

Fine dog for Fine homes www.finolagotto.com

We are Lagotto Romagnolo enthusiasts and huge fans of this special breed. We enjoy competing in AKC sports that include conformation, agility, rally and others. We invest joy, pride, love, money and time into breeding a litter of puppies so that we can continue our pursuit of dog sports.

We breed a litter of puppies with the goal of superior temperament, health and classic Italian characteristics. The Lagotto is a very special breed and we are working to preserve the companionability, trainability and endearing passion of these charming dogs.

Our dogs are our family and are each totally involved in our daily lives. Because of our commitment to providing each member of our family the best and richest life possible we keep only a few house dogs...which means we have amazing dogs to share!

A big part of why we are so successful at making our Lagotto buyers happy is because we choose families to partner with that share our vision and philosophies for exemplary guardianship.

Please read our mission statement that outlines the guardianship characteristics of the fine families we are looking for to share our wonderful dogs with.

## **Mission Statement**

We pledge to each dog that we bring into this world to accept the responsibility of providing them with safety, joy, enrichment, glowing health and adoration. We will find and accept only the best situations for them. We recognize that we hold their lives in our hands. We will remain dedicated to each dog as our own until they leave this world.

## **Disclaimer Statement**

We are crazy dog ladies and fiercely protective of our little ones. It is unacceptable for us to place a dog in a home that is "less" than our own. Please carefully review the basic requirements for placement of a Fino Lagotto.

1) We cannot place a dog in a home where it will be confined during the day. If you are a working family please consider adopting an elderly dog from a rescue or shelter that may not find love in its last few years of life. There are dogs that do well left at home all day but in our opinion Lagotti are not one of them.

2) We will not place a dog with people who use or believe in dominance based training, harsh and outdated training methods. This includes the use of choke collars, pinch and shock collars. We breed dogs that want to please you.. reward based methods and encouraging words are all that is required to train a Fino Lagotto. We recognize your right to treat your dog as you choose, so please recognize our right to choose how our dogs are treated as well.

3) We breed dogs with active minds and active bodies. Our dogs require daily exercise and enrichment. Off leash walking and hiking is ideal...our dogs are walked everyday rain or shine for 45- 60 minutes. They are allowed to run, hunt, get dirty and be free. We are very lucky that where we live there is a lot of open space for us to play in. When we place a Lagotto in a new home we help to make an exercise plan for that family and that location. Lagotto love to learn, fetch balls, play tug of war and wrestle with other dog family members. There are many ways to keep a Lagotto satisfied so we look for homes that recognize that dogs deserve at least an hour a day of excitement. These dogs deserve more than a boring lazy life. All dogs do but I'm not in control of their destiny!

4) We are looking for people to share our dogs with that want the very best nutrition and health. We feed our dogs a diet of raw meat, bones, table scraps, eggs, milk and some canned food for the occasional convenience while traveling. We are happy to teach you all about the ins and outs of raw feeding. If you are saying to yourself...I'm not going to give my dog raw meat or table scraps...please understand that we believe that "dog food" significantly shortens dog's lives, promotes health problems and disease. One of the most disastrous affects of dry dog food is bad breath (an oral infection) caused by bad bacteria and plaque deposits. We don't brush our dog's teeth, we let them eat raw meaty bones instead and have never had a dog's teeth cleaned by a vet. We would not sacrifice our dog's health by placing them in a situation where we believe they would not be fed raw food.

5) We want our little ones to suffer as little stress and upset as possible in their lives. Boarding kennels and overnight at vets offices are very upsetting to dogs. I have worked in the pet industry for 30 years and have personally witnessed the misery of kenneled dogs. Neighbors and friends are some solutions but we like to encourage our Lagotto buyers to establish a relationship with a dog daycare that offers overnight services for their clients. If the dogs are regularly exposed to such a place it becomes home away from home. We are looking for people who want to find the happiest and lest stressful solutions for their dogs and are willing to put in the extra effort to make it possible.