

WNPDP DOODLES Guardian Home Program

Guardian Home Overview

In order to give our Breeding dogs the very best life possible, it is important to us to limit how many dogs we personally keep and house. However, we also understand that in order to breed the highest quality dogs which is our **MAIN GOAL**, we also need to keep, evaluate, and **Add** quality bloodlines to our breeding program., (We also do not hesitate to resign a potential breeding candidate to PET status only, should they fail to pass our genetic screening among other high standards for reproduction from a specific dog.) **,So, what is the best way that this could be done?** For us as well as many like us, the answer is the Guardian Program.

Our Guardian Dog program allows us and other Pet Perfecting advocates like us to expand our dog breeding program with pride and has helped to breed the very highest quality puppies the right way, **Out of kennels and into loving Family Lives!**

As a Guardian home, you get a free puppy and the dog stays with you as your family dog for the life of the dog and we retain breeding rights for a certain amount of litters starting at sexual maturity and ending once the female has whelped a set amount of litters. Each guardian dog contract is unique but it's usually between 1 and 5 litters depending on what we're trying to accomplish with that particular female and how well she reacts to being a Mother. There are many important aspects to take into consideration when breeding to the Highest standards.

Our Guardians are responsible to Keep on hand all Health/vet/vaccine records and records of Flea/tick prevention, Heart worm prevention (We prefer you use Interceptor Plus monthly). We pay for genetic health testing required for breeding, and all breeding related expenses. We decide when she will be bred and to whom she will be bred to, she stays with her guardian family during her pregnancy (63 days) and then is returned to us at least a week before her due date to deliver (whelp) and then raise her puppies (8 weeks). Once her puppies are weaned then she's returned to her guardian family.

In this contract, you may find some points repeated in slightly different wording, but with all the same idea. This is to put those points home, in a way that all can understand them clearly, in case it was missed the first time you read it. Thank you for your dedication to reading all details & asking us any questions that you may have Prior to joining our program!

Guardian Family Qualifications

- Must keep the dog on a leash or in a fully fenced area
- Must be willing to train the dog basic obedience commands
- Feed the dog a quality food.
- Previous dog experience
- **Be able to identify onset of heat cycle and notify breeder**
- Must not allow female to breed with any dog
- Must communicate, cooperate, and coordinate with the breeder regarding breeding, whelping, and all aspects of dog care
- Must ensure that the puppy is socialized to adults, children, and other animals- SUPER IMPORTANT
- Must not allow a female **in heat** near intact males

What is the Guardian Home Program??

The Guardian Home Program is a way for our breeder dogs to get the loving families they deserve right from puppy hood!

A potential breeder will be chosen while it is a puppy and will be placed with a Guardian Home until the puppy is old enough to take part in our **breeding program. If the puppy is a female, she will return to us for breeding and then again when it is time to whelp (birth) the puppies. She** will remain at our home while rearing and weaning the puppies and will return to her family after the pups are weaned. Females will have 1-5 litters with us. If the puppy is a male, he will return to us whenever his services are needed for breeding and then go home to his family.

What are the benefits of the Guardian Home Program??

The puppy gets to have a loving family of their own and the Guardian Home family gets a top quality, healthy puppy for a low cost. When the dog is finished with their breeding career, they will be signed over to the Guardian Home family and remain their pet for the rest of their days.

All are welcome to inquire about becoming one of our Guardian Owners – please note that we are very selective and only highly qualified families will be approved to foster our breeding mother dogs. After reviewing your (verbal, or written) application, we will set up a telephone interview and will conduct a home visit. Our breeding program depends on the quality of care & socialization provided by our guardian families.

If at any time the program does not work out for the Guardian Family, Triple C Ranch will take the dog back, and the dog will solely belong to us.

Some Questions & Answers

How long is a female pregnant?

Dogs are pregnant for 63 days give or take 4 days.

What happens when she is ready to have her puppies?

We give you two options:

1. You can whelp and raise the pups at your house or you can bring your girl to us and we will whelp and raise the pups. We don't make you make this decision until about 1 week before your girl is due. Many choose to raise the pups at their house because they want the experience of raising pups. It is a lot of work but very rewarding. Should you choose this method- YOU MUST RAISE THE PUPPIES WITH OUR ELITE SOCIALIZATION & PUPPY CULTURE METHOD. We will give you the details should you decide to do this.

Or

2. You can bring your girl to us a week before she is due so she can settle in. We will whelp and raise the pups and mom will come back home when the pups are 8 weeks old. Most families do choose for us to whelp and raise the pups.

