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### Puppy Contract

This agreement is between  
(Seller)  
Guter Mannes Hirt / "The Goodman's Shepherd"  
Chambersburg, PA 17202  
717-360-9413 / 717-496-8050 fax  
[Gutermanneshirt@yahoo.com](mailto:Gutermanneshirt@yahoo.com)

AND  
(Buyer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

It is agreed between Seller and Buyer as follows:

#### DESCRIPTION OF DOG

The dog sold pursuant to the terms of this agreement is as follows:

Breed: German Shepherd Dog Whelped: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Color/Markings: \_\_\_\_\_

Sire: \_\_\_\_\_ Dam: \_\_\_\_\_  
SV/AKC/UKC# \_\_\_\_\_ SV/AKC/UKC# \_\_\_\_\_

AKC REG. # \_\_\_\_\_

Buyer agrees upon purchase of the puppy that the Dog/Bitch will be registered with the following name:

\_\_\_\_\_

**CONSIDERATION**

This dog, identified in Description of Dog, is being sold for the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

One of the following options may be used at the discretion of Guter Mannes Hirt / "The Goodman's Shepherd"

1) A deposit of \$\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, with the balance of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be paid before the receipt / shipment of puppy.

2) The full purchase amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_.

Buyer is responsible for any costs involved with the shipping or placement of the puppy with them as the new owner. In the case of the Hip or Testicle Guarantee in where the buyer chooses to return and/or get a replacement puppy the cost of shipping to and from the Seller will be at the cost of the buyer.

**STIPULATIONS**

This dog / bitch has been graded to be of WORKING / PET quality. If your puppy comes from the confirmation (show) lines, while your dog may participate in shows, there is no guarantee of SHOW quality in your dog / bitch.

Puppy will be sold on an AKC un-limited / limited registration.

Bitches shall be bred ONLY after the age of two years and having been OFA receiving at least a fair score.

We offer a guarantee up until your dog / bitch reaches the age of 24 months provided there are no breeches in your contractual agreements written herein.

Any other arrangements may only be made with the Seller's written consent.

If buyer chooses to sell dog / bitch or otherwise place him elsewhere, Seller gets first chance to re-acquire dog / bitch according to terms agreed to by buyer and seller at that time. Buyer agrees that at no time will this dog be placed in a pound or humane society shelter facility.

**SELLER'S REPRESENTATIONS**

The following representations and conditions apply to the sale of the aforementioned dog:

As of the date of this agreement, the dog is in good health and free of communicable diseases. This puppy has been seen by a licensed veterinarian.

Veterinarian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian License#: \_\_\_\_\_

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

This veterinarian has performed the following: A complete physical examination, checking for physical abnormalities or congenital problems including: eyes, ears, hernias, heart murmurs, etc.

Dog / Bitch has also been wormed at 3 and 5 weeks and received his 1st vaccine at the age of 6 weeks.

The Buyer has 72 hours to have dog examined by a veterinarian and to personally inspect the dog. Any claims must be made within this time period and will be verified by Seller's own veterinarian. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Please make arrangements in advance for your puppy's appointment. If you don't have the puppy examined by a licensed veterinarian within 72 hours of the purchase date, your guarantee is null and void. **NO VET TECH OR BREEDER'S OPINIONS ARE VALID.**

Buyer is completely satisfied with and waives any and all claims regarding the dog's conformation, and outward appearance (meaning the dog meets the breed standard at this age) if not notified within 72 hours of delivery of pup.

### **LIMITATIONS OF CONTRACT**

This contract applies to the original puppy only and is non transferable to a second party. No replacement puppy will be given if the male or female has been bred. Buyer is responsible for transportation costs to and from Guter Mannes Hirt / "The Goodman's Shepherd" on original and replacement puppy.

There will be no agreements honored that were made with a third party.

### **MAINTENANCE**

Buyer agrees to maintain this dog in good health, provide routine preventative health care including, but not limited to, inoculation, internal and external parasites, and heartworm preventative medication. Flea prevention is also recommended to be used during spring through fall seasons, but not required as part of the agreement.

Once dog / bitch has been placed with buyer, all financial responsibility will be that of the buyer. The buyer will not hold Guter Mannes Hirt / "The Goodman's Shepherd" responsible for any such fees which include but are not limited to: food, preventative maintenance meds, inoculations or vet bills.

