

Puppy Contract

This puppy contract is designed to safeguard the interests of the breeder, the buyer, and—above all—the well-being of the puppy. It includes a one-year health guarantee, a spay/neuter agreement, a commitment from the breeder to assist with rehoming if ever needed, and a promise of lifelong support. A signed copy is required prior to pick-up, as our top priority is ensuring the best for our puppies.

The Parties agree as follows:

Purchase Price

The Buyer shall pay the Breeder a non-refundable deposit of \$300 to secure the puppy. This deposit shall be applied toward the total Purchase Price.

The Buyer shall pay the remaining balance to the Breeder on or before the date of delivery or pickup of the puppy.

All payments shall be made in cash.

Delivery & Pickup

The puppy shall be Picked Up by the Buyer on or after _____. Any additional expenses related to the delivery of the puppy, including but not limited to transportation costs, health certificates, and crate fees, shall be the Buyer's responsibility.

Health Guarantee

To the best of their knowledge, the Breeder certifies that the puppy is in good health at the time of transfer. The puppy has received appropriate vaccinations, is free from known contagious diseases, and has been examined by a licensed veterinarian.

The puppy is guaranteed for one year from the date of sale to be free from hereditary conditions that would require euthanasia or significantly impair quality of life. This health guarantee is valid only if the purchaser ensures the puppy receives all four sets of core vaccinations, continues with annual boosters, administers monthly heartworm prevention, and provides regular flea and tick protection. Additionally, the puppy must be spayed or neutered by one year of age; failure to do so will void the health guarantee.

If a fatal genetic defect is diagnosed within one (1) year from the date of sale, the Buyer will be offered a replacement puppy of equal value, chosen by the Buyer. If a suitable replacement is not available within one year, the Seller will issue a full refund of the original purchase price.

Examination Period

The Buyer agrees to have the puppy examined by a licensed veterinarian within three (3) business days of the pick-up date. If the veterinarian determines that the puppy has a pre-existing health condition that makes it unfit for purchase, the Buyer must notify the Breeder in writing within 24 hours of the examination.

To make a valid claim, the Buyer must provide the Breeder with a signed statement from the veterinarian detailing the diagnosis, along with documentation confirming that the puppy has received all four sets of core vaccinations, annual boosters, and consistent monthly heartworm, flea, and tick prevention.

Exceptions to Health Guarantee:

The following circumstances will render a health guarantee claim invalid or void the guarantee entirely:

- The dog has not received all four sets of core puppy vaccinations, annual boosters, rabies vaccination, or consistent monthly heartworm, flea, and tick prevention.
- The dog is one year of age or older and has not been spayed or neutered.
- The condition is determined by a licensed veterinarian to be the result of the Buyer's negligence.
- The diagnosed condition is treatable, does not require euthanasia, and does not significantly impact the dog's quality of life.
- The dog is euthanized before the Breeder is contacted.
- The dog's death is determined to be the result of environmental causes.

Breeding Rights

All puppies are sold as pets only, with no breeding rights. The puppy must be spayed or neutered by one (1) year of age, and documented proof must be provided to the Breeder no later than thirteen (13) months of age. Failure to provide this documentation will result in the voiding of the health guarantee and will be considered evidence that the dog is being used for breeding purposes.

In such a case, the Buyer agrees to pay the Breeder an additional fee equal to five (5) times the original purchase price of the dog for unauthorized breeding rights. Any legal disputes related to this agreement shall be resolved exclusively in the courts of New Haven County, Connecticut.

Breeder's Responsibility

If, within 3 days from the date of transfer, a licensed veterinarian certifies that the puppy is unfit for purchase due to a congenital or hereditary health issue, the Breeder agrees to replace the puppy with one of equal value, subject to the availability of such a replacement.

Limitations

The Breeder's liability under this warranty is limited to the puppy's purchase price. The Breeder is not responsible for any consequential damages, including but not limited to veterinary expenses, emotional distress, or loss of income.

Notice

Any claims under this warranty must be submitted in writing to the Breeder within 3 days of the Buyer's discovery of the health issue. Failure to provide timely notice shall void this warranty.

Miscellaneous

This warranty constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties and supersedes all prior negotiations, understandings, or agreements, whether written or oral. Any modifications to this warranty must be in writing and signed by both Parties.

Return of the Puppy

If the Buyer is ever unable or unwilling to keep the puppy, they must contact the Breeder. Under no circumstances should the dog be surrendered to a shelter, as it may be returned to the Breeder at any time. While no refund will be issued for situations outside the scope of this health guarantee, the Breeder agrees to assist with rehoming the dog at any stage of its life, should the Buyer no longer be able to care for it. The Breeder also offers lifetime support and is available to answer any questions throughout the dog's life.

All terms outlined in this sales contract—including the spay/neuter agreement and health guarantee—become legally binding once the puppy is in the possession of the Buyer. These terms are in place to protect the Breeder, the Buyer, and most importantly, the well-being of the puppy.

Buyer:

Signature

Date

Breeder:

Signature

Date