Can we visit her when she has the puppies if she is at your house?

You and your family are welcome to visit. No other visitors are allowed due to the risk of bringing in a lethal virus (Parvo) to the pup. The mom usually is VERY focused on her babies the first two weeks after she has her pups. Usually by the time puppies are two weeks old the mom is ready for little breaks from the puppies and enjoys seeing her family much more than earlier in the process. She is settled into being a mom and things are much happier for all involved during the visit. We ask that you try to decrease the odds of bringing in a fatal virus by bringing in freshly washed sneakers putting them on at our front door. We will ask for you to wash your hands before handling pups.

Does this negatively affect the dog emotionally to go from the guardian home to the breeder's home?

No. There is an initial "Where is my family going?" at first when she comes to us, but in every situation (even with general boarding) the dog is settled and comfortable and doing very well within an hour or two. Remember they will already "know" us from the times we have taken them for testing or when we have "dog sat" for you. We try very hard to give them much attention and love the first couple days so that it is a peaceful & enjoyable experience for them. This is also important as everything the mother feels causes things to happen inside her body that can affect the babies. The more relaxed she is, the better it is for babies. So, it is very important that the guardian home not make the transition difficult for the dog. If they act upset or nervous or sad about leaving her, she will feel that even more greatly and we need to make sure that doesn't happen. Bringing her and hanging out with her for a little while, just pretending like it's any other visit you'd make is very important. If we can have the family sneak out so the dog isn't even aware they've left, that is usually best also. She rarely acknowledges for more than a couple of minutes that anything has happened.

What happens during pregnancy & what should I do differently with the dog?

1. Pregnancy is actually very easy overall. The dog may act a little more tired, or not eat normally for a few weeks. The last couple weeks of pregnancy she is usually becoming hungrier and sleeps more as time progresses. Otherwise, normal activity is typical and it is important to continue with walking the dog right up to the end. This helps during delivery. Being in shape is always best. Normal play and romping and running during the first half of pregnancy is great. After that, we limit activity to walks on a leash and no ball chasing type of activities. We suggest supplementing her regular high quality kibble diet (if you are currently not supplementing with the BARF diet) with ¼ cup of yogurt or cottage cheese every other day and a raw egg twice a week, during the last 3 weeks of pregnancy to give extra nutrition for her & her puppies.

2. No chemicals may be given during pregnancy. We suggest no vaccinations during this time. If there is an illness or injury we ask to be involved in determining how she is treated.

What happens if the puppy gets sick or injured while in the guardian home's care?

While the dog is in your care/home, any illness/injury that happens is your financial responsibility, just as it would be if you had a non guardian pet. We ask to be involved in knowing what is going on and determining medications, but the family is responsible for those expenses. We have your dog's best interest at heart so it is good to have us to consult with. If you are negligent and your dog is lost or dies when in your care we will ask for you to be responsible for our financial loss. If your dog is injured or dies and can no longer participate in the program and you were being responsible we will not hold you liable for the loss. Bad things can happen to anybody. Fortunately, we have never had a serious injury or loss to any dog in our guardian program.

What expenses do we pay for and what things does the breeder pay for?

1. The guardian home pays for any normal care items for the dog. Feeding a high quality dog food, dishes, leashes, beds, deworming, Heart worm prevention, Flea/tick prevention, general routine veterinary care & wellness, annual vaccines, grooming, behavior training (if you aren't able to train them yourself), regular exercise & socialization, as well as all the love, care, and attention possible 😊 .

2. We pay for all expenses related to health testing for breeding purposes, & all breeding expenses.

How many litters do you usually breed before retiring the dog?

We contract for up to 5 litters. Sometimes we don't breed at all. So the number of litters depends on each individual case. We consider a litter 2 or more pups so if a mom has only one pup we don't count it as a litter. A female averages 3 litters in our program. If the puppies are exceptional quality there could be 5 litters.

Who pays for the spay/neuter surgery?

We do. This is usually about 2 months after her last litter of puppies is weaned or for male dogs on or before their sixth birthday (usually before). We will arrange a day and time so we can pick up and drop off dogs for their surgeries.

What happens if the dog doesn't pass a health test like you want them to for becoming a breeding dog?

