

PRANCING PONY FARM

MAREMMA SHEEPDOG FULL REGISTRATION PUPPY/DOG CONTRACT

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Prancing Pony Farm

This agreement is made and entered into on _____, 20__ by Kimberly Crawmer, Owner of Prancing Pony Farm, hereafter referred to as BREEDER and _____, hereafter referred to as BUYER.

BUYER information: Name:

Email:

Phone:

Address:

BUYER agrees to purchase the described Maremma Sheepdog puppy with the following warranties and conditions. No other warranties or conditions are either expressed or implied.

Puppy Information:

ID/Description: Sex:

Date of Birth:

Microchip #:

Litter #, if applicable:

Sire:

Registration #:

Dam:

Registration #:

CONSIDERATION

Purchase price will be paid in full prior to receipt or shipment of the puppy. Reservation fee to hold puppy is non-refundable. Final balance is due BEFORE buyer takes possession of puppy. Payments may be made by Good- Dog or cash. Once final balance is paid it is non-refundable but may be transferred to a later litter at PPF's discretion. If puppy is to be shipped, balance for puppy/dog plus all shipment costs and additional health clearances for shipment must be paid before puppy is shipped. Shipment costs (including crate, airfare, and any additional health clearances, etc) are the responsibility of the BUYER. All the shipping arrangements will be mutually agreed upon by both the BUYER and the

BREEDER.

REGISTRATION AND OWNERSHIP

The puppy is a purebred Maremma Sheepdog registered or registrable with the Maremma Sheepdog Club of America and is being sold with Limited Registration (without breeding rights) initially. When the BUYER fulfills all of his/her obligations under this agreement the BREEDER will update the limited registration status to full registration.

Buyer shall register the puppy with the MSCA. Paperwork will be provided by the BREEDER.

Buyer agrees to use Breeder's farm name (Prancing Pony Farm) when registering the puppy.

WARRANTIES AND REPRESENTATIONS BY THE BREEDER

The BREEDER warrants and represents the following:

The puppy is being sold as a working Livestock Guardian Dog, with the appropriate early socialization and training. The puppy is of breeding potential and is a good example of the Maremma Sheepdog breed, both in temperament and conformation.

Prancing Pony Farm guarantees that the puppy is in good health at time of purchase and up to date on vaccinations, deworming and other routine health care.

The puppy is microchipped with lifetime enrollment in the Petlink Pet Recovery System. The BREEDER will furnish BUYER with the puppy's immunization record and microchip information.

The BUYER shall have the puppy/dog examined by a licensed veterinarian within 72 hours of pickup/delivery, except that if the last day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the Buyer has until the end of the following Monday to have the LGD examined. (Hereinafter referred to as "the Examination Period").

The full purchase price shall be refunded if Prancing Pony Farm is supplied with a written opinion of a veterinarian no later than 7 days after the end of the Examination Period describing any health problem found within the Examination Period that would render this puppy unfit as a LGD.

The BUYER will be responsible for returning the puppy to the BREEDER. If the BUYER wishes to keep the puppy there shall be no refund of the purchase price and the BREEDER shall not be responsible for any veterinary bills or expenses in relation to the puppy.

This guarantee does not cover accidents, injuries or illnesses that happen after the puppy leaves Prancing Pony Farm.

The BUYER agrees to maintain the puppy at all times in good health with regular veterinary checkups, and will secure such vaccinations, deworming, grooming and veterinary care as recommended.

The BUYER has been offered 30 days of free Trupanion health insurance by the breeder. The BREEDER can't sign the puppy up for this insurance. The BUYER must do so within 24 hours (before or after) of picking up their puppy. (The BUYER is free to use another insurance company if they prefer.)

This puppy represents a significant investment by the BUYER. Livestock Guardian Dogs are hard working dogs with more risk of incurring vet bills than companion dogs, due to the nature of their jobs and the environments they live in. The BREEDER highly advises the BUYER to keep pet health insurance (through any reputable pet insurance company) on the puppy to protect their investment against unforeseen injuries and illnesses. The BUYER acknowledges that if they choose not to insure their investment they could end up with unforeseen vet bills due to circumstances out of the BREEDER and BUYER's control.

TWENTY-FOUR MONTH HEALTH GUARANTEE

A. Any of the physical/medical faults below qualify for a refund of the cost of the puppy or a replacement puppy, at the BREEDER'S discretion: -Hereditary genetic "severe" Hip Dysplasia or "Grade 3" Elbow Dysplasia as verified by OFA or PennHip.

