

## **Health Guarantee:**

**This guarantee is considered valid for two (2) years from the date of transfer (the day the puppy leaves Southern Legacy German Shepherds kennel).**

All puppies are sold with Limited AKC Registration unless previous arrangements have been made with seller, Michelle Brooks. *Breeding this dog without written consent from Michelle Brooks (Seller) will void all aspects of this contract.*

1. Seller guarantees the puppy to be healthy at the time of transfer to the best of my ability. Any illness must be confirmed by a licensed veterinarian within one (1) week of pickup. If, as a result of the examination, the veterinarian determines that the puppy is not in good health, the buyer may elect to keep or return the puppy to SLGS. If the buyer elects to return the puppy to SLGS, the buyer must provide a licensed veterinarian's report stating that the puppy is ill. The puppy must be returned within ten (10) days of the original pickup date in order to be eligible for a full refund.
2. Seller guarantees that the puppies have been on a set de-worming and vaccination program.
3. Seller guarantees the puppy to be free from crippling Hip-Dysplasia (rated 'severe' by OFA) for a period of two (2) years from the date of transfer. Buyer will provide an OFA report to SLGS showing crippling genetic Hip Dysplasia. Only a copy of the report from the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) will be accepted to verify this. When documentation from OFA is provided, the seller will replace the dog with a puppy of equal or greater value from the next available litter. Or the buyer may elect to have 50% of the purchase price returned. **Either way, the buyer may keep the original dog if they choose.**
4. Seller guarantees the puppy to be free of Degenerative Myelopathy. The puppy will not be rated 'at risk' by DNA screening for the lifetime of the dog.
5. All expenses incurred in returning the original dog or taking possession of a new puppy are at the buyer's expense. **The buyer may keep the original dog if they choose.**
6. Seller will take the puppy back within 7 days of pickup/delivery for any reason with a full refund, less the \$300.00 deposit.
7. Seller does not guarantee elbows. Growing conditions, food quality, and injury are responsible for more than 70% of elbow development. Dogs raised on hard surfaces are more likely to develop signs of ED.
8. Seller guarantees the puppy to be free from crippling genetic disease that significantly impacts the overall health of the dog. Buyer must provide diagnostic records from a licensed veterinarian. If this occurs, the Seller will refund 50% of the purchase price or provide the buyer a new puppy from the next available litter. **The buyer may keep the original dog if they choose.**

## **Temperament Guarantee:**

**This guarantee is considered valid for two (2) years from the date of transfer (the day the puppy leaves Southern Legacy German Shepherds kennel).**

If the puppy/dog is deemed aggressive or extremely shy and that temperament does not work out for the Buyer, the puppy/dog can be returned to SLGS for a 50% refund of the purchase price. The Buyer must demonstrate that the puppy/dog has been through appropriate training and that the temperament of the dog was not caused by the Buyer. Proof of training is required. All expenses incurred in returning the dog are at the Buyer's expense.

## **Buyers Responsibility:**

1. The puppy/dog is to be fed a good quality food (if the Buyer has questions about what constitutes a 'good quality food,' please consult with Seller).
2. The puppy/dog is sufficiently protected so as not to be subject to any preventable accident or injury.
3. The puppy/dog may not be sold, given to, or be sent to live/stay with a second party not named in this contract without written permission from Seller (Michelle Brooks).
  - A) If at any point during the lifetime of the dog, for any reason, Buyer is unable to keep the puppy/dog, the puppy/dog is to be returned to SLGS. No refund will be due to the Buyer if the reason for return is not covered in the Health or Temperament Guarantee.
  - B) SLGS understands that unplanned situations often occur in life. If Buyer is having trouble and needs temporary placement of the puppy/dog, please contact Seller (Michelle Brooks). SLGS is always willing to work with Buyers in order to keep the puppy/dog with their family.
4. The puppy/dog must never produce a litter (by accident or intentionally) or all Guarantees are void.
5. The puppy/dog may not live tethered outside or be confined solely to an outdoor kennel.
6. The puppy/dog should not be unduly or inhumanely restrained or denied sufficient exercise. Extensive confinement will cause problems in temperament as well as bone, joint, and muscle development.
7. Puppy is to be seen by a licensed veterinarian within one (1) week of pickup. Please consult with seller about over-vaccination in dogs and the recommended appropriate vaccination schedule.
8. Due to the varying availability of key vitamins and minerals in dog foods, the vast array of environmental conditions that your puppies will come into contact with, and the fact that puppies have immature immune systems that take time to develop, SLGS requires that all SLGS puppies be given NuVet Plus® K-9 Wafers Immune System Builder, as directed by the manufacturer, for the entire two (2) years of the guarantee period. Failure to do so will render this guarantee null and void. SLGS highly recommends that your puppy/dog continue to be given NuVet Plus® K-9 Wafers Immune System Builder beyond the two (2) year guarantee period to promote optimal long-term health. NuVet Plus® K-9 Wafers Immune System Builder must be purchased from the manufacturer's website using the SLGS account number **31604**. This allows Seller to document each purchase. See the Contract page of the SLGS website to find a link to the NuVet website.

## **Terms of Contract:**

1. Seller is not responsible for any veterinarian bills, health care costs, training costs, boarding costs, transportation costs, etc. at any point after the puppy has been picked up from SLGS.
2. Puppy is sold solely as a pet/companion to the person named on the contract.
3. The puppy or dog's suitability for any additional use/purpose depends entirely on the environment and training provided by or purchased by the Buyer.
4. All guarantees listed in this contract apply to the original buyer only and are not transferable.
5. Seller reserves the right to obtain an examination and opinion from a licensed veterinarian of the Seller's choosing should the puppy be returned for health reasons during the term of the contract.
6. Buyer will submit all relevant veterinary records to the seller upon request.
7. Buyer agrees that he/she is not acting, wholly or in part, as an agent in the purchase of this puppy.
8. Buyer will not sell the puppy/dog to any agent, pet store, or business.
9. Buyer agrees that they are in no way affiliated with King Shepherds or Shiloh Shepherds.

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10. Buyer agrees to comply with all local ordinances regarding the keeping of canines in their region including: providing adequate food, water, housing, immunizations, health care, and humane treatment for the life of the puppy/dog.
11. Buyer agrees that this puppy/dog will **NEVER** be surrendered to a shelter, rescue, sold, or given to any party not named on this contract.
12. Buyer agrees that, if at any point in time, he/she cannot keep the puppy/dog, the puppy/dog **MUST BE RETURNED AND OWNERSHIP SURRENDERED** to Michelle Brooks/SLGS.
13. Buyer will give the puppy/dog NuVet Plus® K-9 Wafers Immune System Builder purchased through the manufacturer's website using the SLGS code **31604** for, at minimum, the first two (2) years of life.

**I have read and agree to the conditions of the above Guarantee and Contract.**

**Buyers Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sellers Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_