

GINGER TOP FARM

Guardian Home Contract

The intent of this agreement is to provide _____(Guardian) home for a Ginger Top Farm Bernedoodle (Maureen Hall, Owner) at no purchase price* in order to keep the dog in our breeding program. We want to keep all our dogs in home environment with committed families.

Ownership of this dog, microchip # TBD will remain the property of the Owner, Maureen Hall, until 3 - 4 litters have been whelped, or the female has reached 4 ½ years of age (whichever comes first). Males are not retired until 6 years. **At this time, the ownership will transfer to the Guardian. The Guardian home is responsible for spaying the female.** The Guardian does not have ownership or any interest in puppies produced from this dog.

*IN the rare event if the Breeder decides not to breed the dog, the Guardian home can assume full ownership for 50% of the original puppy price.

The Guardian must live within 20 minutes of Pfafftown, NC and own your own home with no intent of moving from area for at least 4 years.

- 1) _____ Safely confine the dog with use of a physical fence OR leash- not a tether or underground/wireless electric fence. A fenced yard or kennel of 10 X 10 minimum is required, unless Guardian home provides indoor area and does not leave dog unattended outside.
- 2) _____ Provide house breaking by 10 months old.
- 3) _____ Keep dog accustomed to walking on the leash and to periods of time in the crate daily, either sleeping or resting.
- 4) _____ Provide daily mental and physical stimulation, but not to over exercise the dog (this includes excessive jumping, use of hardwood stairs, heavy exercise/running and sports/agility) before the age of 24 months. The Guardian will not allow the dog to become overweight. This is because hip dysplasia can be caused environmental factors.
- 5) _____ Complete at least 1 basic obedience training class with the Guardian Dog
- 6) _____ Feed a high quality dog food as suggested by Breeder.
- 7) _____ Provide ordinary veterinary care as needed. The Guardian is responsible for all non-breeding related expenses, including but not limited to: vaccinations, deworming (including year-long heart worm prevention), food, grooming, and emergency veterinary care at the Guardian's expense.
- 8) _____ Keep the dog free of fleas, ticks, and other external parasites and keep records showing months heart worm prevention, annual shots as well as rabies.
- 9) _____ Notify Maureen Hall immediately when a female comes into heat. The Guardian will be taught signs of heat by the Breeder.
- 10) _____ Cooperate by allowing the breeder to pick up the dog for breeding purposes, testing, etc. Every effort will be made to give the Guardian 48 hours of notice before transportation. We may ask Guardian home to help with transport of dog for reproductive vet visits.
- 11) _____ Allow Maureen Hall to pick up dog (5 -7 days) prior to whelping and keep dog at Breeder facility until puppies are weaned (6-7 weeks after birth).
- 12) _____ Contact the MaureenHall immediately in the event of any serious illness or accident, including severe diarrhea, vomiting, loss of appetite, and injury.
- 13) _____ Give contact information for the caretaker of the dog during any vacation or absence. The dog will also never be placed in a boarding or doggy daycare facility without Maureen Hall's written permission.
- 14) _____ Send all copies of veterinary care to the Breeder.

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- 15) _____ Never have unaltered dogs or litters born in household or around the dog during the breeding life of the Dog. ESPECIALLY when females are in heat. The Guardian will not allow the use of the dog for breeding without the permission of Maureen Hall.
- 16) _____ License the dog with city and keep license current
- 17) _____ Ensure that there is no smoking in the home where the Dog resides for the lifetime of the Guardian Dog, as this can cause cancer and respiratory illness which could lead to death.

- 18) _____ Ensure that all persons residing with the Dog understand and abide by this contract.
- 19) _____ Keep the dog well socialized with people of all ages and other dogs
- 20) _____ Never re-home or surrender the dog without the Breeders written permission. In the event that the Guardian would like to terminate this agreement, the dog will be returned to Maureen Hall.
- 21) _____ All members of the household and immediate family agree not to compete with Ginger Top Farm (i.e. start breeding Bernedoodles, Bernese Mountain Dogs or doodle mixes while the Guardian Dog is owned by Ginger Top Farm.
- 22) _____ Ginger Top Farm is not liable for any accident, or injury to anyone which occurs while the dog is in the care of the Guardian family (this includes bites, illness, and/or accidents resulting in damage of property, or bodily injury).

This contract can be terminated if Maureen Hall finds the Guardian to be noncompliant with the guidelines

The Breeder has the responsibility to:

- 1) _____ Provide Guardian with a healthy dog and veterinary health certificate.
- 2) _____ Pay for all veterinary costs associated with responsible breeding (such as OFA or Pennhip hip and elbow testing, OFA Patella testing, CERF exams, thyroid testing, pregnancy ultrasound and x-ray, DNA testing related to genetic diseases and coat type, and progesterone testing). **The Guardian is responsible for all non-breeding related expenses, including but not limited to: vaccinations, deworming (including heart worm prevention), flea/tick prevention, food, grooming, and emergency veterinary care.**
- 3) _____ Release ownership of Dog to guardian 3 -4 litters have been whelped or after the dog has reached 4 ½ years old (whichever occurs first). Males retire around 6 years old.
- 4) _____ Provide support and resources when requested for the lifetime of the Guardian dog, even after the Guardian home has taken complete possession.
- 5) Maureen Hall will allow dog to be returned for any reason if the Guardian home is unwilling or unable to provide care for the dog.

I have read and agreed to the terms set above. I understand any violation of the Guardian home will terminate this contract and the dog will return to owners home.

OWNER / Maureen Hall _____ Date _____

GUARDIAN HOME _____ Date _____

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WHAT TO EXPECT

FEMALE GUARDIAN HOMES:

Breeder requires access to female breeding dog for reasons including, but not limited to:

Veterinary appointments (to monitor pregnancy – Typically two (2) visits.

Breeding- 4 (+/-) breedings per female once dog is on 2nd heat cycle. Usually 18 + months old.

Female dog to be bred with male over a 3-4 day period. After 4 weeks female will have ultrasound to determine pregnancy.

If pregnancy is confirmed female will stay with Guardian home during pregnancy for 8 weeks, then come to Breeder home 1 week before due date. Gestation is 9 weeks.

Female will stay at Breeders for whelping and until pups are weaned between 6-7 weeks of age.

MALE:

Once male has passed all health tests and is mature enough to breed, breeder requires access to male for when a female is in heat. I will give as much notice as possible. Male dogs may be bred up to 6 years old before ownership is transferred.