All OFA/PennHip claims are to be made in writing with proper documentation from OFA or PennHip before the puppy is 24 months of age.

-Any other hereditary or congenital defect or disease, except for umbilical hernias, as documented by a Licensed Veterinarian and verified by a second Veterinarian of the Breeder's choice.

ORTHOPEDIC (HIP OR ELBOW) CLAIMS CAN NOT BE MADE BASED ONLY ON X-RAYS OR VET REPORTS. THE PUPPY/DOG MUST BE DIAGNOSED WITH HIP OR ELBOW DYSPLASIA (AS OUTLINED ABOVE) THROUGH PENNHIP OR OFA.

-The puppy's microchip number must be recorded on any OFA or PennHip records, x-rays, tests, and veterinarian records.

-Any hereditary eye problem as determined by a Board Certified Ophthalmologist. All claims for eyes are to be made before the puppy is 24 months of age and must be documented by a CERF report.

-Any other hereditary or congenital defect or disease, except for umbilical hernias, as documented by a Licensed Veterinarian and verified by a second Veterinarian of the Breeder's choice.

If the Breeder has an examination by a veterinarian of her choice and that veterinarian disagrees with the Buyer's veterinarian, then the parties shall mutually agree on a third veterinarian whose findings shall be final and the cost of whom shall be split evenly between the parties.

-All claims for other hereditary or congenital defects or disease must be made by the time the puppy is 12 months of age.

-Any other hereditary or congenital defect or disease that would physically prevent the puppy from performing as a livestock guardian dog or that is severe enough to require that the puppy to be euthanized as documented by a Licensed Veterinarian and verified by a second Veterinarian of the Breeder's choice.

All claims for other hereditary or congenital defects or diseases must be made by the time the puppy is 12 months of age.

-This warranty does not include viral illnesses, infections, improper bites, stress-related illness, hernias, hypoglycemia, parasites (including Giardia or Coccidiosis), cancer or endocrine disorders. It also does not include any illness due to ingesting foreign objects, food, chemicals or physical injury.

B. Buyer will receive a refund or replacement puppy from a future Prancing Pony Farm litter once the Breeder has received a copy of the health reports/certificates and the original puppy's spay/neuter veterinary documentation or euthanasia report.

-There is no guarantee as to when the next litter will be available. All health checks/certificates must be completed by the age(s) stipulated in this contract or this Guarantee is invalid. This guarantee applies only to the original Buyer.

D. The entire Health Guarantee shall be null and void under the following conditions: -If the puppy is spayed or neutered before 18 months of age. (BUYER may petition BREEDER for permission to alter the dog sooner if they and their veterinarian feel doing so is in the best interest of the dog.) This is because of known associations between early spay/neuter and various health conditions, including but not limited to hip dysplasia and other skeletal abnormalities, cancer and other health problems.

-If the puppy is not fed an appropriate AAFCO-approved large breed puppy food for the first 18 months of their life.

- If the puppy is subjected to strenuous exercise, that could cause an injury.
- If the puppy is not kept up to date on proper health care including vaccines, parasite control and proper grooming.
- If the puppy is not maintained at a healthy weight for its age.

LIFETIME SATISFACTION GUARANTEE

This puppy comes with a Lifetime Satisfaction Guarantee. If you are not 100% satisfied with your Prancing Pony Farm Maremma Sheepdog puppy at any time during the lifetime of the dog, for any reason, or if you can no longer keep your dog, you may return the puppy/dog to Prancing Pony Farm with their signed registration certificate. There will be no refund for a no-fault return.

BREEDING

The BUYER will not receive breeding rights and agrees not to breed their LGD until the following conditions are met:

