Congratulations on your decision to adopt an extraordinary English Cream Golden Retriever into your family! You may—or, if this is your first pet--not be aware of the overwhelming pleasure, but also, awesome privilege and responsibility--you are about to experience with the addition of this loving new family member. Owning a dog brings unmeasurable joy, but requires patience, training, a lot of love and attention, good nutrition and medical care and safety throughout their lives. We strongly encourage you to select a reputable veterinarian even before you bring your puppy home. We do strongly recommend that you schedule a veterinarian well-check visit within the puppy’s first week. It also isn’t too soon to find a good dog-trainer.

Health

We promise that each Golden Sunset Farms (GSF) pup, while in our care, has had appropriate social, nutritional, loving and knowledgeable care and has been checked by a veterinarian. Each puppy will receive first shots (normally, Parvovirus, Adenovirus, Parainfluenza, Distemper and Bordetella) and bi-weekly de-wormings prior to transfer to their forever homes. All puppy health records will be furnished at the time of pickup.

Information Provided by Golden Sunset Farms

GSF will provide information on the puppy, including litter identification, Sire’s name and Dam’s name and registration numbers, sex, date of birth and color. GSF will also provide information regarding the food the puppy is currently consuming. A recommendation for future nutrition is included in the nutrition section. GSF will recommend a schedule for any follow-up shots and de-worming and will provide an AKC registration packet at the time of pickup/delivery.

Deposit

A non-refundable $500.00 (USD) deposit is required from the buyer to reserve a puppy. **Puppies may not be reserved unless deposit and reservation application are received.** (Limited exceptions may apply.)

Cancellation of Agreement

GSF may, at its sole discretion, for any reason, cancel this agreement at any point prior to puppy transfer to the buyer. If GSF cancels the Agreement, any monies paid to GSF will be refunded to the buyer.

Pre-Existing Conditions

Should the puppy be found to have a pre-existing congenital defect by a reputable veterinarian within one week of pickup or delivery, the owner shall notify GSF, submit a written statement from a licensed veterinarian with a detailed description of the condition, and return the puppy and papers to GSF within one week of the exam. GSF will replace the puppy, if one is available, or provide a full refund if the puppy, when received back by GSF, is in the same mental and physical condition as when it was originally picked up by the buyer. (Note: If a replacement puppy is available, the buyer may choose between the refund or replacement pup.) GSF is not responsible for any veterinarian or shipping fees. GSF is not responsible for any communicable disease found in the puppy contracted after pickup or delivery, nor would this situation be cause for refund or replacement.

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Important Notes:

* GSF guarantees that the parents of the puppy are free from, and have passed, OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, Inc.) congenital hip and elbow dysplasia, inherited eye disease and cardiac testing.
* GSF does not guarantee color, size, temperament or championship of any puppy.
* GSF retains the right to cancel this Agreement at any time, for any reason prior to the puppy reaching 8 weeks of age. If GSF, at its sole discretion, decides to cancel the Agreement, GSF will refund any money paid by the Buyer within one week of the Breeder’s Agreement cancellation.
* GSF makes no guarantees regarding the loss of the puppy due to accidental death, theft, sickness due to lack of vaccinations, improper care, or any other loss beyond GSF’s control.
* GSF may at any time, cease breeding English Cream Golden Retrievers, making any commitment for replacement stated in the Agreement null and void.
* GSF will not refund any funds paid for any reason other than previously outlined in the Agreement.
* Agreement is non-transferrable, and applies only to original buyer.

Important Limitations of Agreement:

Agreement remains valid provided that the following conditions are met:

* Dog has not been bred
* Proper weight and grooming has been maintained
* No indication/evidence of neglect or abuse
* No indication/evidence of previous trauma, i.e., broken bones, injuries, etc.
* No indication/evidence of strenuous exercise, i.e., excessive retrieving, running or playing on slippery floors, etc.
* No indication/evidence of accidents, negligence or poisonings

Spaying & Neutering

GSF English Cream Goldens pups, though originating from high-quality, carefully selected and even some championship bloodlines, are bred for nurture as family pets. To that end, and in order to encourage careful proliferation, and ensure the continued quality and health of the English Cream Golden breed, all GSF puppies are sold with an AKC limited registration, which means they may not be bred. The owner is responsible for having their pups spayed or neutered. Females must be spayed and male puppies neutered at the time recommended by their veterinarian, but usually around 9 mos. of age, but must be prior to 1 year. Owner is responsible for protecting the dog from unintended breedings prior to neutering.

Pick Up and Delivery

To ensure optimum puppy health, proper socialization and nurture, puppies need to remain with their mother and litter for 8 weeks following birth. Therefore, the puppy pick-up date will be determined by GSF, but will usually be scheduled on the first Saturday or Sunday following the litter turning 8 weeks old. If for some reason, pups are not able to be picked up on the scheduled Litter Release Date, arrangements may be made to board the puppy at GSF for $250.00 (USD) per week.

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Payment Schedule

* **Puppy Reservation Deposit:** $500.00 (USD) Received by GSF within one week of puppy reservation date. Deposit will be applied to the price of the puppy.
* **Final Payment:** Two weeks prior to puppy’s release to buyer, a second, final payment of $2500.00 (USD) is due and payable to GSF.
* Payment may be made in the form of cash, Bank Check, or by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT information will be provided when/if needed.) No puppy will be released to the buyer unless full payment has been received by GSF. Payments should be made to:

Jeanie Meloney

c/o Golden Sunset Farms

333 Waterhole Road

East Hampton, CT 06424

**BUYER AGREEMENTS**

1. Puppy well-check visit by a licensed veterinarian within one week of puppy purchase in order to

validate this guarantee.

1. Puppy is *not* being purchased for resale and will *never* be sold to a pet shop, puppy mill or their agents.
2. Pet is to receive annual vet exams and continue all required vaccine shots and boosters as

recommended by their vet for the pet’s lifetime.  Failure to comply with and provide documentation of these requirements voids all guarantees.

1. Provide proper care & adequate housing for this pet. Buyer is to have a fenced yard and/or safe and adequate outside space for the dog. The Buyer will groom, train, and care for this dog in a manner consistent with high quality pet ownership. Obedience classes are recommended before the pup is 1 year old. GSF reserves the right to reclaim the puppy if it is determined that the pet spends its days chained or tethered to a line.
2. You agree to feed Life’s Abundance “All Life Stages” System as the sole nutrition for your GSF ECG until the dog reaches the age of 1 year, at minimum, however, Life’s Abundance is highly recommended for the life of the dog.
3. Buyer is required to spay or neuter their dog within one year of age, or in the timeframe recommended by their veterinarian. Limited Registration pets may not produce litters. Any breeding or attempts at breeding voids this guarantee.
4. The value of the pet for the purpose of this guarantee is solely the original purchase price of the pet, and does not include any additional prices declared by the buyer, such as value of show dog, shipping or training fees.

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1. Buyer will return their GSF English Cream Golden (ECG) to GSF if the Buyer is unable or unwilling for any reason to care for their GSF ECG. **Buyer agrees that they will NEVER surrender their GSF ECG to a dog rescue or animal shelter. GSF requires being notified of any change in pet ownership for any reason, including new owner information.** If at any point, caring for your puppy becomes burdensome, or unmanageable, i.e., your family situation, illness or ability to care for the dog changes, GSF will take the pet back. This would not be a condition for any kind of refund, and any shipping to GSF will be covered by the buyer.
2. This agreement shall be deemed consummated in Middlesex County and shall be governed by the laws of the state of Connecticut. If for any reason litigations should occur, they will be held in the State of Connecticut. Breeder will not be responsible for any costs associated with this process.
3. Puppy owners take a risk with the puppy’s health if they use chemical lawn treatments. GSF will not be responsible for failing health in a puppy that is exposed to chemical lawn treatments.

**Shipping of Puppies:** **We at GSF, ask that you (or a representative) arrange to pick-up your puppy in person at our farm.** If traveling beyond driving distance, and air travel is necessary, you or a responsible person should accompany the pet, carried in an appropriate airlines-approved pet carrier, with the person in the cabin of the plane. Any necessary puppy travel documents will be provided by GSF.

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**BREEDER INFORMATION**

Jeanie & Carl Meloney

Golden Sunset Farms English Cream Golden Retrievers

333 Waterhole Road

East Hampton, CT 06424

860.490.8021

cjmeloney@gmail.com

**BUYER INFORMATION**

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**Contract Terms agreed by:**

Breeder Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Buyer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Co-Buyer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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