

Breeding Bitch Co-Ownership Contract

This document will serve as a legal and binding contract between _____, herein after called the "Breeder", and _____, herein after called the "Co-owner." This contract will remain in effect until such time as it has been fulfilled or terminated by the agreement of both parties.

- a.) If this puppy fails to pass the health testing necessary as per the AKC and/or ICCF, she can be spayed and no papers will be issued.
- b.) The Breeder will not supply a replacement unless new contract and/or agreement has been made.
- c.) The agreement herein made between both parties is for the benefit of both. Any breach of contract will result in legal violations.

Bitch Name: _____ D.O.B. _____ AKC#: _____ Color: _____
Temperament: _____

Bitch Full Value of Bitch is agreed as: \$ _____.
The Co-owner has agreed to pay _____ puppy(ies) from _____ litter(s) for the value of the Bitch.

Bitch Co-owner(s): _____
Address: _____ Home
Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

The above described female has been transferred, and will reside with the Co-owner. The AKC and/or ICCF registration and additional paperwork will carry the Breeder's name until the co-ownership contract has been fulfilled.

Breeder: _____

Co-owner: _____

Co-owner Responsibilities

1. The Co-owner must take full responsibility for said Bitch's care. All vaccination records must be available for Breeder's inspection. The Bitch must also have all regular boosters and immunizations.

2. The Co-owner must give the Bitch proper nutritional concern, feeding accurate portions as needed for a large breed dog. In the event of accident or injury, the Co-owner must immediately inform the Breeder of Bitch's condition. Any necessary veterinary or hospital charges are the responsibility of the Co-owner.
3. The Co-owner must agree to give the Bitch proper socialization for mental health and stability. Bitch will be enrolled in training class and socialized to insure proper temperament.
4. In the event the Co-owner fails to perform agreed upon requirements, Breeder has authority to request for Bitch to be returned. Transportation of Bitch will be the Co-Owner's responsibility and no payments will be reimbursed.

Bitch Qualifications for Breeding

1. Bitch must have adult registration papers from American Kennel Club (AKC) and/or International Cane Corso Foundation (ICCF), and must be have completed two full cycles (prior to conception).
2. Bitch must be certified clear of Canine Hip Dysplasia by either OFA or Penn Hip radiographs or approved by Embark and/or Wisdom panels.
3. Bitch must have DM test with a Carrier or Clear result
4. Bitch should have no disqualifying faults as per breed standard and must have breeding status from the AKC and/or ICCF.
5. Failure to comply with the above agreements will void this contract and full value of Bitch must be paid immediately, upon request.

Natural Breedings

Bitch Co-Owner Responsibilities

1. Bitch Co-owner is responsible for transportation of Bitch to and from Stud Dog owner's care.
2. Stud Dog will be chosen and agreed upon between both Breeder and Co-Owner, and all breedings will be produced at the expense of the Co-Owner,
3. Co-Owner will provide aforementioned amount of puppy(y)(ies) from each litter produced by the Bitch.
4. Bitch Co-owner must have knowledge of Bitch's heat cycle and ovulation for good timing between Bitch and Stud. In the event that progesterone levels need to be taken the expenses will be the responsibility of the Bitch Co-owner.
5. Breeding between Bitch and Stud should be between five to seven days in length.
6. Bitch Co-owner must be aware of the physical and nutritional needs the breeding Bitch MUST HAVE for healthy prenatal care and safe delivery of live puppies. If the Bitch Co-owner is an inexperienced breeder, it is recommended that she/he be in contact with more experienced breeders, or have a breeding mentor.

Artificial Inseminations

Bitch Co-Owner Responsibilities

1. Breeder assumes the right to have Bitch bred to a Stud dog of Breeder's choosing, and due to regional differences, would be through AI.
2. Bitch Co-owner must have ovulation timing tests performed on the Bitch to determine peak time for conception.
3. Bitch Co-owner must pay for AI kits for Stud Dog, which are usually two kits per breeding
4. Bitch Co-owner must have immediate, pre-arranged vet appointment set upon arrival of the semen shipment. The sooner a Bitch can be inseminated with the live sperm, the better the chances for a conception, and a healthy, live litter. Bitch should be inseminated twice within a 48-hour period.

