

Autumnwood Golden Retrievers

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Puppy Purchase Agreement

Sire: Autumnwood's _____ Call Name: _____ AKC # _____
Dam: Autumnwood's _____ Call Name: _____ AKC # _____
Birthdate: _____ Color: Cream/Light Golden Gender: _____

We are a dedicated and conscientious breeder of English Golden Retrievers. We are very serious about our responsibility to place our puppies in homes where they can thrive and bring joy to their families. This agreement has been developed to protect the puppy, the Buyer and the Breeder.

The following "Puppy Purchase Agreement" is made and entered into by and between the following parties and is effective _____. This agreement includes previously executed "Pre-Purchase Puppy Questionnaire" and "Puppy Deposit Policy/Deposit Receipt."

PARTIES: Autumnwood Golden Retrievers (hereinafter "Breeder"), and _____ (hereinafter "Buyer") agree to the following terms in this sale/purchase of an English Golden Retriever (hereinafter "puppy/dog").

PURCHASE PRICE. The purchase price of \$_____ shall be paid in full by the time the puppy is 7 weeks old. Deposit of \$_____ was paid on _____. Balance Due: \$_____

Both the Sire and Dam are purebred Golden Retrievers and are registered with the American Kennel Club under AKC guidelines. Both parents have clearances for hips, elbows, eyes, and heart. Copies of health clearances are available upon request. Genetic testing has been completed to ensure that puppies are not affected by Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis (NCL), Degenerative Myelopathy, Muscular Dystrophy, Ichthyosis, and Progressive Retinal Atrophy.

The puppy is in good health at the time of purchase. The puppy has been loved daily and properly cared for to date. Our puppies are primarily intended for families who are looking for an excellent pet, therapy dog, obedience dog, agility and/or working dog. We are not a show breeder, although our puppies may be of show quality. This puppy is representative of the breed standard.

This puppy is not sold with breeding rights. Pups will be provided with AKC Non-Breeding Dog, Limited Registration. Buyer acknowledges that breeding this puppy is a breach of contract and will void the Health Guarantee. _____ **Initial Here**

Early spay/neuter has been shown to increase the risk of hip dysplasia, CCL and certain cancers. Please read and sign the attached UC Davis study. Spay/neuter is required after your puppy reaches physical maturity. A Golden Retriever is considered physically full-grown at the age of two. If you spay/neuter before your puppy is two years old, the extended health guarantee described below is voided. _____ **Initial Here**

HEALTH GUARANTEE: Guarantee only applies to the original Buyer named in this agreement. We honor the terms of the attached **California Pet Buyer Protection Law** for one year after the Buyer has taken possession of their puppy. Limit of breeder's financial responsibility is established by this law. In the case of sudden death of puppy, Breeder must receive a written notice of puppy's death from owner's vet, along with a necropsy report indicating cause of death.

The breeder has no control regarding the future temperament, habits, and appearance of the dog, and hence does not warrant such.

We will extend our health guarantee up to the puppy's second birthday, under the following conditions:

- 1) Puppy has not been bred.
- 2) Puppy has not been spayed/neutered prior to two years of age.
- 3) Puppy has been fed an approved, natural raw diet.
- 4) Buyer has attended our informational zoom meetings and read/viewed the associated material.

Extended Health Guarantee: During the second year, our financial responsibility is limited to replacement of your pup with one of equal value from the next available litter, usually within a year. Our Extended Health Guarantee covers genetic, hereditary defects of the heart, eyes, hips or elbows that develop, to the extent it renders the dog unsuitable as a pet. If a defect is found, send a vet's certificate stating the defect. We have the option of requiring a second opinion of the diagnosis by a vet of our choice, to confirm the defect. Official OFA evaluation is required for replacement of pup if hip or elbow dysplasia is detected. OFA hip rating must be moderate to severe for a replacement. OFA elbow rating must be grade 2 or 3 for a replacement. OFA evaluation is at the owner's expense.

Limitations of Guarantee

Any of the Following Occurrences Will Void All Guarantees:

1. The Buyer permitting the dog to be underfed or overfed at any time.
 - a. Definition of Underfed: Ribs are visible.
 - b. Definition of Overfed: Dog has no waist when viewed from above. Belly is rounded when viewed from the side.
 - c. Definition of Ideal Body Condition: Can feel, but not see outline of ribs. Dog has a waist when viewed from above. Belly is tucked when viewed from the side.
2. Evidence of neglect or abuse.
3. Previous related trauma (broken bones, related injuries, etc.)
4. Evidence of Damaging Exercise. Examples of damaging exercise: use of treadmill prior to age one, jogging prior to age one, jumping off high furniture or the back of a truck prior to age two, extensive standing on back legs, extensive retrieving prior to age one, playing on slippery floors, going up and down stairs.

