

## PUPPY GUARANTEE FOR XXXXXXXXX

I \_\_\_\_\_ have read the below puppy guarantee and agree to all within.

Please print and retain a copy of this puppy guarantee for your records as it describes what conditions must be met for the guarantee to remain in effect. This puppy guarantee must be submitted to the breeder prior to the puppy being released to the buyer.

Regular monthly vet checks will allow this guarantee to be documented. For this Guarantee to remain in effect you must have documented the first year of: monthly vet visits, monthly vet worming, shot records, weight and height of your puppy, vet comments for the overall health of the puppy, and food receipts. Failure to maintain the above records voids this puppy guarantee. The breeder reserves the right to call the buyer's vet to verify information about the health of the puppy should a problem arise.

### HEALTH GUARANTEE

I, the buyer, understand that the seller cannot guarantee the future health of any animal they sell. However, the seller will guarantee it to be in good health at the time of the sell or the puppy will be replaced. This is a 48 hour guarantee. Buyer must take the puppy(s) to a licensed Veterinarian within 48 hours of purchase at the buyer's expense for this guarantee to remain valid. All veterinary care is solely the responsibility of the buyer. Any vaccinations or medications given during this 48 hour period may null and void this health guarantee. I the buyer understand that any accidents that may occur or anything that the puppy ingests after leaving the care of the seller is the buyer's responsibility.

In addition, each puppy(s) comes with a Limited Genetic Health Guarantee against death caused by genetic defects of the heart, liver, kidneys and lungs for one (1) year from date of purchase. You must contact us within 24 hours of the exam if any problems have been found and provide Seller with a copy of your Veterinarian's written certificate stating the exact genetic defect found. In the event that the puppy must be returned, the live puppy must be accompanied by a written report from your veterinarian. Seller is not responsible for this puppy in any financial or medical way. I the buyer understand that the seller will not be responsible for any veterinarian fees whatsoever, and any expenditure I might incur will be my choice and responsibility. The cost to return the puppy will be the buyers responsibility.

In the event of death, the Buyer's licensed Veterinarian must provide the Seller with a written certificate stating the exact cause of death as verified if necessary by an autopsy. Our licensed Veterinarian will review the Buyer's Veterinarian's report, and if in agreement as to the presence of a genetic defect as listed above, or that a puppy's or adults death was caused by a genetic defect listed above and not due to neglect, accidents, or sickness at the dogs new home, the puppy or dog will be replaced with one of equal value as soon as one becomes available. If these regulations are not met the Guarantee becomes null and void. We do not refund money, and

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Buyer will be responsible for any Veterinarian expenses and any expenses incurred to return the puppy to the Seller or to have a replacement puppy shipped to you the Buyer.

I understand that the seller does not guarantee against Parvo or any kind of bacteria and/or viruses after 48 hours of purchase. I also understand that vaccination for these diseases does not guarantee that the animal will not contract a disease. Please keep the puppy away from any unhealthy pets or areas that have been infected. If the puppy has sustained health problems resulting from injury, or mistreatment or neglect, after leaving the Seller, the Seller will not assume responsibility for it and no refund will be forthcoming. There may be exceptions, to be determined by the seller. If abuse or neglect is found to be the case, seller may demand the puppy to be return at the buyer's expense.

This guarantee does not cover what some consider normal or beyond our control like Cherry eyes, entropion, ectropion, "loose" hips, hip dysplasia, stenotic nares (loud sounding or "snuffling" sound when breathing). We cannot guarantee that the dog will not contract mange (Red Mange, sarcoptic mange, Demodex Mange, Ear mites, or any type of mite mange). There is much dispute between experts as to the differing specific causes of mange including environment, stress and nutrition, therefore we cannot guarantee against it. Skin allergies or an Umbilical Hernia- (an "Outie" belly button) are not covered. We cannot guarantee that previous generations did not have above mentioned conditions in their lines; therefore, we cannot guarantee these conditions will not show up in future litters.

Puppy will have received vaccinations and several wormings, depending on age. No replacements will be given in case of Parvo.

If your dog is used in any sort illegal activity (dog fighting) or in any extreme sports (weight pulling), or is mistreated, malnourished, abused or not taken care of, this guarantee is completely null and void.

The seller does not guarantee size, coat, color, un-descended testicle, skin issues, eye problems or fertility or anything that is common to the bully breeds once the puppy has left our premises. Also, we do not warranty umbilical hernia, coccidiosis, giardia, ear mites, external/internal parasites, viral or bacterial infections that may occur after the puppy is brought into your environment. We do guarantee the puppy to be healthy at the time it is sent to you as we will have a veterinary examine your puppy before departure.

We strive to produce a healthy family pet that can be enjoyed the entire family for years to come. If your puppy would have a genetic health issue other than what is deemed "standard" in this breed (see paragraph below) we will require two vet exams from two different clinics by two different licensed veterinarians stating the exact descriptive health issue. Diagnosis can vary from vet to vet and sometimes they can be wrong, as such we require two separate exams for your protection and to get to the true diagnosis. If the puppy is diagnosed with a non-standard health issue the breeder will replace the puppy with a puppy from an available litter or the next

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available litter. Under no circumstances will a cash refund be given. If you are purchasing from a future litter and the breeding does not happen the breeder will offer a new puppy from a different breeding or litter of equal value at your choice, at no additional cost to you. Shipping is at the buyer's expense if the puppy is returned and the puppy must be shipped to the airport in Omaha, NE (OMA).

