

# *casa*DOODLE

## GUARDIAN HOME CONTRACT

### Purpose of Contract:

The purpose of this contract is to define the terms and conditions of a guardianship agreement between \*\*\*\*\* hereafter referred to as “guardians” and *casaDOODLE*, hereafter referred to as “breeder.” This agreement pertains to a (male/female) \*\*doodle, out of (dam’s name) and (sire’s name), microchip (\*\*\*) , born on (\*\*/\*\*/\*\*\*\*), and entered into an agreement on (\*\*/\*\*/\*\*\*\*).

### Definition of Terms:

1. A well-veterinary visit: bi-annual checkup scheduled in advance, which is for the purpose of preventative care, vaccination and to assess appropriate growth and health status;
2. Sick-veterinary visit: an unplanned veterinary visit scheduled for the purpose of investigating and/or treating an ill or injured dog;

### Ownership:

The above named dog will continue to be owned by *casaDOODLE* until the dog has whelped 3-4 litters, or for 3-4 years from the date of the contract, whichever comes first, or until the contract is terminated by one of the parties in a way defined below. The dog will live with and be cared for by the guardian in a manner indicated in this contract. All decisions related to the breeding and reproductive life of this dog, and general medical treatment rest solely with the breeder.

### Breeder Obligations:

The breeders will provide instructions to the guardians regarding nutrition, and veterinary care. The breeders will provide transportation from the home of the guardians (or will meet the guardians at a mutually convenient location) for medical care associated with reproduction, mating, and for whelping. Mating may occur on 2-3 separate days over a period of one week when the dam is fertile. The breeder will provide the guardian with 2 days’ notice of the week in which mating will occur. In order to determine when estrus (ovulation) occurs, the breeder will require 10-12 veterinary visits for the associated bloodwork. The breeder will endeavor to provide the guardian with 2-3 days’ notice regarding medical appointments to determine ovulation. The breeder will pay the guardian \$500.00 each time this dog whelps a litter (at least 3 live puppies at 8-weeks constitutes a live “litter”). Payment by the breeder to the guardian will be made by week 10 of each live litter.

The breeder guarantees that at the time of delivery of the guardian dog, the dog is in good health and has received proper health care including, but not limited to: de-worming treatments, and vaccinations. Prior to delivery, the *casaDOODLE* breeding prospect will have had a satisfactory

medical examination by a licensed veterinarian, and will have been microchipped. All *casaDOODLE* breeding prospects will be tested for compliance with the health standards of the ALAA, and will not be included in the *casaDOODLE* breeding program if these standards are not met. See: <http://alaa-labradoodles.com/>

*casaDOODLE* retains ownership of the dog until such time that the dam's breeding career is over. If the dam is not included in the *casaDOODLE* breeding program, the guardians may elect to adopt the *casaDOODLE* dog at full cost at the time this determination is made, or return the dog to *casaDOODLE*. Full payment is to be made to *casaDOODLE* within 2-weeks of the breeder notifying the guardian family that the *casaDOODLE* dog will not be included in the *casaDOODLE* breeding program. Additional time to make the payment for the full cost of the *casaDOODLE* dog may be negotiated.

The breeder assumes all liability for injury to the dog during transportation to the guardian, and during reproductive veterinary visits, mating and whelping.

A warranty for HD (hip dysplasia) is provided until the dog is two years & 8-weeks of age. This warranty will be terminated should the dog be allowed to become overweight or develop joints that are overstressed at any point during the warranty period. Veterinary medical records will be accessed to determine the above.

The breeder will pay for routine, bi-annual, well veterinary visits, including vaccinations, and all veterinary expenses associated with breeding. The guardians will locate a licensed veterinarian close to their home to provide the dog with routine bi-annual well veterinary visits and vaccinations. The routine bi-annual well veterinary visits and vaccinations will be paid for "up-front" by the guardian home and reimbursed by the breeder within 2 calendar weeks. The guardian home is responsible for scheduling all well veterinary visits and vaccinations as per the veterinarian's guidelines and maintaining records, which must be submitted to the breeder for reimbursement. All veterinary payments associated with breeding will be the responsibility of the breeder, and the guardian home pays nothing for these medical expenses. Transportation to and from the bi-annual well veterinary visits and vaccination appointments will be the responsibility of the guardian home, and transportation to the veterinary appointments associated with breeding will be the responsibility of the breeder. *casaDOODLE* and the guardian home may decide to meet at a mutually convenient location for transportation of the breeding dog to reproductive medical appointments.

#### Guardian Obligations:

The guardians are responsible for properly maintaining, containing, training and caring for the guardian dog using methods approved by the breeders. The guardians must follow the nutritional guidelines (see approved food below), exercise the dog appropriately, pay for food related expenses, and pay for sick visits to the veterinarian. The guardian must provide a fully fenced yard, and permit the breeder access to the yard to confirm this. Guardians living in apartments/condos are acceptable considering that they commit to properly containing & restraining the *casaDOODLE* guardian dog in their care.

Guardians must surrender the dog to the breeders whenever requested and on occasions such as, but not limited to, mating, re-productive veterinary visits and whelping. The dog will reside with the breeders from one-week prior to the whelping date until the whelped litter is weaned (typically, 4-6 weeks). Guardians must inform the breeders of vacations and planned absences. The guardian must schedule and pay for appropriate care for the guardian dog in their absence and the guardian dog must not be supervised for more than 24 hours by persons below 14 years of age.

The guardian must inform the breeder of the day the dog has “come into heat.” See below for typical signs of estrus.

