



## PUPPY PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Date:

The following agreement is between Megan Zofnas of Salt of the Earth Dachshunds, hereafter referred to as "Breeder", and \_\_\_\_\_, hereafter referred to as "Buyer", for the sale and purchase of one Longhair Miniature Dachshund puppy.

### Breeder agrees herewith to sell to:

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

E-mail:

### INFORMATION ON PUPPY

Sire:

Dam:

Date of Whelp/DOB:

Go Home Date:

Puppy Gender:

Puppy Coat Color/Markings:

AKC Registered Name (36 characters): Salt of the Earth's \*TBD\*

AKC #:

Microchip #: TBD @ 9 week vet visit

**Contract type:** Pet Only/No Breeding Rights/Limited AKC Registration\*

### RESERVATION FEE

For Buyer to reserve a puppy of their choice of color and gender prior to 10 weeks of age, a \$500 non-refundable reservation fee is required. The non-refundable reservation fee is to be paid to Megan Zofnas via Zelle or Good Dog at the time of Buyer's signed puppy purchase agreement submission. The reservation fee guarantees that Buyer's choice in puppy will be pulled from all advertising and all efforts by the Breeder to find that puppy a home will cease. If Buyer changes their mind and chooses to not get the puppy or cannot get the puppy for any reason, Buyer will forfeit their reservation fee. If Buyer's choice in puppy becomes ill or dies in Breeder's care, their reservation fee will be refunded in full OR Buyer may choose to transfer their reservation fee to

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another available puppy/future litter with Breeder. Breeder reserves the right to refuse or cancel the sale of a puppy and refund monies paid at any time, for any reason.

#### **FINAL PAYMENT**

Total price of the puppy is **\$3,000**. Minus the \$500 reservation fee due at the time of this puppy purchase agreement submission, the final balance of **\$2,500** is due when the puppy is ready for his/her new home. Final payments are to be paid to Megan Zofnas via Zelle or Good Dog no less than 24 business hours prior to the agreed upon go home date for in-person pickup and no less than 72 business hours prior to Breeder or 3<sup>rd</sup> party transportation services. Puppies will be available to go to their new home at 10 weeks of age, after they have been medically cleared to do so by Breeder's veterinarian. Pickup will be by appointment only. No puppy may be picked up prior to their second set of vaccinations and vet check at 9 weeks of age. If Buyer is not able to pick up their puppy on the agreed upon go home day, the balance must still be paid in full as outlined above or the puppy will be offered to the next person on the waiting list.

#### **ABANDONMENT CLAUSE**

If Buyer fails to show up to pick up their puppy at their designated appointment time and location without prior communication and agreement with Breeder, their puppy will be considered abandoned. Buyer's reservation fee will be forfeited, this sale will be canceled, and the puppy will be offered to the next person on the waiting list.

#### **COMMUNICATION**

Communication between Breeder and Buyer is essential for a good working relationship. If Breeder is not met with perverse communication or communication deadlines are not met, Breeder reserves the right to cancel the sale.

#### **THE PUPPY IS TO BE SOLD UNDER THE FOLLOWING TERMS**

The puppy will have been examined by Breeder's licensed veterinarian twice prior to leaving Breeder's care at 10 weeks of age. Breeder will disclose any abnormal findings prior to go home day so that the Buyer is able to make an informed decision as to whether they want to move forward with the sale of the puppy or not. Breeder believes in complete transparency regarding any



abnormal finding(s) at these veterinarian visits. The puppy will be given all age-appropriate vaccinations at 6 weeks and 9 weeks of age by Breeder's veterinarian.