For this guarantee to remain in effect you are required to feed your puppy a high quality food during the guarantee period. You are required to furnish receipts for the food you feed your puppy. Why? What you feed your new puppy is very important. What you feed your puppy will determine the overall general health for the lifetime of the dog. You are asked to feed your puppy a high quality food as low cost/low quality food has proven to be detrimental to the lifelong health of a dog. If you cannot furnish the receipts of the dog food you have fed during the first year you will will forfeit your guarantee. Most every VT will recommend a top quality dog food, if they do not we will be happy to recommend a few. Please keep your receipts with your puppy's paperwork. Bulldogs do not digest grains, corn or soy well. Check the ingredients of your dog food, stay away from those that have corn or by-product as the first ingredient. We want you and your puppy to have a life time of enjoyment together. We love our pets and we know you will love yours as well.

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

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Note: the below information may not be used as an alternative to seeing a licensed veterinary surgeon. This information listed below is from personal experience of the breeder. The breeder is NOT A VET; as such this information can only be offered as a guide. Please see a vet that understands the growth of a bulldog, call around and take some time to find the right vet for your puppy.**

### COMMON AILMENTS THAT AFFECT THE BULLDOG

Development GROWING Problems: Because of the bulldog's rapid growth it is very important that you keep weight, play and exercise properly managed during the first year, early joint damage could be permanent and may lead to osteoarthritis. Irregular growth in the long bones is very common and is almost always only temporary as the dog usually grows out of it by the time the bones fuse at about 9 months to 1 year of age. Hip/elbow dysplasia is genetic but can be encouraged by environmental factors (ie: slidey floors, jumping, overweight, etc). Any puppy that shows lameness should be rested as it is not unusual during a rapid growth spurt, try not to panic if your puppy becomes lame and do not allow surgery to be undertaken on growing bones - no firm diagnoses can be made until at least the puppy is at least one year old.

OCD and HIP Dysplasia is incredibly rare in bulldogs and is very often mis-diagnosed in the breed. Due to the naturally very shallow joints the bulldog is sadly very prone to arthritic changes which can occur at a very young age, especially if as a puppy the dog underwent very rapid growth or was overweight or over exercised during this period. Sadly many puppies are diagnosed with OCD or HIP Dysplasia and in most cases this is not a correct diagnosis. The breed has naturally shallow elbow and hip joints and young bulldog hips are very loose as the adult dog relies heavily on muscle to hold the joint in place. In many cases the growth rate is so fast the long bones grow at different rates in the fore legs, and elbows in particular will show up as displacic on x-rays taken under 18 months old. In most cases the bones will level out as the growth phase comes to an end. Dysplasia diagnoses should not be taken as a red until the dog is at least 18 months old and surgical intervention should never be considered until the growth phases is over, even then it's more likely that the dog simply needs drug management to deal with the arthritic changes in the joint which in most cases are the result of the rapid growth as a puppy.

Diet plays a large role in bone development, because of the rapid growth it is wise to take the puppy off puppy food at 5 months to lower the protein intake. Many dog food manufactures recommend that the puppy stays on puppy mix for the first year; however the bulldog's bones do not need such a high protein intake as it speeds up an already rapid growth and can lead to development deformities in some cases. The same applies to calcium, don't give puppy any extra calcium - find a good well balanced dog food and stick to it.

IF IT SHOULD HAPPEN. You can help your dog through its puppy limping or arthritis with a natural product - Extract of Green Lipped Mussel. Give 1 or 2 capsules per day depending on the

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severity of the limping, you can either hide the capsule in a treat or sprinkle it over their food (it smells fishy, so they love it). Green lipped mussel is a natural anti-inflammatory and will help rebuild any defects in the bones. We give this product to our adult arthritic dogs and have never had the need to use a prescribed arthritis drug yet. We have also given it to young pups going through their "stiff" stages and always give it to any dog that is recovering from joint surgery. Remember through, that any form of limping should be checked out by your vet, there are many many things that can cause limping, although in most cases Green Lipped Mussel will help.

### CRUCIATE LIGAMENT DAMAGE

The bulldog can damage their cruciate ligament easily. The back legs are usually longer than the front and this puts pressure on the stifle joint (knee). A bad landing or a sudden turn can snap one of the cruciate ligaments. The vet will be able to confirm a damaged cruciate ligament by manipulating the knee joint, side to side movement is usually a sign. A dog with a damaged cruciate will hold his back leg with either just the toes touching the floor or with the leg fully off the ground bent at the knee. If the ligament is only stretched strict crate rest will almost always work, but you have to be very strict and keep the dog crated only allowing them out to the toilet on a lead. If there is no improvement after one week then surgery may be required.

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