**Guardian Responsibilities**

1. Guardian will provide home to dog with fenced yard (physical fence or underground electric, unless discussed with otherwise with breeder) and will keep dog in fenced yard or on leash at all times. If underground electric fencing is used, the Guardian family must train the dog/puppy as soon as possible and until the dog/puppy is trained to respect the boundaries of the underground fence must not be left outside unsupervised. Guardian family will ensure that the underground fence unit and collar is working properly on a regular basis. Guardian will notify Breeder 30 days in advance of change of address or move, and must stay in the general vicinity of first address/city for agreement to continue with Breeder. Guardian will inform Breeder of vacations or planned absences. Guardian is responsible for restricting all contact between the dog and any unaltered male dog (regardless if the dog is in heat) unless under the care of the Breeder. Guardian is responsible to ensure that all persons residing with Guardian and dog understand and abide by the terms of this contract.

2. Guardian will provide and pay for routine veterinary care including sick and well checkups, and will inform breeder, emailing vet reports and records after each visit and provide additional copies when/if requested.

3. Guardian is responsible for seeking prompt and appropriate veterinary care in the event of injury or illness of the dog. If choices need to be made regarding type of treatment, these choices must be presented to and made by the Breeder unless emergency treatment is required. Guardian will be responsible for routine vet costs and treatment for accidents or injury. If genetic health problems arise (patella, hips, severe heart problems). Dogs with severe genetic faults will not be bred and Guardian/Breeder will work out Guardian keeping/not keeping the dog and payment for treatment, depending on the problem.

4. Guardian will surrender dog to Breeder whenever requested and on occasions such as, but not limited to, breeding, whelping, and vet visits. If Guardian resides over 60 miles away from breeder, Guardian will meet Breeder half-way to transport dog for breeding and whelping, for delivery and pick up.

5. Guardian will check the dog for signs of beginning heat cycles as per instruction by Breeder expected time frame 6 months-15months for first heat). The Guardian will notify Breeder when changes indicating impending heat cycles appear. Breeder will inform the Guardian of the dates the dog will be bred. Guardian must be available to allow Breeder to pick up the dog on the dates the Breeder specifies. Breeder will choose the frequency, days, and stud that is used to breed the dog. Failure to inform Breeder of heat cycles will terminate this contract and allow Breeder to take full possession of the dog. Guardian will closely monitor the dog and will not leave outside unattended while she is in heat to prevent accidental mating with undesired stud. Failure to comply can result in termination of this contract and breeder will take full possession of the dog.

6. For whelping, Breeder will pick up the dog on a date specified by Breeder (approximately 7days before litter’s due date), and will return the dog after the puppies are weaned (when the puppies are approximately 5-6 weeks of age, or to be determined by Breeder).

7. Guardian will allow the Breeder up to four successful breeding’s with the dog specified in this contract.

8. Guardian may return the dog to the Breeder at any time for any reason and the guardianship agreement will be terminated.

9. Guardian will send a recent picture of the dog via text message to 919-219-6578 or email totjcason11@gmail.com on a biweekly basis for the first three months of this contract and then whenever requested by the breeder after that.

10. Guardian and all who reside in guardian household will have zero intentions of breeding dogs and will not have involvement in dog breeding other than with the Breeder listed in this contract while this contract is active. If guardian or member of the guardian household is found to have other involvement in dog breeding, Breeder will take full possession of the dog and this contract will be terminated.

11. Guardian will be responsible for the safety of the guardian dog. If the guardian dog were to die in the care of the guardian due to negligence, the guardian will owe the breeder payment of$2000, to be paid within 1 months of the passing of the guardian dog. If the guardian dog were to pass away while under the care of the guardian family due to reasons beyond control the guardian family will NOT be responsible for payment to the breeder.

12. The guardian agrees to teach/train the guardian dog basic commands such as sit, stay, Lay down, and how to properly walk on a leash. The guardian agrees to safely socialize the dog. The breeder is not responsible for the temperament or personality of this dog as a breeder has no control over environment, care, or handling of the dog once it has left. If the dog acts in any inappropriate aggressive manner towards any person or animal the breeder will be contacted immediately and will come and remove the dog from the guardian’s home. We are NOT financially responsible for any damage this dog causes to property or to any person or other animal.

**Breeder Obligations**

1. Breeder will retain ownership of the dog until the end of the Guardian Home Contract period, which will be after the delivery of up to two successful litters of 2 or more puppies. After that time the guardian may choose to enter a litter by litter contract with the breeder in which they can terminate the contract after any additional litter is weaned. At that time, Breeder will provide and pay to have the dog spayed. Full legal ownership of the dog will be transferred from Breeder to Guardian at this time.

The guardian will be compensated for their travel and inconvenience associated with the dog being away during breeding and whelping periods of $500.00 per litter. If the guardian decides to continue in a littler by litter contract with breeder compensation of 100% of the sales of one puppy will be paid per litter for every litter after litter #2.

2. Breeder will be responsible for medical costs resulting from breeding complications. Breeder will be responsible for medical cost resulting from genetic health faults (patella luxation’s of a certain grade; hip problems of certain severity; heart murmurs of specific grades; and deformities resulting in unsuitability for breeding). Such dog will not be kept in breeding program, and the contract will be ended. Breeder will either provide Guardian with replacement dog or will work with Guardian to amiably resolve the situation so that health issues are taken care of and Guardian can keep the dog if so desired.

3. If the dog dies while in the Breeder’s care, Breeder will provide, free of charge, a replacement puppy or dog to the Guardian and the Guardianship relationship may either be continued or cancelled, decided by mutual agreement of Breeder and Guardian.

4. Prior to the end of the contract, if it is determined by the Breeder that it is in the best interest of the Breeder or the dog that the dog be spayed and taken out of the breeding program, then legal ownership of the dog will be transferred to the Guardian after spaying (at Breeders expense).

5. Breeder will give guardian family an advance notice of 24 hours before completing home visits with the Guardian family. Breeder will give at least a 24 hour notice when needing to take the guardian dog, unless urgent or emergency issues are present.

By Guardian signing below Guardian fully understands and agrees to comply with this contract.

Guardian Signature

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