



Adoption Contract

This Adoption Contract is made on [DATE] between **The Klepper Homestead** (hereinafter referred to as the "Seller") and [BUYER NAME] (hereinafter referred to as the "Buyer").

The Seller agrees to sell the following puppy for the purchase price of \$[PRICE]:

[BREED] whelped on [DOB], sired by [MALE] and out of [FEMALE].

The puppy is sound of body and in good health to the best of the Seller's knowledge, free from communicable diseases, and current on age-appropriate vaccinations and deworming.

Registration Conditions

The puppy will be sold with one of the following:

☐ **Limited Registration** – Puppy is sold as a companion only and may not be bred, intentionally or unintentionally. Buyer agrees to spay/neuter the puppy by 24 months of age. Buyer agrees that all puppies purchased from The Klepper Homestead must retain the kennel prefix "Klepper's" in their official registered name. Buyer may choose the remainder of the registered name, but the prefix must remain intact and unaltered on all registration documents. Removal or alteration of the prefix constitutes a breach of this contract and voids any health guarantees.

Buyer's Initials: _____

☐ **Full Registration[Co-Own]** – Buyer agrees to conduct all appropriate health testing recommended by OFA, Embark (or equivalent), and relevant breed clubs prior to breeding, and the dog has earned appropriate titles or achievements that demonstrate correct temperament, structure, and trainability. The dog will only be bred if results fall within acceptable limits for

sound breeding practices. The Klepper Homestead name shall not be used in advertising, kennel naming, or promotional materials without the Seller's prior written consent. Buyer agrees that all puppies purchased from The Klepper Homestead must retain the kennel prefix "Klepper's" in their official registered name. Buyer may choose the remainder of the registered name, but the prefix must remain intact and unaltered on all registration documents. Removal or alteration of the prefix constitutes a breach of this contract and voids any health guarantees.

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Seller's Responsibilities and Health Guarantee

- Puppy is guaranteed to be free of any communicable disease at the time of sale. Seller accepts no responsibility for communicable diseases after 48 hours.

Buyer's Initials: _____

- If a serious health problem is found at the initial veterinary exam, veterinarian must provide written certificate of ill health, the puppy must be returned to the Seller within 36 hours at Buyer's expense. A replacement puppy of equal quality will be provided when available.
- Seller warrants that both sire and dam are in good health. Puppy is guaranteed against crippling hip dysplasia (OFA Moderate/Severe) until 24 months of age, provided all conditions are met:
 - Puppy has not been bred (if female) or sired a litter (if male) and unaltered before 24 months of age.
 - Puppy has been kept at an optimal weight (vet records must be provided).
 - OFA radiographs and official documentation are submitted to Seller within 21 days of diagnosis, and Seller's veterinarian confirms findings.
- If all conditions are satisfied, Seller will provide a replacement puppy of same quality when available. **Under no circumstances will cash refunds, veterinary expenses, or related costs be reimbursed.**

Buyer's Initials: _____

- All puppies are guaranteed free from known hereditary defects that threaten life. Defects caused by neglect, injury, or Buyer's actions are excluded. Issues must be reported within 24 hours of knowledge. Guarantee ends at 24 months of age.
- Seller provides lifetime (non-monetary) support, including answering questions, guidance, and recommendations.

Contract Conditions & Buyer Responsibilities

- Buyer agrees to provide proper care, a high-quality, commercially prepared food that is complete and balanced for the dog's age and size, or a veterinary-approved home-prepared diet, fresh water, housing, vaccinations, veterinary care, and humane treatment. Puppy will never be used for fighting, baiting, or abuse.

Buyer's Initials: _____

- Buyer understands excessive exercise prior to 12 months (e.g., excessive jumping, weight pulling, long-distance jogging) is prohibited, as it may cause joint damage.

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- Buyer is solely responsible for training, behavior, and all matters involving landlords, neighbors, or family.
- Buyer agrees to maintain the puppy on year-round heartworm prevention and flea/tick prevention for its lifetime.
- If shipping is required, Buyer is responsible for all costs including crate, airfare, insurance, health certificate, and other expenses.

All puppies are permanently microchipped before placement.

Buyer's Initials: _____

Any legal action related to this agreement shall be filed exclusively in seller's county and state. Buyer shall indemnify Seller for all costs, including attorney's fees, court costs, and related expenses, incurred in enforcing this contract.

Buyer's Initials: _____

If the puppy dies before 24 months of age from a congenital defect, Buyer must obtain a licensed veterinarian autopsy at Buyer's expense. If results confirm a congenital defect, Seller will provide a replacement puppy of equal value. If the cause of death is indeterminable or inconclusive, no replacement will be provided.

Buyer's Initials: _____

If Buyer is ever unable or unwilling to keep the puppy/dog, at any age and for any reason, the dog **must** be returned to Seller. The puppy/dog may not be sold, given away, abandoned, placed in a shelter or rescue, or transferred to any third party without Seller's written consent. No refund or replacement will be given. Buyer is responsible for transportation costs when returning the dog.

Buyer's Initials: _____

Return Requirement for Replacement Puppy

If a replacement puppy is issued under any part of this contract (including but not limited to congenital defects, crippling hip dysplasia, or any condition outlined herein), the original puppy/dog must be returned to the Seller in good condition (aside from the stated health issue) before a replacement puppy will be provided.

Failure to return the original puppy/dog immediately voids all guarantees and forfeits eligibility for a replacement.

Buyer's Initials: _____

Signatures

This contract is binding only between the Seller and Buyer listed below. By signing, both parties agree to all terms stated. Buyer must present valid photo ID; if a driver's license, the number will be recorded.

Buyer's Name: _____

Buyer's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Driver's License #: _____

Seller's Name: _____

Seller's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____