Remember, that breeding quality and pet quality are *two different things*. Just because a dog may not be the best breeding candidate doesn't mean she/he isn't *the perfect pet*. Your dog can pass all the tests and we still may decide to remove it from the program. We aren't bashful about removing dogs from our breeding program. If we release your dog from the breeding program, we will spay/neuter your dog. *You will still have gotten a quality dog for only the normal costs of having a pet.*

What if I have a male guardian dog?

Male guardian dogs are usually used for breeding after 12-18 months. We ask that you make your dog available for breeding. Most of our guardian boys aren't used for breeding very often. Usually the dogs will need to be with us less than 24 hours each time we pick him up or have you drop him off. Again,

while we may take care of his transportation to get him here or back to you for breeding purposes- transportation is your responsibility during his contract with us, and is the very small price you pay for getting a very high quality pet for very little cost!! Also VERY importantly- you must keep him away from all intact females during his contract with us! People often miss the signs of estrus cycle in their female, which is how unplanned/irresponsible breedings occur. We ask that you take the small effort to prevent this on your part by keeping him completely away from intact females until he is neutered, or while he is in our care. Thank you!

Where should I board my dog?

If you ever need boarding, we would love the opportunity to watch your dog as long it fits in with our family schedule. Otherwise you would board your dog as you would any pet when you vacation. It is always great to have the opportunity to play with one of the dogs we produced. We love the additional opportunity to interact with the dog and family. *We also may offer occasional free/discounted groomings by us for your guardian pet!*

What happens if we join the guardian home for a quality breeding dog but don't intend to honor the breeding contract?

We make a great commitment emotionally & financially to our owners & our guardian dogs. We ask that you enter into our guardian program only if you are willing to make the same level of commitment to your dog and to us. Unfortunately, we must put a penalty for those who break our contract as some want the discounted dog but may have no intentions of honoring the contract. We want to work with you and for this to be a **win, win, win** for all involved. We work hard to select the best of the best of our dogs for our guardian homes. We have a financial penalty to discourage those that would want to get a discounted dog and break the contract by using the dog for their own breeding program. If you are willing to make an honest commitment to us and our breeding program we will be very flexible and will do all we can to make this program work for you and your dog.

We don't want to be controlling or intrusive into a family's life. We consider our dogs and owners like extended family and enjoy the extra interaction we have with them in the guardian program. We are very fair and reasonable and want to work with you to make this an exciting situation for all of us. We hope that you will consider partnering with us.

What about Vet Bills, do you pay those? Again, here is more clarification for *VET BILLS*.

We pay for all Veterinarian bills that are related to breeding purposes and all necessary genetic testing. We do **not** pay for Well Pet Visits, sick or injury visits, Preventive Medications or Immunization.

Again, If the dog becomes sick or injured, we ask that the guardian family notify us, as we would like to be involved in all decisions regarding the health and veterinary treatment of the guardian dog/puppy while it is under the breeding contract.

Again, we do ask that the guardian family provide transportation to and from all vet appointments. We try to work with our guardians on time and schedules in regards to the appointments but sometimes there is only a set date we can schedule and in that case we try to give at least a weeks notice to prepare.

Dog Handling and Living Arrangements:

We ask that our guardian families practice safe dog handling. For example do not leave the dog outside, without being contained in a fenced in area, if you are not supervising it. Use a leash in public. Do not tie or chain your dog to a tree or post in the backyard. Provide basic obedience training so the dog has manners. Our dogs are family oriented and thrive in a family environment. They love their people.

What about transportation?

The guardian home is responsible for the transportation of the dog to us when needed for breeding, litters, or health testing. *This is the most inconvenient part of the guardian responsibilities.* Please think through this carefully. ***This is the guardian home responsibility and part of how they earn the dog and/or monetary percentage through the program. Guardians will be notified, if at all possible, 2 days in advance for any necessary trips.***

What age do you start breeding the guardian dogs?

We breed on the second or third heat in most cases. They're usually 1 – 1 ½ at this time.

How long is she with you when you breed her?

She is with us for about 1-2 weeks, **we ask that you bring her to us as soon as you suspect that she is coming into heat so that we can verify and keep her away from other males.** When it is a heat that we will breed her with, we breed every other day until we've completed a successful "tie" at least 3 separate times/days.

Whelping a Litter, do they need to go to the Vet for this?