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Outside of emergencies, guardians may not allow any elective veterinary procedures to be performed on the dog without the consent of the breeder. This excludes grooming decisions. The guardian is responsible for seeking prompt and appropriate veterinary care in the event of an injury to the dog or illness. In the event of an injury or serious illness, the guardian must make every attempt to contact the breeder regarding medical decisions. If the breeder does not respond, the guardian is permitted to make medical decisions in the best interest of the guardian dog.

If the dog dies accidentally due to circumstances beyond the control of the guardians, the guardians do not owe any payment to the breeder.

If the dog dies as a result of the guardian’s negligence, the guardian owes the breeder \$2,600. Negligence is defined as:

- Failure to contain, restrain, or supervise the guardian dog in a responsible manner;
- Leaving the dog alone in a vehicle;
- Failure to prevent the dog from having access to toxic materials;
- Failure to provide safe means of containment while the dog is in a moving vehicle;
- Leaving the dog in the sole care of a person for 24 hours or more who is under 14 years of age.

Guardians may not purposefully use or allow the use of the guardian dog for breeding purposes. If purposeful breeding activity is discovered, the guardians owe the breeder \$10,000 for violation of this contract, and irreparable harm to the *casaDOODLE* brand. Bitches in heat attract stud dogs from miles away. The guardian promises to restrain the bitch in heat within their home, or within the close confines of a backyard, vigilantly monitored. Unintended matings between bitch & stud are known to happen through a chain link fence! Guardian dogs in heat, and 2 weeks after mating has occurred may not be walked regardless of the use of a leash.

The guardians are responsible to ensure that all persons residing with the dog understand and abide by the guardian contract.

Most breeding dogs require medication before and/or during their pregnancy. The guardians are responsible to administering medication, which the breeder will provide. The breeder will provide instructions on how to administer medications.

Guardians are to reside within 60km's of the breeder (GTA) for the duration of this contract. If the guardian decides to relocate outside of this perimeter, the guardian must return the *casaDOODLE* dog to the breeder.

The guardians may not sell the dog, or transfer guardian duties to any person, kennel, foster or rescue organization. If the guardian is not able to continue functioning within their guardianship role, the guardian promises to return the dog to the breeder immediately with no questions asked.

The guardian may not use this dog for dog fighting purposes. Any evidence of such will result in the dog being returned to the breeder immediately, and a report will be submitted to the appropriate authorities. The guardian may train the dog to become a service animal with the expressed permission of the breeder. The guardian is responsible for maintaining the proper care and control of the dog while performing service activities. Breeding obligations will supersede service obligations.

#### Transfer of Ownership:

After three-four years, or 3-4 litters, whichever occurs first, or if determined by the breeder that conditions warrant it, the dog will be spayed at the breeder's expense. At that time, the guardians will have the option of returning the dog to the breeder, or accepting ownership of the dog at no cost to the guardian. If the guardian decides to accept ownership of the dog, the guardian acknowledges that the breeder is no longer responsible for payment of medical expenses, and that the dog is accepted by the guardian in its current physical condition – at such time, the breeder makes no warranty of the dog's physical condition, and ceases responsibility for the care and control of the dog.

#### Temperament and Training:

The guardian understands that all puppies exhibit certain undesirable behaviors (nipping, chewing, barking, marking, etc). The guardian is responsible for appropriate behavioral training

of the *casaDOODLE* guardian puppy to correctly teach acceptable behaviors, and is responsible for proper socialization of the guardian puppy. The guardian agrees to provide personal or professional obedience training to the guardian puppy no later than 12 weeks of age, and continue with training as long as necessary to establish a solid foundation for a well socialized dog.

Full and Final Agreement:

The parties agree that this document represents the entire agreement between them and that no other representations have been made regarding the *casaDOODLE* guardian dog described above.

Breeder's signature, date, and address:

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Guardian's signature, date and address:

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Nutritional guidelines:

*casaDOODLE* uses only the highest quality dog food on the market. It is critical that the guardian continue the administration of *Origen* dog food. Other high quality dog foods are: Acana, Merrick's, now Fresh, go! (go! adult food is not recommended - only go! puppy), Canidae, Prairie, and California Natural. High quality dog foods are never sold in the grocery store.

Signs of Estrus:

The first 2 signs of Estrus will be a swollen vulva, and excessive licking of the vulva. The guardian should examine their guardian dog's vulva pre-Estrus to determine its usual feel & appearance. When approaching Estrus, the vulva will become swollen, with the skin appearing tight and puffy. A bitch in heat will release blood from the vulva for about 7-9 days, which will be apparent on bedding & furniture. The first sign of blood is considered day 1. It is critical to inform the breeder of the presence of blood so that proper ovulation timing may occur.

Typically, the breeder takes the guardian dog for progesterone testing on day 6 of the bleeding interval, and every second day thereafter until the reproductive veterinarian signals the day of mating.

A clear fluid, or light beige fluid will signal the most fertile period of Estrus, and the breeder will retain the guardian dog at this time for 2-3 mating events. Examining your guardian dog's vulva, and monitoring discharge is not for the faint of heart. Please know that your guardian dog's physical presentation is entirely normal & natural. It is through the guardian's efforts to remain calm that *casaDOODLE* is able to produce such well-tempered, highly sought after Labradoodles. We will walk you through what to look for every step of the way.

[http://rrcus.org/rhodesianridgebackhealth/Documents-PDFs/19-30\\_dobs\\_0797.pdf](http://rrcus.org/rhodesianridgebackhealth/Documents-PDFs/19-30_dobs_0797.pdf)