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## Care List for a Ladybug Labradoodle

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Feeding	Should be done twice daily or free feed
Fresh water	Check water daily for cleanliness and sufficiency.
Clean crates	Should be done once weekly. This helps with maintenance of pet hygiene.
Coat maintenance	Daily with a metal comb. Twice weekly is best with a slicker brush. This also serves as a bonding activity for both the handler and pet. We use Royal Furz.
Dental care	Teeth must be brushed twice weekly, preferably before or after coat brushings.
Check and trim toenails	As needed
Ear care	Check and clean ears twice weekly with a finger tissue and dog ear cleaner. Pluck hair from ears with index finger and thumb to prevent ear infection
Grooming	As needed. This is usually done once every month or two (as desired). Ensure that groomer is aware of your expectations regarding ear and nail care.
Bathe dood	On an as needed basis. When bathing the dog, ensure that no soap gets in the eyes. If this occurs, rinse immediately with cold water. Take special care to rinse thoroughly after the bath. Soap left on a dog can cause skin and eye irritation. Dry with towel and hair dryer.
Review training commands	Review commands with a dog twice weekly by rewarding with treats. This serves to reinforce overall training and is another opportunity for bonding.
Play time with dog	Should be done daily. Labradoodles are a highly active breed and need play opportunities regularly for health and weight management.
Positive reinforcement	Reward desired behaviors with treats. This serves as a means to encourage these activities.
Crate uses	Never crate as a disciplinary action. The crate should serve as a safe haven only. When the pets coat gets wet (rain, snow, etc.), dry with towel and hair dryer while brushing to help prevent matting.

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