



GUARDIAN HOME PROGRAM

Overview

Welcome to our Program!

We are breeders engaged in breeding goldendoodles, cavapoos and golden retrievers. Our dogs are considered beloved members of our family. We created a Guardian Home Program to grow our breeding program while still providing each of our breeding dogs with a loving environment in a guardian family. By joining our Guardian Home Program, you will be a guardian for a dog that is either a potential female breeder or proven breeder or a potential male breeder or proven breeder, subject to our Guardian Home Agreement.

Benefits of the Guardian Home Program

Your guardian dog is the "pick of the litter" breeding quality dog with an estimated value of \$25,000, based on the cost of obtaining and raising a dog of equal health, temperament, breeding, color, and on opportunity costs, the Breeder's goodwill, and the Breeder's branding. This value is based on the time, effort, and cost it takes to produce a dog with specific health, temperament, confirmation, color, other traits, and the goodwill and brand name associated with our puppies, and other factors.

As much as we value our dogs as loving family members, they are also part of our business, and as such we need to protect them and assign a value to them (much like a life insurance actuary gives monetary value to human life).

We understand that accidents happen, and our Agreement does not penalize accidents. However, to protect our dogs and our investment in them, our Agreement may hold you accountable for genuine neglect or negligence.

Following is an overview of our Guardian Home Program. These items are spelled out in detail in our Agreement and this Overview in no way replaces the need for careful reading of that Agreement, nor does anything in this Overview supersede any items in that Agreement.

- You provide all day-to-day and ordinary "pet" care for your dog. We are responsible for providing care when the puppies are born and nursing and for all costs associated with breeding.
- Once the agreed-upon time frame is completed, and the dog is spayed/neutered, the dog is 100% yours. If your dog has whelped or sired at least one litter (3 or more puppies), then we cover up to \$250 of the spay/neuter costs. If your dog has never been successfully bred, then spay/neuter costs are yours.
- Typical time period for a guardian program female is six years or four litters, whichever comes first. However, most of our guardian females are retired and exit the Guardian Home Program by 4 years of age.
- Typical time period for a guardian male is 5-7 years.
- Females come into season once or twice a year, anywhere between 6-12 months. Guardian females are bred one time per year. Once your female reaches breeding age, we will need access to her several times. Each time is a little different, but a typical schedule looks like this:
 - You notify us when her season begins (we will show you how to know when this happens)
 - About 5-7 days after her season starts, you will bring her to the farm. We will begin progesterone testing (simple blood draw at the farm). Progesterone testing will need to be done every 2-3 days, and typically happens anywhere from 2-4 times per season.
 - The progesterone test will tell us when the optimal time for breeding is. We usually know 2-3 days before breeding must be done.
 - Once optimal breeding dates are identified, we will need access to her 2 to 3 times. This is usually every other day, but can occur on consecutive days, depending on scheduling issues. We can keep her for all breedings if that is easier for you.
 - Once breeding has occurred, she goes back to her normal life with you for about a month. We will give you care instructions and answer any questions you have about her pregnancy and communicate frequently.
 - A month after breeding, she returns to the farm for an ultrasound to see if she is pregnant.
 - After the ultrasound she goes back to you. If she is pregnant, at this point her food will need to be increased.
 - About 3 weeks after the ultrasound she will return to the farm so she can settle in prior to delivery.
 - She will remain at the farm until the puppies are weaned (usually 6-8 weeks), then she goes home.

- Males are needed 2-4 times for every breeding, usually 48 hours apart.
- Because we need access to our dogs for breeding, we require that Guardians live within 90 minutes of our location.
- We require that guardians maintain medical veterinary insurance on their dog for the duration of the Guardian Agreement.
- Guardians may not perform elective procedures, such as spay/neuter, or dockings, on the dog without written consent from us.
- Guardians agree to train their dog and provide adequate age-appropriate human companionship, socialization, and exercise. Please understand that training is critical for the safety of breeding dogs and we require your dog be obedience and crate trained. An AKC Canine Good Citizen certificate or equivalent training is required by the time your dog reaches 18 months old.
- Guardians agree to provide their dog with food and nutrition as specified by us and to consult us on any medications (prescription or over-the-counter) or supplements needed for the dog.
- Guardians agree to provide proper grooming care for their dog.
- Guardians agree never to neglect or be negligent of their dog. Negligence includes but is not limited to things like failing to contain or supervise the dog responsibly; leaving dog alone in an un-cooled vehicle if the outdoor temperature is over 65 degrees; failure to use a heartworm preventative resulting in the dog contracting heartworms; failure to seek proper veterinary care if the dog appears sick or injured; failure to provide adequate containment of a dog in a moving vehicle (failure to use crate or harness inside a car, or a well-secured crate in a truck bed); any abuse of the dog; spaying/neutering or other acts that intentionally cause the dog not to be able to reproduce without the prior written consent of the Breeder; failure to adequately vaccinate the dog; failure to provide adequate veterinary care; harm from elective procedures performed without the prior written consent of the Breeder; acts a reasonable person would consider negligent or that are considered negligent by law.
- If you choose to be a Guardian, you will be signing a legal agreement covering the terms of Guardianship.
- We love our dogs. To trust them to other people like this we establish a business relationship with you. While we know you will form an emotional attachment to the dog (and we want you to!), please understand we will not cancel a Guardian Agreement because of emotional or personal situations. Please be prepared to fulfill this Agreement if you decide to sign it.