



## The Doodle Gang Guardian Program Contract

We consider our dogs a part of our family. We started our guardian program to enable us to grow our breeding program while still providing our dogs one on one attention with a loving family.

In order to maintain a high level of quality, we keep our pick of the litters to continue into our breeding program and these are the puppies that we choose to place in guardian homes. These guardian homes provide love, attention, training and the ability to be part of a family. This helps the puppies in order to develop their full potential.

We are allowing the guardian family to raise and love and eventually keep the dog as a member of their family. This program allows local families an opportunity to own one of the best Golden Retrievers, Poodles, Goldendoodles or Bernedoodles available without paying for it, upwards of \$5,000. The family must be approved as guardian parents and agree to abide by our contract of care.

### Guardian Homes Must...

- Own your own home (Preferably, but we can discuss your specific situation.)
- Understand that while most dogs learn to enjoy their kennels, these are highly social breeds and it is not in their best interest to be alone and kenneled all day. If you will need to use a kennel for more than 5 hours during the day, the guardian program may not be the best fit.
- Having a fenced backyard is preferred, otherwise, use a leash and be willing to adequately supervise puppy at all times while outside. They may never be left outside alone. **This is a must!**
- All other dogs in guardian home must be fixed if they are of the opposite sex.
- Be willing to crate and enforce house train the puppy. The pup must be fully housebroken by 1 year of age. (Breeder will give advice and tips to help achieve success if needed)
- Train the dog to basic commands such as sit, stay, come etc.
- Be available to drive dog to and from our home, or our vet for breeding, whelping and any other necessary visits.
- Be willing to socialize the puppy, taking it everywhere possible and introducing them to life outside of the home in a safe manner.
- Live within 90 miles of Fletcher, NC.
- Bring the dog to a specific veterinary clinic for any care covered by the breeder. (Guardian may use vet of their choice for routine visits or visits that they cover financially)
- Allow the breeder to visit the guardian home two times per year to check on the dog.
- Send a copy of all vet visits to the breeder.
- Keep the breeder up to date on any out of town trips. If we are available, we will be more than happy to keep the dog for you while you travel.
- The dog may not travel during times they are needed for mating. Breeder will keep the guardian up to date on those schedules once the first heat is recorded.
- Notify the breeder of any change in address, phone number and email.
- Keep us updated with pics as the puppy grows. We love to watch them grow! ☺

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### **Requirements that Guardian Covers:**

- Guardian will be required to pay for the everyday expenses of owning a dog including annual exams, vaccines, food etc. Breeder will cover all costs related to breeding as well as all health testing.
- Grooming: Keep the dog groomed on a scheduled basis. Usually every 6-8 weeks for Goldendoodles/Poodles is necessary.
- Provide monthly heartworm/flea/tick prevention.
- Feeding of a high-quality dog food without the use of fillers.
- In the event of accident, illness or injury, the Guardian assumes responsibility for all necessary veterinary or hospital charges.

### **Requirements in regard to breeding**

- Understand that the breeder has the right to breed a female up to 5 times, but may choose to only breed her 1-3 times. The breeder will always put the health of the female first.
- If you are a guardian owner of a male, the breeder will need him several times during each mating session and possibly for other studding opportunities. Some may require an overnight stay. Breeder has the right to use him as a stud until he is approximately 5-7 years of age.
- If you are a guardian owner of a female, the dog must be dropped off to breeder for anywhere from 1 day to 2 weeks while she is bred. Then drop her back off 1 week prior to her whelping date. She will remain with the breeder until the puppies are weaned. We welcome guardians to schedule visits with her and her puppies if you wish!
- Ensure that no outside breeding occurs. This is for both male and female dogs. As guardians are not the owners of the dog, they are not allowed to stud the male dog or allow the female to get pregnant.
- If for some reason a female dog does get pregnant, it is the guardian's responsibility to let the breeder know within 24 hours.
- Any pups born to either gender of dog belongs solely to the breeder.

### **Unexpected Fees for Guardian**

- If the dog dies due to negligence on the guardian family, a fee of \$3000 is required to cover the initial cost of the dog.
- If a female dog gets pregnant outside of the breeder, a \$5,000 fee is paid to the breeder by the guardian.

### **Additional Guardian Benefit**

- To both reward and thank the guardian of a female dog for maintaining proper health of the dog at all time including extra care during pregnancy, the breeder will pay the guardian \$150.00 for each successful litter produced. Success will be determined by the delivery of the litter as well as full examination of the postpartum female by the breeder's vet.
- If a female dog, deemed healthy by the breeder's vet, dies during delivery, the breeder will allow the guardian family to choose the "pick of the litter" after breeder's choice has been selected.

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## Voiding of Contract and Removal of Dog

While the breeder never wants to re-home a dog that has become part of your family, please pay special attention to these guidelines. The dog is yours to keep unless the breeder feels the dog is being mistreated or uncared for in any way, heat cycles are not being watched, you move further than the distance agreed upon, or if any of the above-mentioned requirements are not being followed.

## Transfer of Ownership

When the dog has met the breeding requirements, (up to 5 litters per female and approximately age 5-7 for male) or when the breeder no longer wishes to breed the dog, the breeder will cover the cost to spay / neuter the dog and will then transfer all rights to the guardian family. At this point, the guardian family is given full ownership of the dog.

If all parties agree to the terms of this agreement, please initial each page and sign below.

**Breeder:** Kim Mathieu \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Guardians:** Print Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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