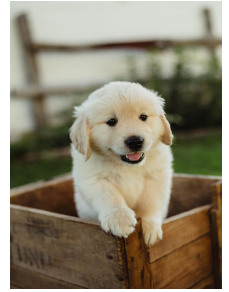




Guardian Home for a Maplehill Puppy



What is a guardian home?

We strongly believe that all of our breeding dogs should be part of a family. As we slightly expand, we may choose to place a future breeding puppy in an approved home and at a greatly reduced cost, to ensure they can receive enough care and attention throughout their whole lives. Their well-being is a top priority for us, and our guardian program is designed to enhance the lives of our breeding dogs. Before entering a guardian program arrangement, we sign a contract with you outlining all of the details and timelines, so everyone knows what to expect of this co-owned arrangement.

What is all involved?

When a puppy is around 2 years old, it will start to be part of our breeding program for a 5-6 years dependent on several factors. Did the dog pass the health requirements to breed? Did he/she produce puppies of good quality? Did he/she successfully produce a litter? Was there any complications with labor? There are many things to consider to decide if the dog will continue with the breeding program or become a pet only. If we decide the puppy is approved for breeding, this will require that it spends some time with us at our farm during the breeding process.

For females they will come for about 9 days to be bred during their heat cycle. Their heat cycle is roughly 9 months apart. If conception was successful then around day 50 of their pregnancy they will need to be brought to the kennel to get comfortable with the birthing area, and will stay with us for the next 9 weeks. Once puppies go home, the female can be picked up by her guardian.

Male dogs can be needed more frequently but for much shorter periods of time. To give an idea in a typical year once the male is of age and passed health tests, he could be used 1-4 times per year and each time he will stay with us for about 9 days or until the female stops allowing the breeding. Then he can be picked up.

**Maplehill Kennel is responsible for any activities or costs directly related to breeding such as: health testing, any vet care if needed due to breeding related activities, feeding and adequate housing during their stay with us, and costs of signing over CKC registration at time of breeding completion.*

After their Breeding Career

Once the dog has completed its time as part of our breeding program, it is the guardian home's responsibility to spay/neuter their dog. We sign full ownership and registration if applicable, over to you, and the dog will be solely yours.

It's important to us that our guardian program families understand the responsibility of raising a future breeding dog, and that they are happy to communicate regularly with us and work together. Communication and flexibility are essential. Our guardian families are chosen with great care and attention. We greatly thank you for considering this opportunity with us.

Guardian homes are responsible for:

- ❖ *Excellent communication with us!!*
- ❖ *Routine vet care, such as annual vaccines, heartworm, deworming and flea/tick prevention*
- ❖ *Practice behaviour training and basic commands*
- ❖ *Provide socialization*
- ❖ *Regular exercise*
- ❖ *Own their home*
- ❖ *Preferred (FOR FEMALES) fenced yard for safety*
- ❖ *Must have fenced yard for Males*
- ❖ *Have no other intact dogs in the home*
- ❖ *Practice regular grooming (frequent brushing, nail trimming, ear cleaning and hair trimming when necessary)*
- ❖ *Follow our feeding requirements (possibly involving some raw food feeding for females) before and after litters only)*
- ❖ *Driving the dog to and from the Kennel when required*
- ❖ *Spay or neutering dog once breeding career has ended*