

Buyer and Seller agree to the following conditions of sale:

BUYER agrees to purchase the below-described Maremma Sheepdog puppy/dog with the following warranties and conditions; other warranties or conditions are either expressed or implied.

Purchase price will be paid in full before receipt or shipment of the puppy/dog. The reservation fee to hold the puppy is non-refundable. Final balance is due BEFORE the buyer takes possession of the puppy/dog. Payments may be made via the BREEDER's website or in cash. Once the final balance is paid, it is non-refundable but may be transferred to a later litter at PPF's discretion. If the puppy/dog is to be shipped, the balance for the puppy/dog plus all shipment costs and additional health clearances for shipment must be paid and cleared before the puppy/dog can be 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. Total balance is due and must have cleared at least 3 days prior to shipment of puppy/dog.

REGISTRATION AND OWNERSHIP

The puppy/dog is a purebred Maremma Sheepdog registered or registrable with the Maremma Sheepdog Club of America and is being sold with limited (no breeding rights) registration. Breeder agrees to provide Buyer with all registration paperwork.

The puppy/dog shall not be bred at any time, either intentionally or by accident. If pups are produced, such offspring will not be eligible for registration. The puppy/dog will not be granted retroactive breeding rights if puppies are produced without permission from the breeder.

BREEDER shall register the puppy/dog with the MSCA, using BREEDER's farm name (Prancing Pony Farm) when registering the puppy/dog. The BREEDER will transfer the puppy/dog into the BUYER's name and provide the BUYER with a digital copy of the puppy/dog's registration certificate after it's processed by the MSCA.

The registration process will be on hold until the entire litter is sold, since all the puppies in the litter have to be registered together. The BREEDER will process the litter for registration once all the pups are sold and the new owners have chosen names for their dogs. Adult dogs that are already registered will be transferred into the new owner's name by the BREEDER.

BREEDER WARRANTIES AND REPRESENTATIONS**The BREEDER warrants that:**

- The puppy is in good health at the time of sale
- The puppy is up to date on vaccinations, deworming, and routine care
- The puppy has received appropriate early socialization for its role as a livestock guardian dog or companion
- The puppy is microchipped with lifetime enrollment in Petlink
- The puppy is a good example of the Maremma Sheepdog breed based on the BREEDER'S evaluation at the time of sale, in both temperament and conformation.
- The BREEDER will furnish the BUYER with the puppy's immunization record and microchip information.

The BREEDER does not guarantee behavior, working ability, or performance, as these are influenced by training, environment, handling, and management the dog receives once they leave the BREEDER.

EXAMINATION PERIOD

The BUYER shall have the puppy/dog examined by a licensed veterinarian within 72 hours of pickup or arrival at their new home, if the puppy is being shipped, 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 an LGD or companion. 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, infections, 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.

LGD OCCUPATIONAL RISK AND PET HEALTH INSURANCE REQUIREMENT

This puppy represents a significant investment by the BUYER. Livestock Guardian Dogs are hard-working dogs with a higher risk of incurring vet bills than companion dogs, due to the nature of their jobs and the environments they live in. The BUYER acknowledges that livestock guardian dogs may incur significant veterinary expenses and assumes responsibility for those costs.

The BUYER has been offered 30 days of free Trupanion health insurance by the BREEDER. (Offer is available only to puppies, not older dogs.) The BREEDER can't sign the puppy up for this insurance. It needs to be done within 24 hours of pick-up or shipping, or at the time of final payment.

The BUYER must obtain a minimum of thirty (30) consecutive days of active pet health insurance coverage — either the complimentary Trupanion offer or a policy of the BUYER's choosing through any reputable pet insurance company — beginning no later than the date the puppy leaves the BREEDER's care (whether by in-person pickup or transport/shipping departure). Active coverage must be secured before the puppy leaves the BREEDER's premises or is released to a transporter.

TWENTY-FOUR MONTH HEALTH GUARANTEE

This Health Guarantee applies only to conditions that are proven to be hereditary or congenital in origin.

Conditions influenced in whole or in part by environmental factors, management, nutrition, growth rate, injury, or lifestyle are not covered.

A. COVERED CONDITIONS

The following conditions may qualify for a refund or replacement puppy, at the sole discretion of the BREEDER:

Hip Dysplasia / Hip Health Guarantee

- For purposes of this guarantee, a qualifying hip condition must be documented by an official PennHIP or OFA report and must meet at least one of the following criteria:
- A PennHIP Distraction Index (DI) of 0.70 or greater in either hip, regardless of whether osteoarthritis is present;
- A PennHIP DI below 0.70, where the official PennHIP report specifically states that there is radiographic evidence of moderate or severe osteoarthritis in either hip, or
- An official OFA evaluation of Moderate or Severe Hip Dysplasia.

