

Big Bend Goldens

Puppy Purchase Contract and Health Warranty

This contract is between _____, herein after referred to as "Seller or Breeder" and _____, herein after referred to as "Buyer." In consideration of payment in full of the purchase price of _____ by Buyer to Seller, Seller agrees to transfer to Buyer, subject to the terms and conditions contained in this contract, the ownership of one M/F _____ collar color _____ Golden Retriever Puppy, herein after referred to as "Puppy", born _____ from the mating of the sire and dam below.

Sire _____

Dam _____

Buyer's Acknowledgement:

Buyer, by signing this contract, acknowledges that he/she is aware that there are health problems that are not uncommon to the Golden Retriever breed. Some of these potential health problems are known to be genetic, some are believed to have some genetic predisposition, and the cause of others is unknown or is random in occurrence. Buyer further understands that the technology does not exist to predetermine most genetic outcomes of any breeding as respect to health, conformation, and temperament, or performance ability. The seller has also provided to the buyer sufficient information about diet that decreases the risk of disease causing pre-geriatric death.

Seller has, to the best of her knowledge and ability, made a good faith effort to determine that the Puppy's dam is free of inherited genetic disease, and has obtained like information on the sire to the extent available, and has made this information available to Buyer. Notwithstanding the efforts of Seller, Buyer understands and acknowledges that Seller can **NOT** predetermine the outcome of the breeding and therefore can make **NO** assurances that the Puppy will be free of other disease, or that the Puppy will meet Buyer's expectations as respects conformation, performance, or temperament.

The Puppy has received round one of 3 to 4 vaccinations and has been examined by a veterinarian prior to going to their new home. A well-exam report, stating that the Puppy purchased has been found in good health is included in Buyer's paperwork.

FATAL VIRUSES - Seller warrants the Puppy against distemper, adenovirus, parainfluenza and parvovirus when puppy was transferred to buyer. If, within the first 72 hours, after the date of receipt, distemper, adenovirus, parainfluenza or parvovirus causes the death of the Puppy, Seller will replace the Puppy with another available Puppy of equal value from a future litter chosen by the Buyer and seller, shipping not included.

GENETIC DISEASES - Seller warrants that for the lifetime of the puppy it will be free from Degenerative Myelopathy, Ichthyosis (Golden Retriever Type) 1 & 2, Progressive Retinal Atrophy, Golden Retriever 1, Progressive Retinal Atrophy, Golden Retriever 2, Progressive Retinal Atrophy, Progressive Rod-Cone Degeneration, and Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis (NCL). If any of these diseases are identified in the puppy, the Seller will provide a new Puppy for Buyer, not a refund, provided Buyer delivers to Seller a verified letter from Buyers Veterinarian confirming that the Puppy has one or more such conditions. Additionally all test results from OFA or Cerf must also be submitted and verified. The Seller furthermore reserves the right to have the pup

examined by Veterinarian of their choice to confirm the diagnosis. If Seller does not have a selection of puppies at the time of any such claim, Buyer will be given the opportunity to select a Puppy from the Sellers next litter with available puppies. Any surgical or medical procedures will be done at the Sellers discretion and will be paid for by the buyer. The buyer may keep the affected puppy or return it to the seller. Defects other than stated viruses and any other than congenital anomaly are not covered under this warranty.

For the lifetime of the puppy, if buyer decides for any reason decides that he/she cannot keep their puppy, BBG will take back or assist in re-homing your puppy, no questions asked. The breeder **MUST** be notified and given first right to obtain said Puppy. If buyer is not happy with his new Puppy it can be returned to BBG within one week for a full refund of purchase price minus the deposit. Buyer is responsible for all costs associated with pup's return. **Under NO circumstances may a BBG Puppy be released to a broker, shelter or a rescue organization EVER!**

Registration and Breeding:

Seller will provide limited American Kennel Club Registration. Registration papers **WILL NOT** accompany the Puppy home. BBG will register your puppy using your chosen name, and the Seller will forward complete registration receipts to Buyer within 30 days of Buyer's receipt of the Puppy. All registered names will begin with our kennel acronym BBG.

