

**Puppy/Dog Purchase Agreement & Guarantee  
(Limited to Full Registration)**

This agreement (“**Agreement**”), dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ (the “**Effective Date**”), is between the “**Breeder**” and “**Buyer**” listed on the final page of this Agreement. The subject of this Agreement is the below-described puppy/dog (“**puppy/dog**”).

Registered Name:	
Breeder Call Name:	Registry Name: American Kennel Club
Date of Birth:	Registration Number:
Sex:	Color:
Microchip Number:	
Sire Registered Name:	
Sire Registration Number:	
Dam Registered Name:	
Dam Registration Number:	

The Breeder and Buyer agree as follows:

1. **Deposit.** A non-refundable deposit of \$200 (“**Deposit**”) has been paid to Breeder. The Deposit shall be applied to the final Purchase Price (defined below).
2. **Purchase Price.** The full purchase price of \$2,500 (“**Purchase Price**”) is agreed with the balance due in full (a) at least two weeks before the puppy/dog is delivered to Buyer or (b) upon Buyer’s pickup of the puppy/dog. Any shipping and handling expenses are the responsibility of and shall be paid by Buyer. All payments due under this Agreement shall be made in US Dollars and paid to Breeder via cash, PayPal, Venmo, or Good Dog.
  - a. Processing Fee. A 4% processing fee will apply to all PayPal and Venmo transactions. A 7% processing fee will apply to all Good Dog transactions. Processing fees will not be applied towards the Purchase Price.
3. **Limited to Full Registration.** The puppy/dog is a purebred Golden Retriever registrable with the American Kennel Club and is being sold with limited American Kennel Club registration. As such, the puppy/dog is not eligible for exhibiting in Conformation but may compete in other performance events, such as Agility, Obedience, and Rally. Upon the completion of the required health clearances and titles defined below at Buyer’s sole cost, Breeder will grant Buyer full registration rights from the American Kennel Club, which allows show and breeding rights on the puppy/dog.

- a. Required Health Clearances. The required health clearances include passing (i) hip certification from the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) or PennHIP at 24 months of age or older, (ii) elbow certification from OFA at 24 months of age or older, (iii) heart certification from a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (Cardiology) at 12 months of age or older, and (iv) eye certification from a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmology at 12 months of age or older. All health clearance results must be provided to Breeder and be made publicly available on the OFA online database prior to limited registration being revoked and Buyer being granted full registration. Full registration will not be granted if the puppy/dog fails one or more of the health clearances defined above.
  - b. Required Titles. The puppy/dog must earn one of the following titles (x) conformation champion title from the United Kennel Club or Canadian Kennel Club, (y) an international champion and national champion title from the International All Breed Canine Association, or (z) a certificate of conformation assessment from the Golden Retriever Club of America. The puppy/dog must also earn three titles in obedience, rally, tracking, scent work, or agility from the American Kennel Club. Official title certificates must be provided to Breeder prior to limited registration being revoked and Buyer being granted full registration.
  - c. Application to Revoke Limited Status. Upon completion of the requirements defined above, Breeder will mail the application to revoke limited status to Buyer. Buyer is responsible for the submission of all required paperwork and application fees to the American Kennel Club.
4. **Registration by Breeder.** Breeder shall register the puppy/dog with the American Kennel Club for Buyer. Breeder agrees to (a) use Breeder's kennel prefix "Meramec" when registering the puppy/dog, and (b) use the listed registered name. Buyer will not change the puppy/dog's registration name without Breeder's prior written consent and will never remove the kennel prefix from the puppy/dog's registration name.
  5. **Unauthorized Breeding.** The puppy/dog is being sold on limited registration and breeding of the puppy/dog prior to completing the requirements for full registration defined above is expressly prohibited. If at any time prior to the completion of these requirements the puppy/dog has produced any offspring, (a) Buyer must return the puppy/dog to Breeder immediately and pay Breeder \$200 per offspring and (b) all of Breeder's warranties set forth in this Agreement will become null and void.
  6. **Breeder Obligations.** Breeder represents and warrants the following:
    - a. Ownership. Breeder is the lawful owner of the puppy/dog and has the right to transfer ownership of the puppy/dog to Buyer. Ownership of the puppy/dog will be transferred to Buyer upon Buyer's payment of the full Purchase Price.
    - b. State of Health; Short-Term Health Warranty. The puppy/dog (i) was previously examined by a licensed veterinarian and was found to be in good health at that

