

Guardian Home Agreement

Registration name and #: _____
Nickname of dog: _____
Breed: _____
Date Whelped: _____ Color: _____
Place of Birth: _____ Sex: _____
Sire (name and breed): _____
Dam (name and breed): _____
Microchip/tattoo #: _____
Breeder/Owner: _____
Foster Home Applicant: _____

This Guardian Home Agreement outlines the understanding between the breeder and the foster home for the above named dog. It is understood that the breeder retains legal ownership of the animal and that the foster family will raise, love and care for the animal without being charged a purchase price. In return for having a “free” pet, the foster family agrees to the following:

- a) To provide and maintain a loving home and safe environment for the dog;
 1. The dog must be taught basic obedience (either by the Foster family or through obedience classes) and should be crate-trained so it can be contained without problem at any time. The breeder also requires the dog be house-trained (potty-trained). The breeder encourages further training such as agility, fly ball, etc. The Foster family is welcome to participate in showing the dog, provided the breeder and bloodlines are acknowledged properly and properly promoted.
 2. The breeder requires that the Foster home provide containment systems such as fences or cages that must be suitable for the dog’s comfort and security.
 3. The Foster home must take prompt and proper action with health or behaviour concerns of any additional pets they may have, as these may pose a health risk to the breeder’s animal. The breeder appreciates being made aware of any other animals that reside with or may come in contact with the dog. If any health problems arise, the foster family must notify the breeder.
 4. The foster family must comply with all applicable legislation, (i.e. city bylaws) and maintain appropriate licenses etc.

- b) To promote a good and healthy life for the dog. This includes providing:
 1. Regular vaccinations, veterinary visits and prevention and/or treatment for any normal health concerns that may arise. The cost for regular veterinary care to be borne by the foster family (except things directly related to reproduction and/or breeding). A copy of all health records will be provided to the breeder on a regular basis. If required by the breeder, the breeder will pay for breeding related veterinary care, including tests for genetic traits if required (hips, elbows, eye certification).
 2. Appropriate, nutritionally balanced food. The foster family will follow reasonable breeder’s instructions for feeding. (ie. dog cannot be over or underweight for breeding purposes).
 3. Regular exercise to maintain health & fitness (i.e. walks, swimming, etc).
 4. Regular grooming. This includes brushing, bathing, haircuts, nail trimming, teeth brushing (minimum 2x weekly) and ear plucking. (The breeder may provide these services for a reasonable fee.)

5. The dog may NOT be spayed or neutered prior to the end of this agreement, without the breeder's consent.
 6. In the unlikely event that the dog is seriously and/or permanently injured (i.e. no longer able to be used for breeding) or killed due to preventable accident, the Foster family agrees to pay half of the dog's replacement value.
- c) To provide the breeder access to the dog upon request for breeding purposes (breeder will attempt to provide reasonable notice) and allow the animal to stay at the Breeder's home for periods of time as required. The foster home will provide the breeder with the dog's health and veterinary records upon request and would like to be provided with a copy of health records on an on-going basis. (ie. Immunizations, check-ups, health issues, weight, height). The breeder will pay for tests regarding hips, elbows, and eye certification.
 - d) To notify the breeder if the dog will be away from its normal residence for periods longer than 5 days (i.e. vacation) as breeder may require access for breeding purposes during that time. The foster family will provide breeder with names and contact information of any alternative caregivers (i.e. vacation, emergency, etc) and caregiver will be provided with breeder's information. The breeder reserves the right to arrange for care of the dog at breeder's expense if breeder deems this arrangement to be required.
 - e) To ensure that the dog is not used for breeding except where approved by the breeder. If the Foster family bring any other dogs into their home, the breeder should be notified to ensure that the Foster dog does not mate unintentionally. (Spaying or Neutering the OTHER animals would be the best prevention) If the breeder discovers the dog has been mated without their approval, the breeder reserves the right to immediately remove the dog from the Foster home and may pursue damages. When the dog is no longer required by the breeder for breeding purposes, the Foster home will be given first option to keep the dog permanently, conditional on them arranging for and paying to spay or neuter the dog. The breeder will then release them from this Guardian Agreement and full ownership will be transferred to the Guardian Family.

The breeders, at their sole discretion, reserve the right to determine whether the foster home continues to be suitable for the proper care of the dog, and may remove the dog from the foster home immediately if required. Similarly, at any time during this agreement, if the Foster family finds themselves unable to continue caring for the dog as indicated, the dog will be released back to the breeder.

The breeder will provide the Foster home with the number of the microchip upon request.

Foster family name: _____

Foster family signature: _____ Date: _____

Breeder name: _____

Breeder Signature: _____ Date: _____