



Valaurah Farms

Guardianship

Contract

Male

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-OUR MISSION-

You can't claim to love dogs and only be in favor of rescue. If you truly love dogs and want the best for the species, you need to also support the idea of responsible breeding. If the only dogs you deem acceptable to own are the sad and sickly messes made by irresponsible breeding practices bought through the proxy of rescue, and demonize the practice of responsible preservation breeding then the idea you're ultimately supporting is that the only dogs that should have a place in this world are those bred irresponsibly. We should want - DEMAND - better for our dogs. And that means advocating for the breeding of **better** dogs. Dogs that can live long and happy lives. Responsible rescue will always be necessary, but if we continue to vilify and discourage responsible breeding we simply won't have any healthy dogs left to enjoy. I need guardians who fully support my mission to bring healthier and better bred dogs into our community. Dogs that have had full health testing and are unaffected by the many health conditions common in poodle and doodle varieties.

Sadly, many doodle breeds currently have so many health issues because they have been so poorly bred by irresponsible breeders due to the huge boom in popularity. These "back yard breeders" as they are commonly called target popular and desirable breeds simply to make a quick buck off the puppies. They breed without investing any money into health testing the parents prior to breeding and thus end up producing puppies that are affected

by severe genetic disorders. We are working very hard to fix this by only breeding the healthiest dogs available.

HOW DOES GUARDIANSHIP WORK?

As reputable and responsible breeders, we care about the well being of our animals first and foremost. In order for us to give our dogs the best possible life while also being a part of a breeding program, it is important for us to limit how many dogs we keep at our home. To be a good breeder of quality dogs, however, we also must keep, evaluate, and continuously add quality bloodlines to our breeding program. We like to keep a few of our pick puppies to monitor their growth and development. Some will eventually fit into our breeding program, but as we only breed the best, some also will not make the cut. We prefer to place these pick puppies in guardian homes. A poodle/doodle needs to be a part of the family to develop their full potential. That is why we have a guardian program. The guardian home program is an excellent deal for the dog, it's a good deal for the guardian parents, and it's a good deal for producing an exceptional poodle/doodle breeding program. It's one of those "win - win" situations for everyone involved. The family receives a quality, health tested and top pick dog. I am able to improve the breed by using only the best for bettering the breed. And the reason we initiated our guardian program, the dog lives in a home as a spoiled pet and gets lots of attention. We are giving the dog to the guardian family to raise and love and keep as a member of their family forever. This program allows local families an opportunity to own one of the best poodles/doodles available at zero cost.

As a guardian home puppy grows up, we closely monitor the temperament, drive, and health. If the dog is exceptional and a great ambassador of the breed in all aspects, he/she will be used in our breeding program. Before any dog is bred all genetic testing will be performed as well as going to a reproductive specialist vet to be cleared for future reproduction. If the dog does not pass all genetic testing and is not deemed healthy enough to sire litters by the repro vet, he will be neutered at the expense of the breeder and all ownership paperwork will be transferred to the guardian at that time. If she passes all testing and is cleared for reproduction her breeding career will begin on or after her second heat. She will be evaluated after every litter by

the repro vet and both timing of breedings and length of breeding career will be at the breeder's discretion upon the professional opinion of the repro vet.

Males are in guardianship until they turn 8 years of age. At 8 years of age, breeders will have male neutered and all ownership papers will be signed over to guardian parents forever. General life expectancy of a well bred and cared for poodle or doodle is around 14 years but can live up to 18 years with lots of love and care.

As an added thank you to our wonderful guardians I do allow guardians to reserve one puppy out of their guardian dog's last litter to keep as a beloved pet at half cost. This puppy is intended as a pet only, not for resale and not for future breeding unless discussed with me prior and the decision to release breeding rights would be solely at my discretion. Breeding rights would be an additional cost if deemed acceptable.

