



# Stoddard Creek Puppies Contract

Stoddard Creek Puppies/Leslie or Josh Stoddard are to be referred to as SCP in this contract.

We are thrilled that you've chosen one of our puppies to join your family! Here are some tips and important information to help you and your new puppy adjust!

## **Health Guarantee:**

We are careful that our puppies receive only the best care and nutrition. Your puppy will have been vet checked at approximately 6-8 weeks of age, received at least one round of vaccinations as well as at least one de-worming treatment when you receive them. Upon possession of the puppy according to the date of whelping, we give a 6-Month "Health Guarantee" based on these following conditions listed herein. All aspects are for 6 months unless otherwise stated.

You will need to schedule a puppy wellness exam with your own veterinarian **within the first 72 hours** of bringing your pup home. (Adjustments for holidays and weekend pick-ups or otherwise agreed upon timeline.) Please send a copy to us when this is complete, signed by your vet, with their letter head or receipt of payment for said services. If buyer fails to complete the required initial veterinary exam within 72 hours, unless otherwise agreed upon date, the health guarantee is void. **Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_

During the stipulated health warranty period, if the puppy is found to be congenitally deformed, or diagnosed with a fatal disease, to no fault of buyer, SCP will provide buyer with another puppy of the same breed and gender to the best of our ability or refund the purchase price minus the deposit according to the discretion of SCP upon the following requirements:

Buyer will forward all veterinarian reports on official letter head including: date of the examination and outcome of medical exam, X-rays, tests performed, etc. SCP reserves the right to contact and discuss the examination report with your veterinarian and have access to all vet exams/reports/results and allow SCP contact with your veterinarian. Buyer will also provide to SCP: all receipts of food, health care visits, and anything else relevant to puppy's health. It is determined by SPC that buyer was at no fault.

**Replacement:** If SCP finds that the puppy must be returned or decides to replace, due to previously unknown abnormality/health issue, during the 6-month warranty, Buyer pays all expenses to surrender and return their original puppy to SCP, if necessary, and said puppy will be replaced at earliest date possible or refunded, minus the deposit, at the discretion of SCP. All travel fees and required vet fees will be paid for by buyer to secure new puppy. If a color selection was made, it will be as close to client's requests possible. However, there are no guarantees. Irish Wolfhounds can change colors during their lifetime; our pups can do the same.

If for any reason there are a non-congenital deformity/ non-life-threatening lasting issues, verified by a vet, buyer decides to keep the dog, dog must be neutered or spayed when of appropriate age stated in this contract, and a receipt of spay or neuter certificate, or receipt of payment, must be provided to SCP without the replacement of a new puppy. SCP will be notified of deformity within a 10-day window of buyer knowledge of issue.

**Hip & Elbow Dysplasia 12-month Warranty:** SCP warrants your puppy to be free of hip dysplasia for 12-months from birth. Should your dog's hips be judged by a practicing veterinary radiologist to be abnormal SCP reserves the right to have access to the X-rays plates to confirm diagnosis, SCP warrants to furnish another puppy of equal value and gender after the original puppy diagnosed with said issue has been returned to SCP. If you choose to keep dog with dysplasia a new pup will not be reissued. The dog must be spayed or neutered.

## **Buyer Responsibilities:**

Buyer agrees to notify all veterinarians providing care that this pup is under contract with SCP and will contact SCP immediately if any major health issues arise and recommendations for significant treatment prior to administering veterinary protocols, medicines, or procedures as well as provide a second opinion, if necessary, from someone who specializes or is familiar with large breed dogs is highly recommended. Buyer agrees to consult SCP prior to euthanasia decisions, except in cases of emergency. **Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_

For the life of the puppy if buyer is unable to keep puppy for an agreed upon reason between buyer and SCP, and must re-home their dog, buyer must return pup to SCP for rehoming. Fees will be covered by buyer. No refund of pup will be issued nor reissuing of another pup.

### **Health Maintenance:**

Buyer agrees to provide secure outdoor fencing for puppy safety and to not place puppy in an undersized crate or wire kennel. Buyer agrees to remove all choking hazards from the puppy's environment. Buyer agrees to provide regular health exams for their puppy/dog according to the schedule prescribed by your Vet. Buyer agrees to follow worming regime under Veterinarian guidelines. Buyer agrees to follow food and water regimen and to manage puppy activities avoiding injuries. However, NO "stomach tacking" (prophylactic gastropexy surgery) to prevent gastric torsion/bloat in large breeds, is allowed. We have found this to be an unnecessary procedure in our dogs in spite of Veterinary recommendations. Please contact us with any major concerns.

**Nutrition:** Your puppy has been started on Extreme Dog Fuel, "Chicken Meal & Brown Rice" formula dog food. Before you get your puppy, please find a dealer of this dog food near you if possible. Here is their website to find a dealer: [www.extremedogfuel.com](http://www.extremedogfuel.com). We've been told by dealers of this food that they shouldn't need supplements when they are on this food. Please do your own research and act accordingly with how you see your dog growing and vet recommendations.

Nutrition and gut health are extremely important for your dog. Your dog is a large breed dog and does require more protein than smaller breeds when full grown. However, due to their fast growth rate as puppies please make sure that their food contains less than 24% protein until 6 months of age. 20-22% Protein is recommended during this time. We recommend the "Chicken Meal & Brown Rice" formula from Extreme Dog Fuel during this 6-month period. This is to allow their tendons and ligaments more flexibility/stretch during this growth period. During the 7-24-month period of their life please feed them, Extreme Dog Fuel, "For Puppies and Active Dogs" formula.

