

Position, Claims, Evidence

Paragraph A

Labradoodles make the best pets. First of all, they are the perfect size—not too big but not some little “poofy” dog either. They are also very loving. My Labradoodle sleeps with me every night, and I just love cuddling up with him. President and Mrs. Obama were going to get a Labradoodle, but they got a Portugese Water Dog instead. Still, if it was good enough for the President to consider, it’s good enough for me. In fact, I named my Labradoodle “Bo” after the President’s dog.

Paragraph B

Labradoodles do not make good pets. First of all, you can never be sure of a Labradoodle’s temperament. *This is* because any time you cross two breeds, such as a Poodle and a Labrador, you cannot be 100% sure about the genetic mix. So, although most Labradors tend to be gentle, many Poodles are “high-strung” and the SPCA does not recommend them to families with young children. Furthermore, Labradoodles can develop lots of health problems. In fact, veterinarians and breeders note that both Poodles and Labrador Retrievers have a tendency to develop hip and eye problems. With today’s troubled economy, no one wants to spend all their money to treat a pet’s medical conditions, which can cost thousands of dollars.

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Paragraph C

Labradoodles make the best pets. A Labradoodle is a cross between a Labrador Retriever and a Poodle; that is why they are called a “hybrid.” They are good family dogs because they have the peaceful disposition of a Labrador. In fact, the SPCA recommends them for families with young children. They are also good for people who have allergies to dog hair because like a Poodle, they don’t shed much. That means there are fewer allergens to bother people who have allergic reactions to pet hair dander. No wonder they have become one of the most popular dogs over the past ten years.

Paragraph D

Labradoodles do not make good pets. First of all, they are big dogs so they eat a lot and need a lot of room to run. That can spell trouble for pet owners. For example, my neighbor had a Labradoodle, and he was always running away. Finally, one day he escaped, and they found him later dead on the side of the road.