Our Standard Poodles and Goldendoodles are very good free whelpers, meaning they usually need very little human support to successfully whelp their litter of puppies. We put them in a big toddler plastic swimming pool in our Whelping room with blankets and towels and we usually stay up all night making sure each puppy is delivered safely and is placed on their Mom to nurse. We never leave them alone to whelp and are very diligent with our whelping Dams. If we see something that is not normal then yes, we would take them to the Vet right away. Animal instincts are amazing however and there is usually not a whole lot we as humans need to do for our dogs to successfully whelp and care for their puppies. It is *beautiful* to watch a dog that has never had a litter automatically know what to do.

What happens if the puppy gets sick or injured while in the guardian home's care?

While the dog is in guardian's care and home, any illness or injury that happens is their financial responsibility and vice versa if we have the dog, then anything that happens here is our responsibility.

What if my Guardian dog accidentally gets pregnant by another dog not approved by UniPop, or if a male-impregnates a dog that is not approved by UniPop Doodles?

This is a serious matter, involving money and time. First of all- you as Guardian owner must pay to have the female dog's (yours or the female that your male impregnated) pregnancy aborted by a Licensed Veterinarian (at which time they will also spay the female), and then you must either pay the full purchase price of your dog to UniPop, or forfeit the Guardian dog to UniPop. If you own a male, you must ALSO have your male neutered ASAP by a Licensed Veterinarian and provide proof of same to UniPop. If this is not all done, then UniPop reserves the right to take your dog back. Please take EVERY safe measure to prevent this from happening! Thank you! A good way to prevent this is to have your dog contained (In an enclosed play area or inside while not under supervision, and on a leash when around other intact dogs.)

What are the grooming requirements and do you want us to keep the dog clipped a certain way?

We ask that families keep their guardian dog in one of the typical cuts for their breed for their 6-9 month photo updates. For the Goldendoodles, the most important part is the head and ears. We want them to have the doodle look.

We require that the dog be kept groomed and matt free. If you're unable to keep the coat in good shape yourself, then you can use a groomer to do so.

Guardian dogs are ambassadors for our program. It is important that their coats are kept up, clean & not matted or in bad shape.

We ask that you provide us with pictures on a regular basis (every 6-8 months) for our website and so that we can see our Guardian dogs as they grow. These dogs are so beautiful you can't help but take good care of them and take lots of photos. Kids & dogs/puppies together make for SUCH heartwarming photos, as the love between them is VERY apparent!

How long do you wait between breedings?

We are flexible about when breedings are done. If you want to plan a summer vacation while your dog is with us raising her pups, we are fine with that. If the timing works better for you during the winter we are agreeable to that. The dogs generally cycle every 6 months. As long as your dog is healthy and up to having a litter we are very

flexible as to when the breeding will be done but don't want to wait more than a year between breedings unless there is a medical reason to do so. She will not be bred before 12 months of after 6 six years. Most females average 3 litters.

When the dog is older and completes his/her breeding obligations, we pay for spay/neuter and your dog comes home to enjoy the wonderful life you have provided for him/her since puppy hood. Females in guardian homes may have up to 5 litters prior to being spayed, usually by their 5th birthday.

There are many things that Guardian families need to consider. Guardians of females sometimes have to deal with several heat cycles and keeping their girl protected from unwanted males. The Guardian family will need to learn the signs of a heat cycle and be willing to communicate, cooperate and coordinate with us to ensure a successful breeding. Because of canine venereal diseases, **male guardian dogs can only mate with approved females.**

In closing...

The Guardian Home program is actually a very simple program, even though it may seem like there are a lot of details. The main thing to remember is there is no better way than the guardian home program to help reputable breeders continue to breed dogs in a humane and loving environment and in order to continue to produce HAPPY and HEALTHY puppies for families who are looking for a forever pet, a sport dog or therapy dog.

THE MOST IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS ARE:
Commitment, Socialization and Trust.
BE willing to work with Us Respectfully
AND
Be a FANTASTIC dog owner!

We provide our guardian families of Females with a monetary litter gift per litter their female guardian dog whelps. The amount will vary depending on which option the Guardian chooses, in either raising the puppies at their own home, or UniPop Doodles raising the puppies in our home. The percentage will be noted on the individual contract details section at the end of the contract, prior to both parties signing the contract. All individual litter vet/health/advertising/supplies/food expenses for that litter will be deducted prior to percentage division. Document with listed details of expenses, etc. may or may not be provided to the Guardian family upon litter adoption completion. Monetary litter gift may be provided to the Guardian family usually within one month after the last puppy of that litter has been purchased.

Specific Contract details for Guardian Family:

Signature of Guardian Owner

Date

Signature of UniPop Representative

Date