time and (ii) has had the immunizations enumerated in the health records provided to Buyer. Buyer, at its own expense, must have the puppy/dog examined by a licensed veterinarian within 72 hours of receiving the puppy/dog (the “**Examination Period**”) for the guarantee in this section to be valid. If, within the Examination Period, a licensed veterinarian finds the puppy/dog to be unhealthy or unfit for sale, the puppy/dog may be returned to Breeder for a full refund of the Purchase Price. The veterinarian must provide a written statement deeming the puppy/dog “unfit for purchase”, which must be sent to Breeder within 48 hours of the veterinary examination. The foregoing guarantee expressly excludes (x) any health issues caused by Buyer’s ill-treatment, abuse, or neglect, (y) any health issues that result from the puppy/dog’s transportation from Breeder to Buyer and (z) all minor illnesses and health issues, including upper respiratory infections, allergic reactions, stress colitis/diarrhea, internal or external parasites, contagious viruses (including canine parvovirus), urinary tract infections, vaginitis, undescended testicles, or umbilical hernias.

- c. Long-Term Health Warranty. Breeder provides a 26-month warranty from the puppy/dog’s date of birth against any debilitating genetic conditions. For purposes of this section, “monogenic genetic conditions” (i) include the Golden Retriever variants of Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis (NCL), Progressive Rod-Cone Degeneration (PRA-prcd), Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA1 & PRA2), and Congenital Ichthyosis (Ich1 & Ich2), and (ii) expressly do not include Hip Dysplasia, Elbow Dysplasia, Subaortic Stenosis, Cherry Eye, Entropion, Ectropion, Cataracts, Panosteitis, allergies, and umbilical hernia. In the event the puppy/dog exhibits symptoms of a suspected debilitating genetic condition, Buyer must immediately inform Breeder and supply any requested veterinary records to Breeder. Breeder will be given the opportunity to take the puppy/dog to a licensed veterinarian of Breeder’s choice for examination.
- d. Returns/Refunds. If it is determined by a licensed veterinarian that the puppy/dog (i) was “unfit for purchase” or (ii) has a genetic disorder that is identified within the warranty periods described above, the Buyer may (x) return the puppy/dog and receive a replacement puppy/dog from the next available litter of equal or better value or (y) return the puppy/dog and receive reimbursement of the original Purchase Price. Should the puppy/dog be returned or exchanged according to the terms of this section, Buyer shall (a) be responsible for any and all transportation expenses, veterinarian charges, crate fees, air freight charges, and transport fees and (b) transfer ownership, American Kennel Club registration, and (if applicable) registration filed with any other registry to Breeder at Buyer’s sole cost.
- e. No Other Warranties. No other warranties or guarantees, expressed or implied, are made by Breeder, and the puppy/dog is sold and delivered in an “as is” condition, except as expressly and specifically set forth herein.

7. **Buyer's Obligations.** Buyer agrees to the following:
- a. Proper Care. Buyer will provide good and proper care of the puppy/dog. Such care includes providing adequate housing and protection from the elements, a safe (preferably fenced) exercise area, and proper and sufficient nutrition. Buyer will provide proper veterinary care throughout the puppy/dog's lifetime, including but not limited to, routine vaccinations and/or titers to maintain the puppy/dog's immunity to common canine diseases.
  - b. Veterinary Care. Buyer will also provide the following veterinary care: (i) routine vaccinations and/or titers to prevent common infectious diseases; (ii) routine treatment for internal and external parasites; and (iii) annual examination by a licensed veterinarian.
  - c. Care to Prevent Orthopedic Conditions. Buyer will provide the following care:
    - i. Proper nutrition to support ideal growth and maintain optimum body condition. Buyer will not overfeed the puppy/dog nor allow it to become overweight;
    - ii. Proper daily exercise to maintain the puppy/dog in good condition, but no forced exercise (such as jogging) until the puppy/dog is full grown or the activity is approved by a licensed veterinarian; and
    - iii. Avoidance of stress injuries, such as not allowing the puppy/dog to jump from or over heights taller than itself at the shoulder until the puppy/dog is full grown or the activity is approved by a licensed veterinarian.
  - d. Sale Prohibition. Buyer is not acting as an agent in the purchase of the puppy/dog. Buyer agrees neither the puppy/dog, nor any offspring of the puppy/dog, shall be used for purposes of vivisection or research. Buyer also agrees neither the puppy/dog, nor any progeny of the puppy/dog, shall be sold by or through any commercial broker or wholesale establishment, any chain store, catalog sales house, or pet store.
  - e. Restrictions on Transfer. If, at any time, Buyer is unable to keep or care for the puppy/dog (including upon Buyer's death or incapacity), at Breeder's sole election, the puppy shall be (a) returned to Breeder together with duly executed documentation transferring Buyer's ownership interest in the puppy/dog to Breeder or (b) rehomed by Buyer with Breeder's prior written approval, in each case without any refunds or payments due to Buyer.
  - f. No Transfer Outside of the United States. Buyer further agrees that the puppy/dog will not be sold to anyone residing outside of the United States without Breeder's prior written approval.
  - g. Breach by Buyer. Buyer's breach of any of the foregoing obligations shall result in Breeder's warranties set forth in this Agreement being null and void.