At 24-months of age you may switch food to "Pro Athlete" formula or other high grade dog food. After 8 weeks of your puppy should gain on average 3-5 pounds a week within their first 6-months to a year of age. If your puppy is not maintaining this rate, you are likely underfeeding them. Your dog should have a growth spurt on average every 6-months. Please feed them more during these times. Your puppy should reach their full height within 18 months of age then will continue growth of muscle mass, organ and hormone maturity for up to 2-3 years of age.

Good food helps ensure your pups' joints, fur, eyesight, etc. remain healthy and a long life for your dog. Dog food should not be full of corn, grains, soy or fillers. Ancient grains are good because their chemical structure and gluten content is different than today's grains. Please make sure it is American made and mostly meat products. 60% of canine degenerative conditions are related to poor nutrition, we require that your precious puppy continue with very good quality food. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!

**Feeding Contract:** I, the buyer, agree to feed a high-quality, large-breed-appropriate food (Extreme Dog Fuel, Elite Nutrition, "Chicken Meal and Brown Rice" or equivalent approved by SCP) for the contract to be valid. **Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Puppy Care:** We recommend Nyla bones (ordered online) for chews, only until 6-months old. Do not give rawhide chews to your dog, ever, as they can build up in puppies digestive system requiring veterinary care. Cooked bones are also frowned upon as they wear down the dogs' teeth. Please also note this breed can be emotionally sensitive to negative reprimanding. Please do so with care. This breed is very well behaved with good training from either you or professional puppy/dog/obedience training.

**Vigorous Exercise:** Vigorous exercise such as running or hiking should be delayed until the puppy is around 6 months of age. Avoid excessive jumping, climbing, and stairs such as stadium stairs or the like that can damage their growth plates during their first year of life. Buyer agrees to provide an adequate area for the dog to properly move and exercise naturally every day. We recommend only leash training, command training and continued socialization during the first four months. We strongly recommend puppy-training classes. No hard playing with other dogs or heavy exercise until 6-months. Let them eat, sleep and grow to enjoy being a puppy.

**Spay/Neuter:** It is important for the dog to finish growing before he/she is neutered/spayed in all aspects of their growth. Their internal organs need plenty of room to finish growing and developing before their skeletal growth is inhibited by any possible hormone changes due to being spayed/neutered.

I, the buyer, will have my dog Spayed or Neutered at the age of 2 years, not before, and will send proof to SCP.

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**We Do Not Guarantee:**

SCP does not guarantee the alignment of teeth. SCP is not responsible if both testicles are not present in the scrotum sac, as they may drop later, and can take as long as two years to drop. SCP does not warrant any vet care expenses and it is the sole responsibility of the buyer to provide all financial support. This warranty does not apply to any damage or injury caused by negligence or accident.

**Vaccinations:** We will start the scheduled vaccines during the health check visit at around 6-8 weeks of age. We prefer to only give the pups, one vaccination, if possible. Sometimes a second round is required due to transportation requirements to transport the pup to you, the buyer. After vaccinations, in an attempt to rid their bodies of heavy metals/toxins, SCP feeds the puppies a combination of but not limited to: bentonite clay, activated charcoal, and pre/probiotics. Buyer agrees to research "canine vaccine complications" and acknowledge that they understand the associated vulnerabilities. If you decide to continue to vaccinate your puppy within the 6-month health warranty period, you do so at your own risk as puppy/adult dog complications or death can occur. Buyer acknowledges that vaccinations may carry risks. SCP's health guarantee does not cover adverse reactions to vaccinations including any health abnormalities that begin to show up three weeks thereafter. Waiting till 6 months of age to continue vaccinations, if you choose to, ensures that you have time to get to know your pup and learn their normal health and well-being/condition and behavior before introducing more vaccines. **Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Repossession:** This warranty does not apply to any damage or injury caused by negligence or accident. SCP reserves the right to cancel this contract at any time if it is deemed that the Buyer does not have the best interest of the puppy and is not adhering to this agreement in any way. SCP reserves the right to reclaim the puppy if the puppy's welfare is at risk.

**Photos:** In the event that your puppy must travel to you SCP requests that you share with us photos receiving your puppy safe and sound. We also request that you share photos and growth updates at growth milestones. We love to see them as they grow as well as keep track of their growth for fun as well as to tell other future puppy parents what to expect of their puppy. Any photos that are sent to SCP may be used at their discretion. SCP will not show pictures with any children's faces.

**Payment:** A \$750 always non-refundable deposit is required for reservation of a puppy. We require to be paid in full upon pick-up, or before delivery. We prefer CASH for the rest of the payment. However, if you are unable to pick up your dog in person then we will accept the original payment method of your deposit. Total cost of puppy is \$2500 not including transportation or add-ons.

**Legality:** This contract is legal and binding and any violation of terms of contract by the buyer as signed and initialed without written consent to amend the contract, will be enforced in a legal court of law in Tooele County, Utah. In the event of a dispute, SCP reserves the right to seek recovery of the puppy through appropriate legal action. Buyer will be responsible for associated recovery and legal fees if SCP prevails.

**Signed by buyer:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

Full Address of Buyer: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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