



## Guardian Agreement

On this day \_\_\_\_\_, Jennifer Eber has received the deposit of \_\_\_\_\_ toward the guardian contract on the puppy/adult dog known as “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” This puppy is a \_\_\_\_\_ (gender) \_\_\_\_\_ (breed). The puppy can be identified by the following color markings:

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### Deposit Details:

- This deposit is not toward the purchase of the dog listed above. The purpose of this deposit is to guarantee that the Guardian family is entering this arrangement in all seriousness and with the intent to provide quality care and a loving environment until this dog officially becomes theirs at the completion of her breeding years. Should the family complete this contract as stated, the deposit will be refunded after the dog is spayed and given to the family.
- Should the Contract below be breached in any way (as a result of the Guardian not fulfilling these commitments or if the female is determined not to be able to be bred), the deposit will not be returned to the Guardian, and the dog will be spayed at the guardian’s expense and remain their pet.

### Guardian Commitments

OWNERSHIP - Guardian agrees that this puppy will be officially owned by the Breeder until the end of the dog’s breeding career. At that point, the dog will be fixed at the expense of the Breeder, and the Guardian will fully own the dog.

### CARE OF THE DOG

The guardian agrees:

1. The dog will remain in only their possession on their property in their home. The guardian must own their home (or have a long-standing rental contract which allows pets) and have a fenced-in yard or other suitable area for the dog to exercise. The dog will live inside and will not be kept outside.
2. To allow the Breeder to visit his/her home at the Breeder’s request.
3. To keep the dog intact and not to alter the dog.
4. There are no other intact dogs in his/her home, unless another BPF Guardian dog.
5. To keep the dog away from all unaltered dogs of the opposite gender and never allow an accidental breeding to occur. No dog parks while the dog is intact.

6. Not to take the dog out in public when he/she reaches breeding age and is in heat, knowing that the dog is fully intact and may try to breed with an intact dog of the opposite gender.
7. To notify the Breeder immediately when a heat cycle begins (first day of blood).
8. To keep a female dog at home at all times and away from intact males for the duration of her heat cycle (approximately 3-4 weeks total).
9. To bring the dog to the Breeder within 24 hours of the Breeder's request. The Guardian agrees that he/she will be the one responsible for transporting the dog to the breeder.
10. To keep the dog's given name and not change it during the Guardianship period, unless the dog is an unnamed younger puppy. In this situation, the Guardian may name the puppy with the Breeder's approval of name.
11. To periodically bring the dog for visits to the Breeder's house so that the dog can remain familiar with the breeder.
12. To provide updated monthly photos during the puppy's growing up time period.
13. To have the dog professionally groomed every few months in a breed-appropriate groom. (If needing to shave down the dog, please take photos in full-coat before shaving. 😊)
14. To clean the dog's ears weekly and brush the long sections of the dog's coat to prevent matting.
15. To crate train or keep the dog crate trained if the dog is already crate trained by the breeder. (This is extremely important.)
16. To potty train the dog to eliminate outside or keep the dog potty trained to eliminate outside.
17. To provide only high-quality food approved by the breeder. This is extremely important because certain foods contain substances that can negatively affect the health and fertility of female dogs.
18. To keep the dog updated on all shots and vaccinations (given by a licensed veterinarian).
19. To notify the Breeder immediately if the dog is sick and to provide prompt vet care to notify the breeder of the diagnosis and any medication given.
20. To provide flea, tick, and heartworm prevention approved by the Breeder (to make sure that the chosen preventatives do not negatively affect the health or fertility of the female).
21. To invest in obedience training and/or continue the training already begun by the breeder and not allow the dog to develop bad habits (such as jumping up on people, pawing, excessive barking, etc.)
22. To notify Breeder of vacations or any plans to move. Guardian agrees that the dog will be returned to the Breeder should the Guardian move more than two hours away from the Breeder during the dog's breeding career, unless previously agreed upon in writing by both Breeder and Guardian.

## **BREEDING OF THE DOG**

The guardian agrees:

1. Guardian agrees that the dog will be brought to the Breeder to be bred and may remain with the Breeder for a period of up to 14 days (but usually only a few days).

2. Guardian agrees that the dog will be brought to the Breeder one week before her earliest due date and will remain with the Breeder until the puppies are fully weaned (usually between 5-7 weeks).
3. Guardian agrees that the dog will be bred for 2-4 litters (depending on the health of the female, her ease of whelping, her adjustment and enjoyment of motherhood, and her ability to regain her health following the litter)
4. Guardian FULLY AGREES that if any of the above items are breached, Breeder may require Guardian to return the dog. Guardian shall return the dog immediately upon Breeder's request.

### **Breeder Commitments**

The Breeder agrees:

1. To pay for all breeding-related expenses for the dog.
2. To provide the utmost care for the dog during the breeding and whelping process.
3. To communicate and cooperate with the Guardian to make the Guardian Program experience a very positive one.

### **Guardian Compensation**

Option 1: Monetary compensation after each litter – Guardian will receive a stipend each time their female whelps a litter. Actual amount will depend on a variety of factors including how many pups were whelped, quality of care received in guardian home, and price of puppies sold.

Option 2: Puppy Back - Guardian will receive one second pick puppy from one of their Guardian dog's litters at no charge (in place of two-three stipends depending on litter specifics and puppy choice) while in the Guardian home's possession. This puppy must be spayed or neutered, unless the Guardian enters into a second guardian contract specifically for this puppy. In the event that the female has less than three live puppies or is determined by the breeder not to be bred in the future, Guardian will be given the option to purchase a pup from the current litter at half price. Should Guardian choose the option to receive a puppy instead of a stipend, a stipend will not be received for two litters. Puppy must be kept by Guardian family and may not be sold or given away, unless previously approved by Breeder. If the Guardian dog has an additional litter after the puppy is received (and is not included in the two-three litters in which the Guardian agrees to forego his/her stipend in exchange for a puppy), Guardian home will still receive a stipend for this additional litter.

### **Other Terms**

DEATH OF DOG – GUARDIAN'S POSSESSION. Except as hereinafter provided, should the dog die from accidental causes while in the possession of Guardian, this Agreement shall terminate upon the happening of such occurrence. Neither party shall have any further obligation to the other party.