Puppies are not fully protected until approximately 2 weeks after their last set of vaccinations. Parvo incubation period can be as short as 3 days and they can pick it up virtually anywhere. Please do not take your puppy to any public places or let them interact with unfamiliar or unvaccinated dogs until all their vaccinations are completed. Breeder is not responsible for infectious diseases/viruses that develop 72 hours after the puppy has left Breeder's care. If the puppy is diagnosed with Parvo or another infectious disease/virus within 72 hours after leaving the Breeder's care and the puppy passes away because of it, a replacement puppy of equal value will be offered when one becomes available. If the puppy is diagnosed with parvo or another infectious virus within 72 hours after leaving the Breeder's care and Buyer seeks appropriate veterinary care, the Breeder will cover veterinary costs up to HALF of the purchase price. Breeder will only cover veterinary costs if the puppy is diagnosed within 72 hours after leaving the Breeder's care. For anything diagnosed after 72 hours, there is no way of knowing where the puppy picked up the virus and the Breeder is NOT responsible for any veterinary costs nor is the Buyer entitled to a replacement puppy. Breeder will only cover veterinary expenses if the puppy is not already covered by pet insurance.

The Buyer agrees to take the puppy to a licensed Veterinarian of their choosing for a complete physical examination within 7 days of taking possession of the puppy for Breeder's health guarantee to remain in effect. Because veterinary appointments can be difficult to obtain, we highly recommend that the Buyer make their appointment at the time they reserve their puppy. At this initial appointment, if the Buyer's veterinarian finds the puppy to have a serious health condition that is congenital in nature, the Breeder will refund up to the total purchase price of the puppy. All veterinarian records must be provided to the Breeder and both the Breeder and Breeder's veterinarian must be authorized to speak with Buyer's veterinarian(s). The puppy must be returned to the Breeder for full refund. The Breeder reserves the right to a second opinion with a veterinarian of their choice prior to any refunds. Refunds will not be made until the puppy is back in the possession of the Breeder and the puppies AKC registration is signed back over to the Breeder by the Buyer.

All puppies are sent home with a small bag of the food they are currently eating. We suggest using this bag first before investing in a larger bag of this food to make sure that your puppy continues to



do well on it and that your veterinarian agrees that your puppy should remain on it. All dietary changes should be done under the supervision of Buyer's veterinarian. Once the puppy leaves Breeder's care and control, Breeder is not responsible for any GI upsets as they are no longer managing the puppy's dietary intake.

### HEALTH GUARANTEE

The puppy that is the subject of this Purchase Agreement is guaranteed to be free from any 'life-threatening' congenital genetic diseases/defects that can cause death or serious impairments of vital functions in the puppy until the puppy is 24 months of age. These genetic conditions are those which have been tested for in the sire and dam of the litter prior to breeding. Breeder follows the most current Dachshund Club of America breeding health testing guidelines. Some conditions can be thought to have a genetic component within a breed, but have no definitive test(s) for breeding pairs. In that case, the condition would NOT be covered. The first symptom must have occurred prior to 24 months of age and be documented by Buyer's veterinarian. Health conditions are to be deemed 'genetic' by a licensed veterinarian and cannot be related to a lack of veterinary care, improper diet/nutrition/exercise, inadequate housing/environment, neglect/abuse, or accidents. Should any genetic disease/defect (for which the dam and sire were able to be tested for) be diagnosed that jeopardizes the quality of life of this puppy, the Breeder will offer a replacement puppy of equal value at no cost when one becomes available OR Breeder will offer to refund HALF of the purchase price of the puppy. Puppy will not need to be returned to the Breeder to receive either a replacement puppy OR HALF refund of purchase price. If the puppy dies prior to 24 months of age from unknown causes or a known congenital disease/defect, Buyer must obtain a necropsy at their expense to provide proof of death and to definitively ascertain the cause of death; Buyer must provide the necropsy report to the Breeder in order to receive a replacement puppy OR HALF refund of purchase price. Cancers are NOT covered as there is no present way to prove cancers are congenital/genetic. Overbites, underbites, persistent deciduous teeth, eye issues, seizures, hernias, undescended testes, inverted/recessed vulvas\*, hemivertebrae of the tail, and any other minor congenital/genetic issue is NOT covered by this health guarantee. Because of their multifactorial causes, IVDD, Patellar Luxation, and angular limb deformities like Pes Varus are NOT covered under this health guarantee.



