your dog's testicles prior to 12 months will cause your Health Guarantee from Ausm Labradoodles to be null and void.**

You may leave his testicles for his entire life, but if “societal acceptance” by having a neutered dog is important to you, you do not have control of your dog at all times (on leash, great vocal control of your dog, escape-proof yard) and your dog has regular close contact with a female dog in heat, you may elect to remove his testicles via neutering. If your dog comes in contact with a female in heat, he will act like an intact dog and will try to mate with her if you are not in control of your dog.

Most Veterinarians were trained only to spay or neuter dogs prior to reaching sexual maturity (≤ 6 months of age). This practice became extremely necessary in the US because of the overpopulation of pets and the unfortunate practice of euthanasia at animal shelters due to unwanted pets and/or overpopulation. On the other hand, it is extremely rare for dogs to be neutered in European countries, due to proper education, training, and control of their pets. Because of these steps, overpopulation is not a problem there.

Your veterinarian may or may not be aware of the latest research on the harmful effects of spay/neuter before your dog reaches sexual maturity. If your veterinarian falls into this category, and/ or is adamant that you remove his testicles prior to one-year-old as **prohibited** in this contract, please at first try to educate your vet by providing him with the following link:.

<http://leerburg.com/neuter.htm> You watch it too!

Veterinarian Dr. Karen Becker has a wonderful YouTube video on this webpage which explains the detriments of early spay/neuter, to include research studies to support leaving your dog's testicles, etc. and alternative procedures such as sterilization (i.e. the vasectomy that your puppy has received). Below the YouTube video on this webpage are links to **actual scientific studies on the effects of spay/neuter**. These articles should be of great interest to your Veterinarian. Please bring a copy of this document with you to your first Veterinary visit, and email it to your Vet for easy access to the web link!

I have read Ausm Labradoodles Vasectomy Information and Contract. I agree not to have my dog's testicles removed prior to 12 months of age, or my Health Guarantee will become null and void at the time of neutering. I understand that Ausm Labradoodles highly suggests that I leave my dog's testicles until he reaches at least the age of two years old.

Buyer Signature:

Date:

Seller Signature:

Date: