

**Terms of purchase:** The buyer is to pay a \$500 deposit to reserve a puppy. The balance is due in cash when the buyer takes the puppy home.

Placement date: Puppies from this litter will be ready to go to their new homes around 8 weeks of age.

## Seller Agreements:

- This puppy is a purebred Australian Shepherd. This puppy is of typical temperament and structure and embodies the standards of the Australian Shepherd breed.
- The puppy is microchipped and will be registered with AKC. Permanent registration application will be provided at pickup.
- The puppy will have a health check and all appropriate vaccinations and deworming prior to being placed. The seller will supply the buyer with a health certificate from a certified veterinarian.
- ❖ The seller assures that the dam was well cared for and properly fed during her pregnancy. The puppies were well cared for and properly nourished and socialized during their first 8 weeks of life, in accordance with the needs of each stage of puppy development. The puppies go to their new homes with the most advantageous start on life, ready to become wonderful, sweet tempered pets.
- Puppies are sold on a 72-hour trial basis, during which time the buyer's veterinarian should examine the puppy. If the buyer is not completely satisfied with the puppy, it may be returned at the buyer's expense within three days from the date of sale for a full refund.

- The puppy is guaranteed against genetic heart defects and crippling hip and elbow dysplasia up to 24 months of age. Crippling hip or elbow dysplasia is defined for these purposes as changes in the hip or elbow joints that are manifested by lameness and an inability to function as a pet. If the above conditions are apparent, the buyer must notify the seller in writing, with a statement verifying the condition by the examining veterinarian. This guarantee is null and void if the dog has been used for breeding or has been spayed/neutered prior to 18 months of age. The seller is not responsible for any veterinary bills incurred by this dog. A replacement puppy of similar sex will be provided as soon as possible. No money will be refunded.
- The seller will be available to give advice and help the buyer with any issues or problems the buyer may have with regard to feeding, grooming, and caring for the puppy, training the puppy, engaging in working dog events or conformation showing (for potential show prospects).

## **Buyer Agreements:**

The buyer guarantees that the puppy is being purchased for the buyer and the buyer is not acting as an agent for another person.

## The buyer agrees that this dog will never be used or sold for any retail activity such as puppy mills, pet stores or test labs.

- If for any reason, at any time the buyer is unable to keep or care for the dog, the buyer will return the dog to the seller.
  The seller will endeavor to place any returned dog.
  - A.) If the seller obtains a purchase price when placing the dog, the seller will give the money to the buyer, less any costs of placement.
  - o B.) The seller will not have to reimburse any money if the puppy is not sold and remains at their place of birth.
- The buyer will maintain the dog's health with vaccinations as specified by their veterinarian. The buyer will obtain veterinary care as necessary to treat illness and injury.
- The buyer will maintain the dog's health by keeping it in a safe, clean environment; appropriately brushing and grooming the dog, and training and socializing the dog.
- ❖ The buyer acknowledges that neutering or spaying, when done too early, can cause problems. It can lead to incontinence. It can lead to excessive long bone growth and corresponding orthopedic problems. It can lead to excessive and rapid weight gain.
- The buyer acknowledges that MDR1 is a common genetic gene mutation (50% of Aussies) and agrees to discuss this with their vet and only give appropriate medications as directed by their vet.
- The buyer understands that Australian Shepherds do not adapt well to being left alone for long periods of time or chained and agrees to avoid such practices.
- The buyer does not intend to breed this dog. However, if the dog develops into a dog of breeding quality, the buyer and breeder can reassess this decision. The buyer agrees to contact the seller before making any decision to breed, to conduct appropriate health screenings before breeding.

Buyer's Signature
Date:
Breeder/Seller's Signature: Kelly Smith 3310 Scarlet Oak Dr Powhatan, Virginia 23139 804-387-6355
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