MANDATORY QUALIFICATIONS

- MUST BE IN A STABLE LIFE SITUATION (NOT PLANNING TO MOVE OUT OF THE AREA FOR AT LEAST 6 YEARS AND MUST ALWAYS RENT/OWN A PLACE THAT HAS YARD ACCESS AND ACCEPTS ANIMALS)
- YARD MUST BE ESCAPE PROOF AND CLEARED OF POTENTIAL HAZARDS THAT A DOG COULD GET INJURED FROM
- GUARDIAN MUST NOT OWN ANY OTHER AGGRESSIVE DOGS
- YOU MUST BE ABLE TO CARE FOR THE FINANCIAL DEMANDS OF A DOG. FOOD, VET CARE AND GROOMING IF NEEDED.
- YOU MUST BE READY TO DEDICATE TIME AND ENERGY INTO THE TRAINING OF YOUR DOG. ALL GUARDIANS MUST TEACH THE BASIC COMMANDS OF: SIT, DOWN, STAY, COME, NO, DROP IT, LEAVE IT. KNOWING THESE COMMANDS HELPS KEEP YOUR DOG SAFE.
- MUST BE ABLE TO GIVE YOUR DOG AMPLE ATTENTION, EXERCISE AND AFFECTION DAILY. DOGS ARE DEDICATED FAMILY MEMBERS AND REQUIRE LOTS OF LOVE.
- MUST BE COMPLIANT WITH ALL THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT

HOW DOES THE BREEDING PORTION WORK?

Once the male is of the correct age, and has appropriate testing completed, they will begin their journey as a stud. Being a guardian to a stud dog is incredibly easy. Breeder will work with the guardian family to set up days/times for breedings to take place. The guardian's responsibility towards the breeding portion is just to make him available to use when needed. Breeder may pick him up or have you drop him off at their house for a "date". Males remain in the guardian program until 8 years old or until semen quality significantly drops, whichever comes first. After the stud has completed his guardianship term, the guardian dog will be neutered at the expense of the breeder and all legal ownership will be given to the guardian forever.

EXPENSES: WHO PAYS?

The breeder covers any and all expenses involved in reproduction for the course of the entire guardianship term. This includes all genetic testing, reproductive visits, any special supplements or medications and all veterinarian care for reproductive related issues.

Guardian is responsible for covering normal non-reproductive pet care expenses including:

- Once yearly wellness exam, any vaccinations due, regular deworming treatments
- A teeth cleaning every 2 years
- A valid city dog license (proof of these must be submitted to breeder)
- Regular professional grooming every 6-8 weeks (breeder reserves the right to request a certain style of cut occasionally for professional pictures)
- Additionally, any expenses that come from an accidental injury or illness in the care of the guardian. If an injury acquired in guardian's care is so extensive it requires a dog to be put down or loss of reproductive ability, the guardian will be required to repay the original price of the dog set forth in contract. Breeder reserves the right to take male to all reproductive health related appointments.

Guardian must also supply the list of items outlined below prior to the guardian puppy entering into their home to begin guardianship.

- Good quality leash and collar with tag supplying dog name and contact number of guardian
- A quality fish oil supplement to be given daily (breeder will supply info on which to purchase)

- A quality dog multivitamin to be given daily (breeder will supply info on which to purchase)
- High quality treats and chews (breeder will supply info on which to purchase)
- PawTree Formula Food - White Fish & Brown Rice, Chicken & Brown Rice, or Chicken & Oatmeal (we will help you get this set up on autoship).

OPTING OUT OF THE PROGRAM EARLY

We always attempt to place dogs in permanent and stable forever guardian homes but I do understand sometimes unavoidable do things come up. In the case that the guardian wishes to opt out of the program early due to a long distance move or other life change, the dog can be returned to the breeder at any time but a two week notice is always appreciated. Local (within 10 miles) moves are fine but breeders must be notified of change and new living arrangements must follow all the terms of this contract. Longer distance moves (20+ miles further from address you were originally granted guardianship on) will be at the discretion of the breeder. If you would like to opt out before the age of retirement and ownership transfer but wish to still keep the dog, breeders may allow guardians to purchase the male outright. This is not guaranteed and will be decided on a case by case basis. If purchase option is granted, females would be spayed and upon payment all legal ownership documents would be transferred to guardian.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE DOG ESCAPES OR RUNS AWAY/GETS LOST?

