



# Poppins Puppies

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## GUARDIAN HOME PROGRAM CONTRACT

DATE OF AGREEMENT:  
DATE OF GUARDIAN POSSESSION:  
GUARDIAN HOME DOG NAME:  
BREED:  
BIRTHDATE:

### Guardian Home Family Name(s):

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Addresses: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Closest Family not at same address (Name & Phone) : \_\_\_\_\_

Our Guardian Home Program grants qualified families/individuals ownership of a breeding female puppy/dog. Tara Butler (Breeder) grants Guardian Home Family (Guardian) sole ownership of the dog at the end of the contract period, which will conclude after 4 breeding cycles producing puppies (number of litters to be determined by Breeder, but no more than four litters). Guardian agrees to abide by the terms below; the only exceptions to agreement to be noted in writing with Breeder. Guardian responsibilities and Breeder obligations are provided below. Guardian's failure to fulfill these responsibilities can result in Breeder terminating the guardianship agreement and Guardian will be required to return the dog to Breeder.

## **Guardian Responsibilities**

1. Guardian will provide home to dog with fenced yard and will keep dog in fenced yard or on leash at all times. Guardian will notify Breeder 30 days in advance of change of address or move, and must stay in the general vicinity of first address/city for agreement to continue with Breeder. Guardian agrees that there will not be any other animal breeding done in the home where the dog resides. Should another pet be brought into the guardian home, approval from Breeder must be obtained. No unspayed/unneutered pets are allowed in the household of the dog. Should any other household members or changes in household occur, Breeder is to be notified.
2. Guardian will inform Breeder of vacations or planned absences. Any person caring for the dog in the Guardian's absence must be approved in advance by the Breeder. Guardian is responsible to ensure that all persons residing with Guardian and dog understand and abide by the terms of this contract.
3. Guardian is responsible for properly maintaining, containing, and caring for the dog using methods approved by the Breeder. This includes providing high-quality dog food and exercising the dog daily. Dog will not be left outdoors during extreme weather conditions and will never be chained. Dog will not be fed excessive treats or allowed to become overweight.
4. Guardian will provide and pay for routine veterinary care including sick and well checkups, and will inform Breeder. Guardian will provide required immunization boosters, rabies immunization, and other routine health checkups and treatments. Guardian will maintain cleanliness and basic grooming. Guardian will notify Breeder immediately with any health concerns, illnesses, accidents, etc.
5. Guardian is responsible for seeking prompt and appropriate veterinary care in the event of injury or illness of the dog. If choices need to be made regarding type of treatment, these choices must be presented to and made by the Breeder unless emergency treatment is required. Guardian will be responsible for routine vet costs and treatment for accidents or injury. If genetic health problems arise (patella, hips, severe heart problems) Guardian will not be responsible for costs to treat these issues. Dog with severe genetic faults will not be bred and Guardian/Breeder will work out Guardian keeping/not keeping the dog and payment for treatment, depending on the problem.
6. Guardian will surrender dog to Breeder whenever requested and on occasions such as, but not limited to, breeding, whelping, and vet visits. If for any reason the Guardian is not fulfilling expectations, as outlined in this contract or future conversations between breeder and guardian as specific situations arise, the breeder may choose to end the contract, which would result in Guardian returning dog, and Breeder returning \$250.

7. The dog provided to Guardian is a dog with a monetary value of \$4500. Breeder has purchased dog, and paid for genetic testing, registrations, and certifications. Guardian will owe Breeder \$2000 to go toward a replacement dog if the dog dies due to negligence on the part of the Guardian. Negligence is defined as: (1) failure to responsibly contain or supervise the dog; (2) leaving the dog alone in a vehicle if the outdoor temperature is over 65 degrees; (3) failure to prevent the dog from having access to toxic materials; (4) failure to provide containment of dog while in a moving vehicle (crate or canine safety tether/belt). If the dog dies due to accident beyond the control of the Guardian, the Guardian does not owe payment to the Breeders. If the dog dies due to non-treatable or genetic health issue, the Guardian will not be held responsible in any way. If the dog disappears during the contract period, Guardian will owe Breeder \$2000.
8. Guardian will check the dog for signs of beginning heat cycles as per instruction by Breeder. The Guardian will notify Breeder when changes indicating impending heat cycles appear, and Breeder will let Guardian know when to deliver the dog for breeding. Guardian must deliver the dog to Breeder on the date Breeder specifies.
9. For whelping, Guardian will deliver dog to Breeder on date specified by Breeder (approximately 5 days before litter's due date), and will pick up dog after the puppies are weaned (when the puppies are approximately 6-8 weeks of age, to be determined by Breeder).
10. Guardian will allow the Breeder 3-4 successful breedings. A "successful breeding" is a litter with more than one puppy. Breeder will work with Canine Fertility Veterinarian Specialist to determine the number of litters for this contract, not to exceed four litters. Guardian will not let Dog near any intact male, and will not allow mating with any male, other than under Breeder supervision.
11. Guardian may return the dog to Breeder at any time, for any reason and the guardianship agreement will be terminated.
12. Upon the signing of this agreement, Guardian will pay the Breeder \$250. No additional payment will be required from Guardian for ownership at the end of contract.

### **Breeder Obligations**

1. Breeder will be available to answer questions and help Guardian whenever needed to answer questions about care, medical conditions, food, training, etc.
2. Breeder will retain ownership of the dog until the end of the Guardian Home Contract period, which will be after the delivery of at most four successful litters. At that time, Breeder will pay to have the dog spayed. Legal ownership of the dog will be transferred from Breeder to Guardian at this time.
3. Breeder will be responsible for medical costs resulting from genetic health faults (patella luxations of a certain grade; hip problems of certain severity; heart murmurs of specific grades; and deformities resulting in unsuitability for breeding). Such dog will not be kept

in breeding program, and the contract will be ended. Breeder will either provide Guardian with a replacement dog or will work with Guardian to amiably resolve the situation so that health issues are taken care of and Guardian can keep the dog if so desired.

4. If the dog dies while in the Breeder's care, Breeder will provide, free of charge, a replacement puppy or dog to the Guardian and the Guardianship relationship may either be continued or cancelled, decided by mutual agreement of Breeder and Guardian.
5. Breeder makes breeding decisions about when and to which stud the dog will be bred.
6. Prior to the end of the contract, if it is determined by the Breeder that it is in the best interest of the Breeder or the dog that the dog be spayed and taken out of the breeding program, then legal ownership of the dog will be transferred to the Guardian after spaying (at Breeder's expense).

**Breeder Signature**

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Tara Butler – DATE

**Guardian Signatures**

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Signature DATE

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Signature DATE

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Print Full Name

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Print Full Name