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## **California Sheepadoodles Guardianship Contract**

This contract is a binding contract for the purpose of guardianship of a puppy/dog in the breeding program of California Sheepadoodles.

### **Guardian Home Program**

Our Guardian Home Program allows for local families to have a top quality puppy chosen for you by us. The Guardian Home puppy or dog is part of the Guardian Home's Family forever, while the breeding rights are retained by "California Sheepadoodles" for a set amount of time (each situation is slightly different so we prefer to work out specific details with each family on an individual basis.) Once the Guardian Dog has completed his/her breeding career, he/she will be spayed or neutered at your expense within 6 months of releasing ownership to Guardian, and the dog will remain a forever pet of their Guardian Family!

### **Cost Involved to Be a Guardian Family**

We do not give our Guardian dogs or pups away. The cost of a Guardian Home puppy/dog requires a deposit of \$500 (standard pet price is \$2200) regardless of the age, gender, color, or size of the puppy/dog.

### **Responsibilities of Guardian Family**

Our Guardian Families are responsible for the general routine veterinary care and wellness of the Guardian puppy/dog placed with them. This means required vaccines, feeding a high quality dog food, regular grooming, monthly heart worm prevention, flea/tick prevention, training, regular exercise and socialization, and most importantly all the love and care and attention possible.

Any "breeding related" medical costs for the Guardian Dog are the expense of "California Sheepadoodles". Our Guardian Families are only responsible for routine maintenance and medical care just as they would if they had their own dog.

California Sheepadoodles requires the Guardian Family to take their puppy to approved veterinarian for a wellness check within 48 hours of receiving puppy to ensure health and wellbeing of puppy. Guardian Family is not to take their puppy to any public places until full series of 1st vaccinations are given as young puppies can be susceptible to the parvovirus which can be a deadly disease. If California Sheepadoodles finds gross negligence has occurred and the puppy has become infected, the Guardian Family is responsible for all of the medical expenses due for the recovery of the puppy.

If it determined that any of California Sheepadoodles puppies/dogs have been neglected in any way, and are harmed and/or killed, the Guardian Family is monetarily liable for the entire purchase price of the puppy/dog and all related medical costs.

The Guardian Family will allow California Sheepadoodles to take possession of puppy/dog for scheduled health clearances at the expense of California Sheepadoodles. If there is a health issue that will not allow puppy/dog to breed, the puppy/dog will be promptly spayed/neutered at the Guardian Family's expense and given to the Guardian Family to retire. If the Guardian Family chooses not to take possession of the puppy/dog, the puppy/dog will go back into the care of California Sheepadoodles only.

Guardian Family must not move outside of a 1 hour radius of California Sheepadoodles unless other arrangements have been made with California Sheepadoodles or puppy/dog will be returned to California Sheepadoodles. California Sheepadoodles May renegotiate the contract if Guardian Family is willing to deliver the puppy/dog as needed for breeding. California Sheepadoodles will drive only 1 hour from Yuba City for pick up and returns.

It is necessary that you have physical fencing to provide a safe and secure environment for the Guardian dog/puppy, own your own home, and have a schedule that will allow for your dog to not be left alone for extended periods of time. All puppies/dogs placed in Guardian Families must be indoor dogs, and never be left outside unattended unless in a secured kennel or approved fenced yard. Boarding and pet sitting fees are at the expense of the Guardian Family. California Sheepadoodles will consider boarding your puppy/dog if available at the time of need at no cost. California Sheepadoodles must be notified if Guardian Family is out of town or going on vacation and California Sheepadoodles will determine if we are going to need your dog during that time.

If for any reason we decide not to breed the Guardian Puppy placed with you (this is a decision solely made by "California Sheepadoodles"), we will require you to spay/neuter the Guardian puppy, and the dog will remain a forever family pet with the Guardian Family.

We ask for monthly photos so that we can watch their develop, and update our website. We also will require a visit to our Guardian Family's home every few months during the first year to assess the Guardian Puppy, as well as build a relationship with him/her for the future. Occasionally, we will ask our Guardian Families to release the puppy to us for a visit so that she can get comfortable with our home for when she will be here with us in the future having babies.

The guardians may return the dog to the breeder at any time and for any reason and the guardianship agreement will be terminated.

### **Guardianship for a female**

Every time the Guardian dog is in season, the Guardian Family is required to contact California Sheepadoodles immediately (typically between 6-9 months of age). An intact female usually has a heat cycle that will last between 14 and 21 days. During this time, we will need access to her for breeding related appointments. Once she has been bred, she will remain with her Guardian Family until one to two weeks before her due

date. At that time, the Guardian dog will come back to stay with us for the remainder of her pregnancy, and will be returned once her pups are fully weaned, at approximately 4 weeks of age of litter. Guardian Families are welcomed and encouraged to visit with scheduled appts while their Guardian Dog is with California Sheepadoodles.

Each dog is individually assessed before determining their required litters. Most of our Guardian dogs will have between 2-4 litters for California Sheepadoodles (this depends whether you have an adult that has already had litters or a puppy entering our breeding program). Female Guardian Puppies placed in a Guardian home will have up to and no more than 4 litters.

California Sheepadoodles retains ownership of this guardian home dog during the length of this agreement. Once the commitments of this contract have been met, California Sheepadoodles will release full ownership to the guardian family.

Due to sexually transmitted diseases the female will not be allowed to have litters outside of the California Sheepadoodles breeding program. If this occurs, this contract will become null and void and the female will be returned back into California Sheepadoodles care.

### **Guardianship for a male**

The stud will sire an unknown number of litters and must be available for California Sheepadoodles to take him for breeding on any given day. As much notice as possible will be given to Guardian Family. The stud will be picked up and returned the same day if possible.

California Sheepadoodles retains ownership of this guardian home dog during the length of this agreement. Once the commitments of this contract have been met, California Sheepadoodles will release full ownership to the guardian family.

Due to sexually transmitted diseases the stud will not be allowed to have litters outside of the California Sheepadoodles breeding program. If this occurs, this contract will become null and void and he male will be returned back into California Sheepadoodles care.

Breeder's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder's Contact:  
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PO Box 1900  
Yuba City, CA 95992  
Phone Number: 916-612-9883  
Jill Underhill  
Email: [jtunderhill2006@gmail.com](mailto:jtunderhill2006@gmail.com)

This is a binding contract. Your signature and date below indicates that you understand and comply with the terms of this contract as stated above.

Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian:

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_