

## Stonegate Labradoodles

### Guardian-Home Program Agreement

This Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, is part of our Stonegate Labradoodles Guardian Home Program and is between:

**Owner:**

Name: Kristen Piersa of Stonegate Labradoodles

Address: 43 New Paltz Road, Highland, NY 12528

Phone: (516) 415-1567

**Guardian Family:**

Name:

Address:

Phone:

**For the following dog:**

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### Welcome to our Program!

We are breeders engaged in breeding Labradoodle dogs. Our dogs are considered beloved members of our family. We created a Guardian Home Program to grow our breeding program while still providing each of our breeding dogs with a loving environment in a guardian family. By joining our Program, you desire to and will act as a guardian for a Labradoodle dog that is either a female potential breeder or proven breeder or a male potential breeder or proven breeder, subject to the terms of this Agreement.

The following will spell out the Guardian-Home Program, including our requirements for guardian families while the Dog is a part of the breeding program. The obligations we will assume as owner, and how the Dog will become a permanent member of your family.

### Benefits of the Guardian-Home Program

To the Guardian family:

The Dog is “pick of the litter” with an estimated value of \$10,000 to \$15,000. Your initial cost is (0.00). Stonegate Labradoodles will pay all vet costs for health testing associated with the breeding of the Dog.

## Initial Obligations of Guardian Family

In order to be considered for the Guardian-Home Program, we require that you:

1. Live within 2 hours of Highland, New York in Ulster County.
2. Own your own home.
3. Have physical fencing to provide a safe and secure environment for the Dog. This also protects this dog from any unplanned, unwanted pregnancies and is crucial!
4. Never leave the Dog off leash in an unsecured area. NO dog parks allowed!
5. Have reliable transportation and willingness to bring the dog to us when needed throughout the year for breeding purposes (i.e. testing, breeding, litters, etc). All health testing, routine /emergency vet care is to be done by Compassionate Vet in Highland, New York.
6. Maintain open lines of communication with Stonegate Labradoodles concerning any matter related to the Dog.
7. Keep the guardian dog on Pro Plan food and supplements or as directed by Stonegate Labradoodles.
8. Understand that Kristen may need to make decisions about your female and you will have to respect those decisions. Examples may include, but are not limited to: keeping the female longer, additional vet care, etc... All decisions ARE always for the betterment of the dog.

## Ownership

Ownership and all right, title and interest in the Dog shall remain with Owner (Kristen Piersa). If the Dog is a female, any puppies born to the Dog shall be the sole property of the Owner and the Guardian Family shall have no ownership interest of possession rights to any such puppy. If the Dog is a male, all semen shall be sole property of Owner and the Guardian Family shall have no ownership interest of possession rights to any use of the semen. The Dog shall be used as breeding stock exclusively by Stonegate Labradoodles and under no circumstances shall be bred to anyone other than as directed by Stonegate Labradoodles. After the Dog ceases to be a Breeder, Owner shall, by written evidence of transfer, assign and transfer ownership of the Dog to the Guardian Family after spay or neuter.

## Possession:

**General:** Upon the execution of this Agreement, Owner shall transfer possession of the dog to the Guardian Family. The Guardian family shall retain possession of the dog during this Agreement, subject to its obligations to return possession of the dog for breeding purposes, and shall provide physical care to and supervision of the dog subject to the terms and conditions of this agreement.