Puppies are at risk for contracting parasites like Coccidia and Giardia which are often associated with the stress of moving to a new home, new people, change of climate, food, or surroundings, etc. The highest incidence of infection is within the first 21 days after moving to a new environment. Coccidia, Giardia, and worms are NOT covered under our health guarantee. All puppies leave Breeder's care at Salt of the Earth Dachshunds with a clear fecal screening documented in their provided veterinarian records. Puppies can experience stress diarrhea while transitioning to their new homes.

For this health guarantee to be valid should a covered health issue occur, all veterinarian records must be provided to the Breeder and both the Breeder and Breeder's veterinarian must be authorized to speak with Buyer's veterinarian(s). Breeder reserves the right to a second veterinary opinion by a veterinarian of their choice.

#### **SIZE**

Buyer understands and agrees that Breeder cannot guarantee the final adult size as diet and exercise, as well as genetics, all play a role.

#### **COAT**

Buyer understands and agrees that the Breeder cannot guarantee the final shade(s) of adult coat color, length, or quality of the coat.

#### **NOVELTY DNA TESTING**

Buyer understands that DNA breed/ancestry testing performed by commercial/public laboratories are not accepted by the AKC and any such testing is for entertainment purposes only. Results of novelty DNA breed/ancestry testing is specifically excluded in any guarantee by the Breeder and Buyer agrees that results of novelty DNA breed/ancestry testing is NOT grounds for return, refund, or replacement.



## **PET INSURANCE**

Breeder sends every puppy home with a free 30-day Trupanion pet insurance offer that must be activated by Buyer within 24 hours of the puppy go home date. All information will be provided to Buyer in their Welcome Home folder upon pickup. Salt of the Earth Dachshunds does not require ongoing health insurance for their puppies; However, due to the rising costs of veterinarian care it is highly recommended for Buyer to do research on the different pet insurance companies and choose a reputable company to insure their new puppy with.

## **SPAY AND NEUTER AGREEMENT**

Buyer agrees to have their puppy spayed/neutered, but NOT prior to 12 months of age as Dachshund growth plates do not close until around this time. If a Dachshund is spayed/neutered prior to 12 months of age, they lose the hormonal influence needed for proper growth plate closure which can significantly increase the risk of things like growth plate issues, IVDD, Patellar Luxation, and Pes Varus. Based on current research, the ideal timeframe to spay or neuter a Dachshund is between 18 to 24 months of age. We are happy to discuss the precautions that need to be taken with intact dogs to help you decide if you want to proceed in acquiring a Salt of the Earth Dachshund puppy. Health Guarantee will be null and void if puppy is spayed/neutered prior to 12 months of age. A Hormone-Sparing Sterilization procedure will be accepted at any age recommended by Buyer's veterinarian should this be the chosen method of reproduction prevention. Buyer assumes all responsibility for associated risks pertaining to any spay/neuter or Hormone-Sparing Sterilization procedure.

## **TRAINING/SOCIALIZATION**

Buyer understands and agrees that puppies require training and socialization to help them develop appropriate behaviors and social skills; While the Breeder begins this process prior to the puppy leaving their care, this is the sole responsibility of the buyer.



## **RENTERS**

If Buyer is presently renting, Breeder requires Buyer to provide a personalized letter from their landlord stating that they are allowed to have a dog reside with them on the premises or a recent signed pet agreement between Buyer and their landlord allowing the puppy to reside with them.

