

Stein House German Shepherds

PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Stein House German Shepherds (hereinafter referred to as the **Breeder**) does transfer ownership of the described puppy to the new **Owner(s)** within the terms listed herein. (Please note that the terms "puppy", "adult", "dog", "male", "sire", "bitch", "female", "dam" whether used in singular, plural or possessive cases are to be construed to mean the same thing for the entirety of this **Purchase Agreement**, and will generally be referred to as "dog"). This agreement is governed by the laws of the County of Knox, State of Tennessee, United States of America. Regardless of where the puppy is sold, shipped, or makes residence, any claims or suits against the **Breeder** will be presented and settled in the County of the **Breeder's** residence. This **Purchase Agreement** is negotiable.

Section I-Health Guarantee

The puppy's general health is guaranteed for **2 weeks** after the date that it is shipped or placed with the new **Owner(s)**. At the time of transfer, the puppy will have at least two (2) examinations by our veterinarian, and appropriate immunizations/vaccinations. At the time of purchase, detailed kennel health records will be presented to the new **Owner(s)**. During the two-week period, if the puppy is to be replaced for health reasons, the **Owner(s)** will return the puppy to the **Breeder** at the **Owner's** expense. Upon obtaining proof of genetic poor health by the **Breeder's** veterinarian, the **Breeder** will replace the puppy with another of equal value, or refund the purchase price in the event a replacement is not available. If a replacement puppy is available and the owner refuses to accept it-no refund will be given! No puppy will be replaced if it has been abused, injured, bred, spayed/neutered or exposed to a deadly disease.

The **Breeder** does not guarantee the temperament of any puppy. We breed for correct temperament, but the final outcome is determined greatly by the type of environment in that a young puppy is raised. Nice, well-bred puppies can develop severe temperament problems if abused, tormented by young children, exposed to aggressive and/or dangerous dogs and/or people, continually crated, and no socialization exposure. We perform a temperament test at the age of seven (7) weeks to evaluate the individual puppies in our litters, and will show the results to any prospective **Owner(s)** in order to best match he/she/they with the dog.

Section II-Required General Care By The Owner(s)

The **Owner(s)** agrees to provide a home for the dog that will provide adequate shelter from the elements. A puppy from our kennel must **NEVER** be chained outside, allowed to roam free, or permitted to run and jump excessively! Upon receiving sufficient vaccination/immunizations for Parvovirus, a puppy should be socialized as often as possible with people of all ages and races. Socialization with dogs as well as some other animals is acceptable, provided they are friendly, disease-free, and the puppy has the appropriate immunization/vaccinations. The **Owner(s)** is urged to take the puppy to different places and carefully expose it to different types and levels of noise, sights, and odors. This is all part of the socialization process that has a tremendous impact on the confidence and temperament of the dog.

Section III-Nutrition

We feed our puppies and adults a premium grade of all-natural dog food and we are very selective in the type of food that we use. It is imperative that the new **Owner(s)** feeds the puppy correctly-sized portions for the age/maturity of the puppy/adult. We also do not allow our puppies/adults to "free feed" and have "free range" and unsupervised types and quantities of exercise, and we require the new **Owner(s)** to follow this practice.

Section IV-Show/Breeding Privileges (Determination must be stated at the time of original purchase!)

Remember-breeding is an earned privilege, not an inherent right! All puppies are sold as "AKC Limited Registration". Full registration and show/breeding privileges will be granted only if the new owner fulfills the following requirements:

- **OPTION 1:** Between nine (9) and ten (10) months of age obtains a satisfactory (Excellent, Good, Fair) radiological preliminary evaluation through the Orthopaedic Foundation for Animals, followed by a final satisfactory (Excellent, Good, Fair) radiological evaluation through the Orthopaedic Foundation for Animals between the age of twenty-four (24) and twenty-six (26) months. If the puppy is more than

twenty-six (26) months of age when the final evaluation is done, then the quality of the hips IS NOT guaranteed!