Buyer further agrees to provide proper exercise as indicated in order to maintain this dog / bitch in proper weight and physical condition. A proper diet consists of top-quality dog food and supplements. Buyer will provide a certified nutritionally complete food that will not promote excessive growth or obesity. Many degenerative diseases are directly linked to poor nutrition, that is why we stress the importance of using top quality dog food. Buyer will provide regular moderate exercise.

We suggest you save bar codes and weight circles from your bags of food. This is beneficial to you in the event that a manufacturer has a product recall, you already have the information needed.

Lyme disease is prevalent in many areas. The seller is not responsible if your dogs ailments are due to Lyme disease. This is a horrible, painful, life-threatening disease produced by tick bites. Buyer should take all precautions to prevent this disease.

Buyer agrees that this dog / bitch is not to be left in a backyard or kennel only. This dog / bitch is sold with the understanding that the Buyer agrees the dog / bitch would become a member of the family. (This is to assure proper development and maintenance of the temperament for which the animal was bred.)

Buyer agrees to provide Seller with Photographs suitable for advertising and photocopies of all awards and critiques along with the judge(s) name(s) and the Club sponsoring the show. Buyer also agrees that Seller may use the photographs and any particulars of qualifying awards in any future advertising. Pictures are to be sent at 6mos, 12mos, 18mos, and 24mos.

Buyer agrees Seller will REPOSSESS DOG / BITCH UPON EVIDENCE OF NEGLECT AND / OR ABUSE at no expense to the seller. There will be no compensation to the buyer should this happen.

### **HIP GUARANTEE**

X-ray films of the pups hips / elbows, showing proper positioning, and meeting OFA standards, must be submitted for evaluation to OFA at the owners expense, at two (2) years of age. The said dog / bitch will be free of genetic origin hip dysplasia at the age of two (2) years. If in OFA's evaluation, the pup shows evidence of mild hip dysplasia or worse at the age of one (1) or moderate or worse at the age of two (2), the buyer can choose from one the following options:

Keep or Return the pup and spay / neuter the dog and receive a replacement pup of a like or higher quality if available. Breeder requires proof of spay or neuter of the dysplastic pup before honoring guarantee.

Keep the dog, and receive 1/3 of the original purchase price back if a replacement pup is not wanted. Breeder required proof of spay or neuter before honoring guarantee.

All shipping costs will be the responsibility of the buyer.

By signing this agreement, the buyer acknowledges they have been informed young bones do not properly calcify until 12 months of age. Buyer acknowledges we will guarantee the hips until 24 months of age, providing the buyer agrees they will not allow environmental conditions to adversely affect the development of the hip structure. The buyer is aware if they allow the dog to engage in activities that would stress the hips before the age of 12 months the hip guarantee becomes null and void. Activities include, but not exclusively, repetitive jumping, stair climbing or any activity that may cause injury.

### **TESTICLE GUARANTEE**

If the male pup does not have both testicles down by the age of 6 months, the buyer can choose from the following options:

Keep or Return the pup and spay / neuter the dog and receive a replacement pup of a like or higher quality if available. Breeder requires proof of spay or neuter of the pup before honoring guarantee.

Keep the dog, and receive 1/3 of the original purchase price back if a replacement pup is not wanted. Breeder required proof of spay or neuter before honoring guarantee.

**TRAINING INCENTIVES**

Here at Guter Mannes Hirt / "The Goodman's Shepherd" we believe in the well trained German Shepherd Dog. We offer these training incentives for you and your dog provided you provide the copies of the necessary documentation to validate the training was successfully completed.

\$25.00 incentive will be given for: CGC or TDI certifications.

\$50.00 incentive will be given for: CD, Agility, FH or Schutzhund BH.

\$100.00 incentive will be given for certification as a SAR dog, Schutzhund 1 title or Police Dog Certification.

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We also reserve the right reclaim dog / bitch if this agreement is violated in any way. Mental or physical abuse including lack of proper care by the buyer of dog / bitch will void all guarantees herein this agreement and Guter Mannes Hirt / "The Goodman's Shepherd reserves the right to collect any court or attorney fees associated with the enforcement of this agreement from the buyer.

And finally...Buyer agrees that he / she understands this agreement fully, and that this agreement is under the jurisdiction of the State of Pennsylvania, in the county of Franklin. It is agreed the place of venue shall be in Franklin County, Pennsylvania.

Seller \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Buyers \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

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