## Owner's Possession for Breeding:

**If Female,** Owner requires access to female breeding dog for reasons including, but not limited to:

1. Veterinary appointments for pregnancy or health tests.
2. Breeding - first sign of going into heat (blood) until a successful hook (usually 5-7 days). You can bring her up every other day -3 times on average, or leave her. Up to you).
3. Whelping (7-14 days) days prior to due date and up until the puppies are weaned at approximately 6-8 weeks of age.
4. The Guardian Family shall not transfer possession of the Dog to any person without the prior written consent of Owner.
5. If a female, take possession of the Dog from the Guardian Family for purposes of whelping and care of puppies (approximately 9-12 weeks total).
6. Stonegate Labradoodles has the right to visit the residence of the Guardian Family at least once per calendar year to discuss with the Guardian Family any issues concerning the care and supervision of the dog.
7. Females will not be bred more than 6 times.
8. If Kristen finds it difficult to reach the guardian family, is met with roadblocks, cantankerous comments and or texts that make this working relationship hostile and or refusing to do anything Kristen asks, the dog will be removed from the home – no question.
9. Families are NOT granted any personal visitation days. This is not in the best interest of the puppies. A breeder had a puppy killed due to a guardian family visit. Please understand my allegiance is to my dogs and the puppies, not your emotional needs. I know this sounds harsh, but it is the reality of the situation. We encourage you to come up during the client visits with the puppies (I will notify you of that date) to visit with mama and pups.

**If Male,** Owner requires access to male breeding dog when breeding is required. You can bring him up for breeding every time I require his presence or leave him until he is not needed anymore. Usually up to a week.

## Guardian Family Obligations

1. Raise the dog as an indoor dog. Never to dwell outside.
2. When left at home safely contain the dog indoors (a crate preferred)
3. Comply with Owner's nutritional and dietary guidelines and pay all cost and expenses associated with feeding a dog.
4. Provide the Dog with regular exercise and socialization.
5. Make sure the dog is completely socialized.
6. Provide pictures and updates once every few months.
7. Schedule and pay for all non-breeding veterinary appointments and provide routine medical care appropriated for breeding Dog.
8. Continue ensuring dog is compliant, kennel trained, house trained, leash trained, does not jump, mouth or excessively bark. Their pup's safety relies on calm and focused behavior.
9. Grooming: Keep the Dog properly groomed, with care given to matting.
10. Notify Owner of planned vacations and change of address, phone or email.
11. Make certain that the Dog is available for breeding purposes
12. Do not post anything on your private social media pertaining to the puppies or mama dog. You can share a post from Stonegate Labradoodles.
13. If dog dies from an accident due to neglect while in the care of her guardian family, payment to Stonegate Labradoodles in the amount of \$3000.00 must be received within 30 days.

## Termination of Agreement

This Agreement shall terminate upon the occurrence of any of the following:

1. Immediately, upon the transfer of ownership of the Dog to the Guardian Family once the dog is spayed or neutered and retired to be their permanent forever pet.

2. Immediately, upon Owner's determination that the Guardian Family is non-compliant with the terms of this Agreement and such non-compliance poses significant risk to the health, welfare and safety of the Dog, at which time possession of the dog returns to the Owner.

3. Immediately, for noncompliance and or hostile communication between owner and guardian family. If Kristen feels there is no longer a professional working relationship, this contract is voided and the dog remains with Kristen. You are not guaranteed to receive the dog back when he/she retires. Please understand this is NOT your dog and decisions are made with the dog and puppies first and foremost. Trying to sabotage the breeding process because you no longer want your dog out of your home for two to three months a year is unacceptable and this contract will be void. If you are not emotionally stable enough to allow the dog to be with me during whelping then please DO NOT be a guardian family. This is teamwork for the greater good. We are providing dogs that save lives, heal hearts and truly make a difference. This is not a self-serving agreement. You have to be able to trust me, as I do you. I do not helicopter parent you, so please allow me the same courtesy.

4. Immediately, upon the death of the dog from natural or accidental causes.

5. Immediately, upon the Guardian Family's permanent return of the Dog to Owner for any reason.

## Indemnity

The Guardian Family agrees to indemnify and hold Owner harmless from and against all claims, liabilities, losses, cost, damages and expenses by reason of any damage property or injury or death to individuals allegedly caused by the Dog while in the possession of the Guardian Family. IN WITNESS HERE OF: The parties have executed this Agreement as of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Kristen Piersa, Stonegate Labradoodles

GUARDIAN FAMILY: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_