8. **Ongoing Communications.** Both parties agree to promptly notify the other of any change of address, email, or phone number. Buyer agrees to (a) maintain contact with Breeder regarding the puppy/dog at least once each calendar year, and to reply as promptly as possible to inquiries about the puppy/dog from Breeder; (b) inform Breeder of any titles completed by the puppy/dog as determined by the American Kennel Club or other registries, and (c) inform Breeder of any major change in the health of the puppy/dog throughout the puppy/dog's life, including, but not limited to, cancer, epilepsy, heart, eye or hearing conditions, allergies, bleeding disorders or autoimmune disease, and behavior problems particularly fear, anxiety or aggression. Buyer will, upon the natural or accidental death of the puppy/dog, promptly notify Breeder of the particulars of the animal's death.
9. **Remedy for Mistreatment.** If the Breeder feels the puppy/dog is not getting proper care and treatment, Breeder has the right to have the puppy/dog examined by a licensed veterinarian. If such veterinarian finds the puppy/dog to be a victim of ill-treatment, abuse or neglect, (a) Breeder has the right to take full possession of the puppy/dog and its duly signed American Kennel Club transfer papers/registration and (b) all Breeder warranties herein shall become null and void. For the avoidance of doubt, if Breeder takes possession of the puppy/dog in accordance with this section, Buyer shall not be entitled to any refunds of any payments made to Breeder.
10. **Agreement to Mediate.** If a dispute arises out of or relates to this Agreement, or the alleged breach thereof, and if the dispute is not settled through negotiation, the parties agree first to try in good faith to settle the dispute by mediation before resorting to arbitration, litigation, or some other dispute resolution procedure. The process shall be confidential based on terms acceptable to the mediator and/or mediation service provider.
11. **Indemnity and Release.** If any action or failure to act on the part of Buyer shall result in any claim, suit, loss, damage, injury, death, or liability, Buyer agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold Breeder harmless and to pay all of Breeder's costs and expenses, including reasonable legal fees, any amount paid in settlement, and any award or judgment with respect thereto. Buyer releases Breeder from any and all liability, costs or damages caused by the Dog after placement with Breeder, including but not limited to damage to or destruction of property, and injury or death to any person.
12. **Governing Law.** This Agreement, and all matters arising out of or relating to this Agreement, shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Missouri without regard to the conflicts of laws provisions thereof.
13. **Miscellaneous.** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties regarding the subject matter herein and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous agreements, negotiations, discussions and understandings, written or oral, between the parties with respect to such subject matter. Neither party may assign, transfer, or subcontract any obligations (or rights) under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. No changes, modifications or waivers to this Agreement will

be effective unless in writing and signed by both parties. In the event that any provision of this Agreement is determined to be illegal or unenforceable, that provision will be limited or eliminated to the minimum extent necessary so that this Agreement shall otherwise remain in full force and effect and enforceable. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and such counterparts together shall constitute the same instrument. This Agreement may be executed by electronic signature, which shall be considered as an original signature for all purposes and shall have the same force and effect as an original signature.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, Breeder and Buyer have executed this Agreement effective as of the Effective Date.

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 Buyer Signature Date

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 Breeder Signature Date

**Buyer:**

**Breeder:**

Name:		Name:	
Address:		Address:	
City:		City:	
State:	Zip Code:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone Number:		Phone Number:	
Email:		Email:	