- **OPTION 2:** Between twelve (12) and fourteen (14) months of age obtains a satisfactory radiological evaluation (“a”1, “a”2, “a”3) through the Verein für Deutsches Schäferhunde. This evaluation may be obtained through United Schutzhund Clubs of America or the German Shepherd Dog Club of America. If the puppy is more than fourteen (14) months of age when the final evaluation is done, then the quality of the hips IS NOT guaranteed!
- **FINALLY**, after a successful hip evaluation through either Option 1 or Option 2 the puppy obtains a successful breed survey evaluation using the breed standards set forth by the F.C.I.. This evaluation can be done by an agent for the Verein für Deutsches Schäferhunde, the German Shepherd Dog Club of America, the AKC, or the **Breeder** himself.

Upon fulfilling these requirements, the **Owner(s)** will present proof of these accomplishments to the Breeder, and pay him the required amount for the AKC registration change fee. Upon receipt of these documents and funds, the **Breeder** will petition the AKC for the change of registration. Note-if the puppy was originally purchased for show/breeding and is determined to be dysplastic, the **Breeder** will replace the puppy with another of equal value. If a replacement puppy is available and the **Owner(s)** refuses to accept it-no other form of restitution will be provided!

The **Breeder** may negotiate with the **Owner(s)** to have the pick of one (1) puppy from each of a maximum of two (2) litters during the lifetime of the dog named in this **Purchase Agreement**. Because this option cannot be bound by this **Purchase Agreement**, the **Owner(s)** and the **Breeder** will negotiate and sign a separate agreement that stipulates the extent of the Breeder's option, if so desired by the **Breeder**.

Please note; even with the granting of full registration, no male or female can be bred until at least two (2) years of age. The **Breeder** must know, and approve of a planned breeding in advance of the event. It is the Breeder's intent that the bloodline of the progeny be at least the quality of the original puppy from his kennel. Remember-we only breed to improve the line! If a limited registration dog or bitch is ever bred for the purpose of selling the unregistrable offspring, especially through brokers or commercial establishments (puppy mills, pet stores, etc.) the **Breeder** will take whatever legal action is required to stop future occurrences of this type, including confiscation, spaying/neutering the dog or bitch, and the collection of monetary penalties! Please note that neither the AKC nor the Verein für Deutsches Schäferhunde will allow the offspring of limited registration parents to become registered-they are essentially worthless and represent an unethical and possibly illegal practice.

Section V-Hip Dysplasia In Pet/Companion Dogs

If the puppy was originally purchased as a pet/companion, the **Breeder** will not replace the puppy unless it has hip dysplasia that is worse than the rating of "Borderline" as indicated by its OFA examination. If a replacement puppy is available and the **Owner(s)** refuses to accept it-no other form of restitution will be provided!

Section VI-Suitable Environment and Stewardship by the Owner(s)

The **Owner(s)** agrees to provide a suitable environment for the puppy/adult and should the time ever come that he/she/they cannot continue owning the above-mentioned German Shepherd Dog for whatever reason, that he/she/they will offer the **Breeder** a first chance to place it into a new home, or return it to the **Breeder** free of cost. Also, the **Owner(s)** agrees to never relinquish the puppy/adult to a shelter or rescue organization of any type.

Section VII-Registration and Intent of Purchase

A puppy's first name for registration purposes will begin with the character used for the litter registration. The new **Owner(s)** can work with the **Breeder** to choose the registered first name. Afterwards, the new Owner(s) may choose any “call name” they so wish, but shall not to attempt to change the registered name. The **Owner(s)** is/are responsible to complete the Registration application, enclose the necessary fees, and forward it to the AKC. Subsequent sale, transfer, or disposal of the said dog is **PROHIBITED** without the approval of the Breeder, for the **LIFETIME** of the dog.

Section VIII-Legal Responsibility and Liabilities of the Owner(s)

The **Owner(s)** agrees to hold the **Breeder** absolutely harmless in the event this dog causes injury or death to the **Owner(s)**, any personal pets, livestock, person(s) or property for the lifetime of the dog.

By the placement of his/her/their signatures, the **Owner(s)** hereby declare that he/she/they have fully read and do understand this **Agreement** in its entirety.

NOTES _____

AKC Litter Registration Number _____

Kennel Litter Designation: _____ **Tattoo Number:** _____

Given Name: _____ **Stein House Date Sold:** _____

Color: _____ **AKC Registration Number** _____

Pet/Companion Y N Working Line Y N

Show/Breeding Y N American Show Line Y N

German Show Line Y N

Price: _____

Owner(s)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Work Phone:** _____

Signature(s) _____

Date: _____ **Breeder's Signature:** _____