- PennHIP results showing increased hip laxity or increased risk of future osteoarthritis, without meeting the criteria above, do not qualify under this guarantee. OFA results of Borderline or Mild Hip Dysplasia do not qualify.
- Verbal statements, written opinions, or interpretations from the owner's veterinarian do not establish eligibility unless the qualifying finding appears on the official PennHIP or OFA report.
- All OFA/PennHip claims are to be made in writing with proper documentation (official reports) from OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals) or PennHip (Antech Diagnostics), as well as copies of the rads that were submitted to OFA or PennHip, before the puppy is 24 months of age.

Grade 3 Elbow Dysplasia as verified by OFA. All OFA Elbow dysplasia claims are to be made in writing with proper documentation (official reports) from OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals), as well as copies of the X-rays that were submitted to OFA, before the puppy is 24 months of age.

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.

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 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.

B. REMEDY

Buyer will receive a refund or replacement puppy (choice made at the BREEDER'S discretion) 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.

C. EXCLUSIONS

This guarantee does NOT cover:

- Viral, bacterial, or fungal infections
- Parasites (including Giardia and Coccidia)
- Digestive issues, urinary tract infections, or allergies
- Cancer, autoimmune disorders, or endocrine disorders
- Improper bites, hernias, or conformation faults
- Undescended testicles, hooded vulvas, or reproductive issues
- Hypoglycemia or stress-related illness
- Injuries, toxins, foreign object ingestion, or accidents
- Conditions caused by improper feeding, exercise, or management

This guarantee does not apply to any condition not clearly proven to be hereditary or congenital in origin.

Unexplained illness or death without a confirmed hereditary cause is not covered.

D. VOID CONDITIONS

This guarantee is void if:

- The puppy didn't receive a post-purchase exam by a licensed veterinarian during the Examination Period
- The puppy is spayed or neutered before 9 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 spaying/neutering and various health conditions, including but not limited to hip dysplasia and other skeletal abnormalities, cancer, and other health problems.
- The puppy is not fed an appropriate AAFCO-approved large breed puppy food, designed to support controlled growth, for the first 18 months of their life.
- The puppy is subjected to excessive or inappropriate exercise, including forced running, repeated jumping, or repetitive high-impact activity
- The puppy is not maintained at a healthy body condition
- The puppy is not kept up to date on proper health care, including vaccinations, parasite control, and proper grooming
- The condition is caused or influenced by environmental factors, improper management, injury, or neglect

- The puppy did not have active pet health insurance coverage for a minimum of 30 consecutive days beginning no later than the date the puppy left the BREEDER's care, and proof of such coverage was not provided to the BREEDER.

E. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Under no circumstances shall the BREEDER be responsible for:

- Veterinary expenses
- Diagnostic costs
- Treatment or ongoing care
- Costs exceeding the original purchase price of the puppy/dog

LIFETIME SATISFACTION GUARANTEE, RETURN, AND REHOMING POLICY

This dog comes with a Lifetime Satisfaction Guarantee. If you are not 100% satisfied with your Prancing Pony Farm Maremma Sheepdog at any time during the lifetime of the dog, for any reason, you may return the dog to Prancing Pony Farm. There will be no refund for a no-fault return, and the BUYER is responsible for arranging and funding all transportation costs associated with the return.

If you find yourself in a situation where you can no longer keep your dog — for any reason, at any time — we want to be your first call, not your last resort. There is no judgment here. Life changes, and our priority is always the well-being of the dog.

Before taking any action to rehome, sell, transfer, or otherwise place the dog, BUYER agrees to contact Prancing Pony Farm first. We will work with you to explore all options, including helping identify and evaluate a suitable new home, facilitating the transfer to ensure a good fit, or accepting the dog's return if no suitable placement can be found.

Under no circumstances will this dog be surrendered to a shelter, rescue organization, animal control facility, or pound. This dog has a guaranteed home at Prancing Pony Farm if all other options are exhausted.

All dogs returned to Prancing Pony Farm must be accompanied by a signed registration certificate transferring ownership back to the BREEDER.

BREEDING

A. BUYER agrees not to breed this puppy/dog. The puppy/dog is being sold solely as a working Livestock Guardian Dog, and breeding of the puppy/dog is expressly prohibited. This dog will be on Limited

Registration and is never eligible for full registration. No litters from this dog may be registered, whether they are produced intentionally or by accident.