If buyer is approved for full registration, the Breeder will amend the registration to a Full AKC registration subject to agreement of the following conditions:

1. The Puppy must be a minimum of two years of age before breeding.
2. The Puppy must have a final OFA hip and elbow evaluation of Fair or better, or PennHip equivalent.
3. The Puppy must have a normal result for an advanced echocardiogram, and a certificate must be issued by OFA.
4. The Puppy's eyes must have been examined by a Board Certified Veterinary Ophthalmologist and a certificate of normal must be issued by OFA yearly for life.
5. Buyer has confirmed all results are publically available on the OFA website before breeding.
6. The puppy will be genetically tested for DM, Ichthyosis 1 & 2, PRA1, PRA2, prcd-PRA, HCM, SN, and NCL by a reputable genetic testing facility (preferably UC Davis), not affected, and results publicly available through OFA.
7. The Puppy must have achieved at minimum 2 titles such as STAR Puppy, Canine Good Citizen, CCA, TKN, THD, SAR, BCAT, SPOT, or any hunt title from AKC or UKC.
8. The puppy will at minimum have an INTL and UKC Championship and working towards an AKC championship with at least half the points needed for a championship.
9. The Puppy will meet conformation standards set forth by the Golden Retriever Club of America.
10. Any Stud the female puppy will be bred to must meet the same conditions as the puppy. Bitch choices for a stud will be at the owners discretion.
11. The BBG Kennel name must appear in the beginning of the puppy's registered name.
12. There will be NO accidental breeding whatsoever.
13. Ownership of the Puppy must not have been transferred from the original buyer.
14. The breeder will provide mentor-ship for the above conditions if this is the owners' first AKC Show dog.
15. If any of the above conditions are not met, the buyer will pay a fine of \$15,000 and all associated court costs to the breeder.

Buyer's Responsibility:

1. Buyer agrees to conduct him/herself as a responsible puppy owner.
2. Until all booster shots have been administered, it is buyer responsibility to protect the Puppy from fatal diseases by quarantining the Puppy from areas where unvaccinated dogs roam such as rest stops, dog parks, pet and hardware stores, restaurants, parks, hiking trails, beaches, sidewalks, etc. Basically keep your Puppy off the ground except in your protected yard. Do not take your puppy to dog shows, matches, or unprotected obedience classes until 3 rounds of vaccinations have been administered. It is buyer responsibility to ensure their Puppy receives all booster shots in 3-4 week intervals, and a state required rabies vaccination at 6 months old.
3. Buyer agrees that Buyer is solely responsible for all costs and expenses of and related to the ownership of the Puppy including but not limited to feeding, veterinary care and training. Buyer further agrees that the Buyer is solely responsible for any and all actions of the Puppy and agrees to hold Seller harmless from any and all claims for Bodily Injury and/or Property Damages caused or alleged to have been by the Puppy.
4. The buyer agrees to provide the Puppy with a good and safe home and proper care and attention. The Puppy is not to ride loose in the back of pick-up trucks, is not to be chained, or to be kenneled in unclean conditions for over an hour, except while sleeping at night. When the Puppy is outdoors, it shall be provided protection from the elements by a dry, insulated, temperate, draft-free enclosure. It is further agreed the Puppy shall be provided with shade from the sun and adequate food and water.
5. The buyer agrees this Puppy will be examined by a licensed veterinarian at least once each year and will receive adequate vaccinations or titter tests, and treatments to ensure good health.
6. For the lifetime of the puppy, in the event BBG discovers the inhumane treatment of this Puppy, it is agreed BBG has the right to immediately take possession of Puppy. It is understood and accepted by the buyer that home visits may be conducted by a person representing BBG, to check on the welfare of the above named Puppy.
7. The buyer agrees to not violate any laws or ordinances with the Puppy.
8. It is agreed and understood by the buyer and BBG that this written agreement sets forth all promises, agreements, conditions, and understandings between them, oral or written, and that both parties have fully read and understand all of the agreement.
9. The agreements shall insure to the benefit of and be binding upon the buyer and seller and their successors or beneficiaries.
10. In the event of the employment of an attorney by BBG on account of any violation of this agreement, it is agreed the buyer shall pay BBG's attorney's fees and court costs. This contract shall be construed by Washington State law.