As a guardian, it is your main responsibility to keep this dog safe, healthy and emotionally happy. There are many ways to prevent a dog escaping the home. Keeping up a sturdy, escape proof fence, checking for digging under the fence line and keeping things away from the fence that the dog could use to climb up over the fence. Remind family members to keep the front door and windows without screens closed. Always use a leash outside the home and train your dog to obey the "come" command. Sometimes accidents and uncontrollable situations do happen. If a dog escapes or gets lost on your watch, the breeder must be notified immediately. Both breeder

and guardian will form a search effort. Search efforts will continue until the dog is found or for 2 weeks. If the dog is not recovered safely and unharmed/unaltered after two weeks, the guardian will be responsible for repaying the breeder for the original cost of the dog set forth in this contract.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE DOG DIES?

Hopefully this never happens to one of my guardian pups, but all things must be discussed. All dogs placed into guardianship will have had all genetic testing and veterinarian checks to rule out any fatal health issues like heart problems. Although very unlikely, in the case of a fatality due to anything reproductive related, there will be no repercussions for the guardian. Breeder will pay for all burial/cremation costs and final expenses. In the case of a fatality due to negligence or abuse on the part of the guardian, the guardian family will be responsible for repayment of the original cost of the dog set forth in contract.

Examples of fatality due to negligence or abuse:

- Death via poisonous substance

- Death by getting hit by car while unsupervised

- Death as a direct result of physical abuse or starvation

- Death via uncontrolled climate (too hot, too cold)

DISQUALIFICATIONS FROM THE PROGRAM

We don't want any of our dogs to lose their guardians. They become attached and love their guardians dearly. It is not in the dogs or our best interest for their guardian to be terminated but there are some extreme cases in which we reserve the right to remove a dog from the guardian early. Some of these cases include:

- Any proven or highly suspected negligence or abuse of the dog

- Guardian not participating in regular updates on pup requested by breeder

- Guardian losing the dog more than once

Dog becoming badly injured in the care of the guardian more than once

Male being bred to any female not approved by the breeder

Guardian failing to report suspected health problems or contributing to health problems like obesity or malnutrition

Dog is living in unsafe or unsanitary living conditions (both inside or outside)

Guardian disregarding direct requests made by the breeder

Guardian making any medical decisions for the dog without consulting the breeder first

Guardian is unsupportive of the breeding program

I, the breeder, do reserve the right to terminate a guardianship at any time and repossess any dog on guardianship if I feel the dog is not being cared for properly, guardian is not supportive of the program, guardian disregards any direct requests from me, or guardian is not following any of the rules of this contract.

I, the breeder, do reserve the right to random inspections to check the health and wellbeing of the dog, that correct food and supplements are being provided to the dog as per outlined in this contract and that the dog is living in sanitary and acceptable living conditions.

I, the guardian, understand all of the above mentioned rules and terms to guardianship. I have read this contract fully and will abide by ALL stated rules to this contract. I understand this is a legally binding contract and will be upheld in a court of law in the breeder's home state of Washington.

Breeder, Valerie Mitchem

X _____ Date:

Guardian/Guardians printed first and last names:

X _____

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Guardian signature 1 X _____

Date: _____

Guardian signature 2

X _____ Date: _____

Guardian Home address:

X _____

DOG NAME: _____

DOG BREED: _____

SEX: M F

MICRO CHIP ID # _____

DOG REPAYMENT AMOUNT: \$ _____

GUARDIAN INITIAL _____