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.

The BUYER agrees to spay/neuter the puppy by 24 months of age (or sooner if their vet recommends it or the dog is at risk of accidental mating) and never breed it. BUYER must provide the BREEDER with proof of spay/neuter when the surgery is performed.

B. BUYER acknowledges that improper breeding of the dog could cause irreparable injury to Prancing Pony Farm's reputation and could endanger the Maremma Sheepdog breed, and tax the LGD market with unwanted, improperly socialized dogs. If the puppy/dog is utilized for any breeding in violation of this contract by any person or entity, Kimberly Crawmer, representing Prancing Pony Farm, shall be entitled to demand the immediate return of the puppy/dog, and BUYER shall, in addition to returning the puppy/dog and transferring the registration of the puppy/dog back to the BREEDER, pay the Breeder \$3500 per puppy produced, plus legal fees.

ADDITIONAL TERMS

A. Canine Pairing Advisory

BUYER has been advised that Livestock Guardian Dogs are social animals that consistently perform best when paired with a working partner of similar age and compatible temperament. The most successful pairings are two dogs that have been evaluated and matched by Prancing Pony Farm prior to placement. While BUYER may choose to purchase a single dog or to introduce this dog to an existing dog in their household, BUYER acknowledges that these choices carry increased risk of the following outcomes:

- A single LGD may exhibit undesirable behaviors with livestock due to the absence of a stable canine partner.
- A dog introduced to an existing household dog — particularly one significantly older, younger, or otherwise incompatible — may experience ongoing conflict, poor integration, or failure to bond.
- By signing this contract, Buyer acknowledges having received this advisory and accepts full responsibility for outcomes related to their pairing choices. These outcomes are not covered under any health or behavioral guarantee provided by Prancing Pony Farm.

B. 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.

C. 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 or companion 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 a suitable fenced yard if the puppy is to be a companion.)

D. The dog will not be subjected to prolonged confinement, which is defined as confinement in a kennel, pen, cage, 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, since prolonged confinement can cause stress, physical harm, and behavior problems in dogs. BUYER agrees not to tie or otherwise tether said puppy/dog for primary confinement.

E. 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.\

F. 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. BUYER agrees not to use the puppy/dog for fighting, or promote unstable aggressive tendencies in the puppy/dog. They also agree not to confine the puppy alone for extended periods of time. The puppy should be integrated with livestock as soon as possible, as well as with another working LGD companion, if possible. (Or into the family if the puppy is a companion.) Long-term kenneling or solitary confinement of the puppy (without another LGD and/or livestock housed with the puppy) is strictly prohibited, due to the stress, health issues, and behavior problems it can cause.

G. Owner will continue training the puppy using only positive reinforcement-based methodology. Dominance-based training, "balanced" training, and aversive training methods are strictly prohibited. The 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.

H. Owner Training Education Acknowledgment

The puppy/dog described in this contract has been raised exclusively using positive reinforcement-based training methods from birth. Buyer has agreed to continue this approach and to refrain from aversive methods as outlined above.

Buyer further acknowledges that "continuing positive reinforcement training" requires active education in canine behavior and training, not simply good intentions or general experience with dogs. Buyer has been specifically advised to complete formal coursework and has received specific recommendations from Prancing Pony Farm, including but not limited to:

- Karen Pryor Academy Dog Trainer Foundations Course — the foundational course most strongly recommended by Prancing Pony Farm for understanding canine behavior, learning theory, and the practical application of positive reinforcement
- The DIAL Method® — a science-based video program specifically designed for all dog owners, covering behavior, integration, and management

Buyer understands that these are not casual suggestions. They are structured, step-by-step programs that have been shown to meaningfully improve outcomes for LGD owners. Buyer acknowledges that choosing not to complete this coursework — or substituting it with informal resources such as YouTube videos or general dog training books — may result in misapplication of training methods and preventable behavioral problems.

Prancing Pony Farm cannot be held responsible for behavioral outcomes in dogs whose owners have not followed the training education guidance provided. By signing this contract, Buyer confirms they have received these recommendations and accepts responsibility for their choice to follow or disregard them.

Severability Clause:

If any provision of this agreement is found to be invalid, unenforceable, or violated, that provision shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision. The remaining terms of this contract shall continue in full force and effect. A breach of one provision of this agreement does not constitute a waiver or release of any other provision.

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 on the parties signing, as well as their heirs, successors, and legal representatives. BUYER agrees to purchase the below-described Maremma Sheepdog puppy/dog with the following warranties and conditions; other warranties or conditions are either expressed or implied.