Spay and Neuter Agreement

Recent studies have shown that neutering (refers to spaying also) can have an adverse effect on the health of a dog. To further delve into this new information, a team of researchers at UC Davis recently examined the veterinary records of 759 Golden Retrievers for hip dysplasia, cranial cruciate ligament tear, lymphosarcoma, hemangiosarcoma and mast cell tumor. The dogs were grouped as intact, neutered before 12 months of age or neutered after 12 months of age.

The study revealed that the disease rates were significantly higher in both males and females that were neutered both before and after 12 months of age. Early neutering was associated with an increased incidence of hip dysplasia, cranial cruciate ligament tear and lymphosarcoma in males and of cranial cruciate ligament tear in females. Neutering after 12 months of age was associated with an increased risk of mast cell tumors and hemangiosarcoma in females.

The most notable results from this study include a doubled risk of hip dysplasia among dogs neutered before 12 months of age and the increased risk of mast cell tumors and hemangiosarcoma in dogs neutered after 12 months. Previous studies reported only a 17% increase in risk of hip dysplasia in neutered dogs and this is the first study to report an increased risk of cancer in dogs neutered late.

Of the five diseases measured, the study reported that:

- There were no cases of cranial cruciate ligament rupture diagnosed in intact males or females, but in early-neutered males and females the occurrences were 5% and 8%, respectively
- Almost 10% of early-neutered males were diagnosed with lymphosarcoma, 3 times more than intact males
- The percentage of hemangiosarcoma cases in late-neutered females (about 8%) was 4 times more than intact and early-neutered females
- There were no cases of mast cell tumor in intact females, but the occurrence was nearly 6% in late-neutered females
- Of early-neutered males, 10% were diagnosed with hip dysplasia, double the occurrence in intact males

The buyer agrees that the puppy will remain intact for a minimum of 2 years. If the puppy is sold under full registration, altering cannot be done until puppy has received AKC championship. If any extenuating circumstance occurs before 2 years or with full registration that require the puppy be altered, the buyer agrees to receive approval from the breeder, and this agreement may be amended at the breeders consent.

Any deviation from this agreement without breeder consent voids the Puppy Purchase Contract/Health Warranty, and will result in a \$1000 fine and all associated court costs, and possible recovery of the puppy.

Hip and Joint Agreement

Besides genetics, there are many environmental elements that affect joint and skeletal health. To provide your puppy the absolute best chance to live a long pain free life, it is important to keep the skeletal system in top condition.

To begin, Buyer agrees to feed this puppy a premium a high quality grain inclusive all life stage food that promotes slow growth until 18 months of age. After 18 months, the buyer agrees to feed the puppy a high quality grain inclusive all life stages or adult food. BBG recommends Purina Proplan 26/16, 27/17, or 30/20. We also recommend supplementing diet with NuVet vitamins, fish oil, olive oil, GMO free beef or fish gelatin, and Dogzymes Cran-Tri-C. These supplements lubricate and build cartilage, and strengthen bone. We do NOT recommend a high calcium puppy food, or food that contains peas, legumes, potatoes, or sweet potatoes; feeding any of these items will void your BBG warranty. Furthermore Buyer will keep said puppy in a lean condition to promote healthy joint growth (must feel the ribs) for life.

Links to the aforementioned supplements are available on our website or the puppy pack page

Activities to avoid before 24 months

Kenneling in extreme cold or heat, keeping the puppy on cement or slippery surfaces, allowing the puppy to run on slippery floors, uneven landscape, sleep outside in the cold, jog, run, jump or climb steps excessively, and/or press on hips to force the puppy to sit, or shoulders to force down. Especially avoid throwing a ball or toy for long distances and/or in a manner where the puppy must jump to catch it. Your puppy should not exercise to the point of panting for longer than 5 minutes until after 12 months of age.

The buyer agrees that the all the instructions in this agreement will be followed. Receipts showing the type of food being fed may be required if any conditions arise. Any deviation from this agreement voids the Puppy Purchase Contract/Health Warranty.

Buyer Signature

Buyer Printed Name

Buyers Physical address

Date

Seller Signature

Seller Printed Name

Seller Physical address

Date