## **REGISTRATION\***

This puppy is being sold to the Buyer as a pet ONLY. Breeder will register the puppy with the AKC on limited registration with the buyer's choice of name using the AKC Breeder Toolkit electronic system within 14 days of leaving Breeder's care. 'Salt of the Earth's' must be included at the beginning of the chosen registered name to identify Breeder's program as the breeder of the puppy. The registration fee is included in the purchase price of the puppy. Limited registration means that the puppy is AKC registered, but no litters produced by the dog in the future are eligible for AKC registration, nor may the dog be entered in any AKC breed competitions. The puppy may however participate in AKC licensed obedience, hunting, herding, agility tests or any other AKC events.

If the puppy that is subject of this Purchase Agreement is used for breeding without agreement from Breeder and before entering into a separate breeding contract with Breeder, Buyer will forfeit the privilege of having the AKC Limited Registration of puppy changed to AKC Full Registration and will also be fined \$5,000 in damages per breeding occurrence under this Pet Only/No Breeding Rights/Limited AKC Registration Purchase Agreement.

## **MICROCHIP**

Each puppy comes with a AKC Reunite microchip that the Breeder will register in the Buyer's name within 14 days of leaving Breeder's care. The microchip and lifetime registration fee are included in the price of the puppy. It is the Buyer's responsibility to keep their contact information updated with the microchip company. Megan Zofnas/Salt of the Earth Dachshunds will remain locked in as secondary/Breeder contact for the lifetime of the dog. If Breeder is contacted directly about the puppy being lost, the breeder will make every effort to contact the Buyer to reunite them with the puppy. If the Breeder is unable to locate the Buyer or the Breeder is contacted for repeated occurrences where Buyer has failed to secure/supervise their puppy, Buyer will forfeit ownership



back to the Breeder and Breeder will retain possession of the puppy that is the subject of this contract with no return of money to the Buyer.

The Buyer understands that the puppy cannot be given away or sold to any other individual or research company. The Buyer certifies that they are not acting as a broker or agent for another individual in the purchase of this puppy. In the event the Buyer cannot keep the puppy or provide proper care for the puppy, the Buyer agrees that the puppy will be returned to the Breeder. Failure to contact Breeder prior to rehoming will result in a fine of \$3,000 in damages. Buyer understands and agrees that they must not euthanize, take the puppy to an animal shelter, or breed rescue.

The Buyer agrees the puppy will never be abused, neglected, or used for any kind of illegal purposes. Buyer also agrees to provide proper shelter, food, water, and never to leave the puppy on a lead for extended periods of time unsupervised. Buyer understands that the puppy is not to ever be left to live in a cage or outside. Buyer also commits to provide necessary veterinary checkups, vaccinations, worming, heartworm, and flea and tick prevention as recommended by their licensed veterinarian. If the puppy shows signs of neglect or abuse, Buyer understands that ownership of the puppy will immediately return to the Breeder without the return of any money to the Buyer.

The terms of this Purchase Agreement last the puppy's entire life and failure to abide by the conditions set forth in this agreement or in any way to neglect the emotional or physical well-being of said puppy will result in the Breeder taking ownership of dog and/or civil litigation, without refunds of money paid for puppy. The Buyer will be responsible for all legal fees for both Buyer and Breeder.

The Buyer agrees to stay in contact periodically with the Breeder by email, phone, text, or Facebook for the duration of said puppy's life. The Buyer agrees that at any time they move or change any contact information, that the Buyer will contact the Breeder with new contact information for Breeder to remain in compliance with AKC. The Buyer agrees to allow the Breeder to use photos and updates on social media and/or website.

If any legal action is ever taken against either party regarding the puppy that is the subject of this agreement, Buyer agrees that all court proceeding will go through Johnston County, North Carolina. If Breeder moves to a different county, court will be held in the county where the Breeder resides.





Buyer agrees to release the Breeder from any/all liability associated with any/all possible zoonotic illnesses/infections and/or injuries that can be caused/given by or to your puppy.

**NAME OF BUYER (please print)**

**SIGNATURE OF BUYER & DATE**

**NAME OF BREEDER & BREEDERS PROGRAM**

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Megan Zofnas, Salt of the Earth Dachshunds



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