- The dog is a minimum of two years of age for females or one year of age for males.
- The dog must have a PennHip score of .41 or better or a permanent OFA score of fair or better.
- The dog must have a permanent OFA Elbow Dysplasia score of Normal.
- The dog must complete a DNA panel to screen for hereditary genetic issues and measure the Coefficient of Inbreeding. (COI)
- The dog must be a Livestock Guardian dog, successfully guarding livestock, not a companion or show dog. (While the BREEDER acknowledges that Maremmas can make good pets in some circumstances we promote breeding for LGDs first and foremost, therefore proven working ability is very important in selecting breeding dogs. Breeding rights will not be given for companion or show dogs.)
- Any dog with which the LGD is bred must also be a successful working LGD (not a companion or show dog) with a PennHip score of .41 or better or a permanent OFA score of fair or better. (*Two dogs with Fair OFA scores may not be bred together.)
- Dogs with Fair hips should only be bred to dogs with Good or Excellent hips or PennHip scores that are well below the breed average.
- Breeding selections should be made to improve the breed and to minimize the risk of genetic defects.
- Inbreeding can cause harm to the Maremma breed, which already has a limited gene pool. Intended mates should not be too closely related. The COI (Coefficient of Inbreeding) score should be used to determine if the potential puppies will have diverse enough genetics. The COI should meet the MSCA Code of Ethics standards.
- The puppy may only be bred with a MSCA registered Maremma Sheepdog, not with an unregistered Maremma or with any other breed of dog.
- The BUYER must show proof of completing the Karen Pryor Academy Dog Trainer Foundations course by the time the puppy is 6 months old. Waiting to complete the

program until the dog is an adult will disqualify the BUYER from attaining breeding rights.

- The BUYER must show proof of completing the Puppy Culture program.
- The BUYER agrees that any puppies resulting from the breeding(s) will be placed in caring, responsible homes.
- The BUYER agrees that this puppy will not be bred and raise a litter (consisting of 3 or more live puppies) more than once every 12 months, and will not have more than 5 litters total in her lifetime.
- The BUYER agrees that this puppy will be spayed within thirty days of turning 8 years of age.
- The BUYER will not breed for the pet market nor sell puppies to pet shops, brokers or dealers.
- Male dogs should be bred selectively to quality bitches who meet the standards outlined in this contract.
- The dog will remain on Limited Registration until all these terms are met.
- If the dog is bred before all of the above conditions are met the BUYER will be in violation of the contract. The puppies will not be registrable and the Breeding Contract will be null and void and the dog must be spayed or neutered.
- If the dog is a female and has been exposed to an intact male during a heat cycle it is recommended that she be spayed immediately to prevent the risk of unplanned, unregistered puppies flooding the market.

BREEDING UNREGISTERED LITTERS FROM THIS DOG IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED AND WILL VOID THE CONTRACT.

ADDITIONAL TERMS

A. BUYER agrees to notify Prancing Pony Farm of any changes of address within 30 days and to provide periodic updates and pictures of the puppy/dog for the lifetime of the puppy/dog.

B. BUYER further agrees that proper safeguards will be taken to ensure the care and comfort of the puppy/dog. It is the understanding that this puppy/dog will be a livestock guardian dog and will be kept in a safe, properly fenced area with enough room for exercise and provided with a proper seasonal shelter at all times. (Or in a home and suitable fenced yard if the puppy is to be a companion.)

The LGD will not be subjected to prolonged confinement, this being defined as confinement in a kennel or similar structure for a continuous period of time in excess of 48 hours, unless the puppy/dog is injured or ill and needs to be kenneled for their own health.

BUYER agrees not to tie or otherwise tether said puppy/dog for primary confinement, use the puppy/dog for fighting, or promote unstable aggressive tendencies in the puppy/dog.

C. BUYER will feed the puppy/dog a healthy diet and the puppy/dog will always have

access to fresh, clean water. BUYER further agrees to maintain the puppy/dog at all times in good health with regular veterinary checkups, and will secure such vaccinations, deworming and veterinary care as recommended.

D. BUYER agrees not to use prong, choke, shock, citronella, anti-bark or any type of electrical collar on the puppy, nor to use dangle sticks, yokes or other barbaric tools on their dog. They also agree not to confine the puppy alone for extended periods of time. Puppy should be integrated with livestock as soon as possible, as well as with another working LGD companion, if possible. Long term kenneling or solitary confinement of the puppy (without another LGD and/or livestock housed with the puppy) is strictly prohibited.

E. Owner will continue training puppy using only positive reinforcement based methodology. Dominance based training, "balanced" training and aversive training methods are strictly prohibited. Buyer has been informed that using punishment based methodology or aversive training methods with the pup will produce insecurity and confusion in the pup that may lead to unpredictable behavior and aggression.

F. If the BUYER is no longer able to keep their puppy for any reason they may return the puppy to the BREEDER but no refund will be given. Buyer agrees that they will not sell, surrender, transfer or assign ownership of the LGD to a third party without the prior written consent of the Breeder.

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the terms contained in this contract. I understand that this document contains the entire agreement of the parties and shall be binding to the parties signing, as well as their heirs, successors and legal representatives.

BREEDER's Signature:

DATE: _____ BUYER's

Signature: _____

DATE: _____