5. If the Bitch does not conceive upon the first breeding, a second shipment will be sent on her next heat cycle for a second breeding. Costs incurred by both parties during this second breeding remain the same.
6. If Bitch does not conceive with the second AI, a full reproductive exam must be conducted before additional semen will be shipped.
7. Bitch Co-owner may also choose to have a trans-cervical insemination (surgical sperm implantation) done at his/her expense, but keep an additional puppy to defray the costs.
8. In the event that Stud Dog is Breeder's Choice, rather than Co-Owner's, a total of ½ of the litter will be given to Breeder in the event of conception.
9. Co-Owner takes full responsibility for breeding expenses and the successful whelping of the litter. Upon 8 weeks, Co-Owner will organize transport for pupp(y)(ies) at the Co-Owner's expense.

Puppy Sale and Placement

1. The Co-owner agrees to give the Breeder the agreed upon amount of the puppies from the each litter (as per contract guidelines). The party who whelps the litter would keep the "odd" puppy (eq. Bitch produces seven pups: Breeder keeps three; Co-owner keeps four).
2. The Co-owner agrees to give Breeder a minimum of three puppies from the aforementioned Bitch unless a trans-cervical breeding was done (as per #7 above). In the event that there are less than six puppies in the first litter, the Co-owner can choose to pay additional puppies to Breeder, or have the Bitch re-bred and evenly split one-half of the second litter, thus fulfilling the contract.
3. The puppies should be delivered to the Breeder in good health at seven or eight weeks of age for health inspection. All shipping or delivery cost, in the event Breeder cannot personally handle the puppies, will be absorbed by the Co-owner. The Breeder reserves the right to refuse any puppies that are not up to standard within 48 hours of delivery. Any puppies that show symptoms of any contagious disease or die within ten days will not be the responsibility of the Breeder.
4. The Co-owner agrees to give full details to the Breeder as to weight, temperament, etc. and agrees that puppies must be priced as agreed upon.

Legalities

1. In the event the Bitch is lost, killed, or injured seriously, so as to render her unable to be bred, in consequence of any Co-owner negligence, or that of his/her agents or employees, the sum of \$4,500.00 of lost progeny is to be paid promptly to the Owner/Breeder as liquidated damages. Further, the Breeder shall have the right to repossess said Bitch. If the Bitch was purchased as an adult, the Co-owner would be responsible for the balance of the full value of the bitch at the time of purchase.
2. Should the Co-owner find him/herself unable or unwilling to fully comply with the terms of this contract, with respect to care, breeding, whelping, etc., the Bitch must be returned to Breeder forthwith. Failure to return the Bitch under these circumstances, the Co-owner hereby gives the Breeder the following options:
 - The Owner/Breeder's agent may take possession of the Bitch from the Co-owner's property, providing the Bitch is in good health; and the Co-owner signs the AKC and/or ICCF paperwork completely to the Breeder, making this contract null and void; or
 - The Owner/Breeder can subject the Co-owner to liquidated damages in the amount of \$5,000.00, attorney's fees in the amount of \$2000.00, and the legal cost of bringing this action to enforce the terms of the contract.

- In the event that said Bitch is used for any type of breeding outside of the AKC(with puppies receiving fraudulent papers), the co-owner hereby agrees to pay the Owner/Breeder an agreed upon liquidation amount of \$5,000 to represent the potential progeny value.

I have read and understood the terms and conditions for this contract and agree to abide by them until such time as the contract is fulfilled.

Co-owner's Name: _____ Date: _____

Co-owner's Signature: _____

Breeder's Name: _____ Date: _____

Breeder's Signature: _____

