

Puppy Sales Contract

Notes

for the sale and purchase of a male/female Golden Retriever with Kennel Club (KC) Registration Number _____, born on _____, referred to as 'The dog'.

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In this agreement 'The breeder' means Julian Pottage of _____ and 'The purchaser' means _____ of _____

The purchase price means £900, being a deposit of £100 and a balance of £800.

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1. The breeder confirms that the dog's sire and the dam have passed hip and eye tests, that the sire has a junior warrant and a challenge certificate (as defined by the KC) and that the dam has achieved the gold award under the KC good citizen dog scheme. iv, v
2. The breeder confirms that he is a KC assured breeder, has provided details of what this means and that the scheme has a complaints procedure.
3. The breeder confirms that to the best of his knowledge the dog is in good health at point of sale and has had appropriate feeding, worming and general care but offers no guarantees for the dog's future health or disposition. vi
4. The breeder will give the purchaser advice about feeding, socialisation, exercise, training and worming and a record of any immunisation. vii
5. The purchaser will pay the breeder the purchase price and collect the dog at a mutually convenient time, which will be on or shortly after 8 weeks of age. viii
6. If, within 48 hours of purchase, a veterinary surgeon certifies that the dog is in poor health, the purchaser may return the dog. The breeder will then choose to (a) restore the dog to good health within 28 days or (b) replace the dog with another dog of similar age or (c) refund the purchase price.
7. The breeder will give the purchaser the Kennel Club registration at the time of sale or as soon as practical thereafter. The breeder will have endorsed the KC registration so that the dog's progeny are ineligible for registration or for an export certificate. This is mainly to ensure that only the best stock is used for breeding. The breeder has discretion on whether to lift such restrictions. ix
8. The breeder advises against neutering any male dog or a female that has not had its first season unless there is a medical reason for doing so. x
9. The breeder advises the purchaser to take out insurance cover, at least for third party liability, if the purchaser's home insurance policy does not provide such cover. Included with the registration papers is a free insurance offer.
10. The breeder will arrange for a vet to examine the puppy shortly before 8 weeks old and for a vet or other suitable person to microchip the puppy. xi
11. If the purchaser wishes to rehome or return the dog, other than as in 6 above, the breeder agrees to assist and normally no money will be due to either party. If the breeder resells the dog, he may forward the resale fee to the purchaser, in which case he may retain the £100 deposit and may deduct any extra costs of caring for the dog and marketing it for resale. xii
12. By signing below the breeder and the purchaser confirm that they have read and understood this agreement and agree to adhere to its terms.

Signed (Breeder)

Date

Signed (Purchaser)

Date

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- i. For puppies intended for showing, gundog work, training as therapy dogs or breeding, the breeder will endeavour to place the most suitable puppies with the relevant purchasers. For puppies going to purely pet homes, the breeder will aim to meet the purchaser's preferences for type of puppy but retains the discretion as to which puppy from a litter he provides to the purchaser. If the purchaser only wishes to proceed if particular puppies are available, the purchaser needs to agree this with the breeder before entering into the sales contract.
- ii. The breeder confirms that he will accept the £800 balance of the £900 purchase price by cleared cheque, banker's draft or cash.
- iii. If the purchaser does not pay the £800 balance for any reason other than because the breeder unexpectedly no longer has a puppy available, the breeder may retain the £100 deposit without liability to the purchaser.
- iv. For a dog to obtain Junior Warrant status, it must obtain a certain number of points at dog shows before it attains age 2. This indicates that the dog is an excellent example of the breed, both in terms of conformation and fitness for purpose.
- v. For a dog to pass the KC Good Citizen Gold Award, it must first pass the Bronze and Silver Awards. The awards all test the dog's obedience and temperament, with the Gold award being the hardest to pass. Only a small percentage of dogs achieve the Gold award.
- vi. Too many factors affecting the puppy's future are beyond the control of the breeder for the breeder to offer any guarantees.
- vii. If the purchaser follows the advice given on feeding, socialisation, exercise, training, worming and immunisation, there is every chance that the puppy will be pleasure to own for many years. The breeder will be happy to answer any queries the purchaser has about the dog's welfare as it settles into its new home. The breeder hopes that the purchaser will stay in touch, with reports and pictures on the dog as it develops, as well as bringing the dog to show the breeder some time after it attains one year of age.
- viii. If the purchaser fails to collect the puppy by the agreed date, the breeder may sell the puppy to another buyer after the agreed date and retain the deposit without liability to the purchaser.
- ix. For the breeder to consider lifting the restrictions, the dog will need to have passed normal health checks (presently a clear eye certificate and a hip score as good as the breed average) and have a microchip or other permanent identification. Lifting restrictions may also depend upon other factors, such as DNA test results, elbow score, the health results of the intended mate and proposed rearing arrangements. If you hope to breed from the dog, it is important that you tell the breeder as this may affect which puppy is most suitable for you.
- x. Neutering a dog of either gender will make its coat less attractive and will make it harder to manage its weight. Neutering will also prevent anyone from showing it and mean that its genes cannot pass on no matter how good the dog is. The breeder recognises, however, that some bitch owners prefer not to risk an accidental mating and intend to have a bitch spayed. In this case, it is strongly advisable to wait until after she has had one season. Do not allow your vet to pressurise you into premature neutering: goldens are a large and slow maturing breed; moreover, premature neutering increasing the risk of bone cancer.
- xi. Having a microchip or similar identification is now a legal requirement in parts of the UK.
- xii. Buying a dog is a serious commitment and responsible breeders do not sell puppies on a trial basis. The first few months of a puppy's life are important for its development and extra changes of home have a negative impact on this. The breeder recognises, though, that a purchaser who starts with good intentions may have a change in circumstances and will try to help find a new home for the dog if this happens.