The Breeder does not assume any liability for complications or death during elective or contractual procedures such as, but not limited to, spay/neuter. Breeder is not responsible if puppy contracts a communicable disease after leaving Breeder's possession. Our health guarantee covers genetic hereditary defects. **We do not guarantee against communicable diseases such as parvo, distemper, rabies, coccidia, giardia, etc.** Guarantee does not cover worms, fleas, mites, ticks, mange or any other parasites as they are common in dogs and puppies. It also does not cover ingestion of foreign objects, ingestion of toxic food items, plants, or chemicals, or physical injury incurred after Buyer's takes possession of puppy. It is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** that Buyer bind Trupanion or similar pet insurance within 24 hours of taking home the puppy, and keep it for at least two years, until puppy is mature, and is less likely to chew and ingest things that may cause issues.

Be very careful where you take your pup until it has been appropriately immunized. Please remember that your new puppy is a baby, and his/her immune system is immature at the time of transfer to a new home. The stress of a completely new environment can contribute to a coccidia or giardia outbreak, which are very common in young puppies and dogs.

Breeder is not responsible if puppy has an adverse reaction to vaccines provided by a Veterinarian. Vaccine reactions often go unrecognized and unreported. (See additional document: "Puppy Shots") However, the following list of potential reactions are acknowledged by manufacturers and researchers:

Common Reactions: Lethargy; Hair loss, hair color change at injection site; Fever; Soreness; Stiffness; Refusal to Eat; Conjunctivitis; Sneezing; Oral ulcers

Moderate Reactions: Immunosuppression; Behavioral Changes; Vitiligo; Weight Loss (Cachexia); Reduced Milk Production; Lameness; Granulomas/Abscesses; Hives; Facial Edema; Atopy; Respiratory Disease: Allergic uveitis (Blue Eye), which can cause blindness

Severe Reactions triggered by Vaccines: Vaccine injection site sarcomas; Anaphylaxis, which can be fatal; Arthritis, polyarthritis-HOD Hypertrophy Osteodystrophy; Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia; Immune Mediated Thrombocytopenia (IMTP); Hemolytic Disease of the Newborn (Neonatal Isoerythrolysis); Thyroiditis; Glomerulonephritis; Disease or Enhanced Disease which the vaccine was designed to prevent; Myocarditis; Post vaccinal Encephalitis or Polyneuritis; Seizures; Abortion, congenital anomalies, embryonic/fetal death, failure to conceive

If any of the above conditions present themselves in your vaccinated puppy, it will be presumed to be a vaccine reaction unless proven otherwise.

The Buyer agrees **NEVER** to sell/give/trade/transfer ownership of this puppy to any breeding establishment, any agent, or any wholesaler. In the event, at any future time, the Buyer cannot keep this puppy, the Buyer must first notify the Breeder. The Breeder has first right of refusal. This dog, including signed registration and all veterinary records, can be returned to the Breeder at any time. If the Buyer believes he/she has found a good home, the buyer will notify the Breeder to help screen the party interested in taking ownership of the dog. The new home must be a pet home and the puppy/dog must be spayed/neutered at maturity (at least two years old).

RETURNS: Should an animal purchased under this agreement be returned for any reason whatsoever, Buyer accepts responsibility for, and shall pay, without recourse against the Breeder, all transportation expenses, veterinary charges, crate fees, air freight charges, and transport fees to and from the involved airports. Should an exchange animal be agreed upon, Buyer shall be responsible for all costs, charges, and/or fees associated with transportation of the exchange animal from Breeder to Buyer.

ARBITRATION/VENUE/CHOICE OF LAW: The parties to this Agreement hereby agree that should any dispute arise out of this transaction, venue shall be Sacramento, California. The parties further agree that should alleged damages be less than \$5,000, the matter shall be submitted to Sacramento Small Claims Court for resolution. If the alleged damages exceed \$5,000, the parties agree to binding arbitration under the rules of the American Arbitration Association. The parties further agree that this Purchase Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the state of California.

COUNTERPARTS: This agreement may be signed by the parties in different counterparts, including facsimiles, and the signature pages combined will create a document binding on all parties.

MODIFICATION: This agreement may be modified only by a written agreement signed by all parties. THERE SHALL BE NO ORAL MODIFICATIONS TO THIS AGREEMENT.

CANCELLATION: Breeder reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to cancel this contract at any time and for any reason prior to Buyer taking possession of the puppy. If Breeder opts to cancel this contract, Breeder shall refund Buyer's deposit.

The parties have read this Purchase Agreement in full and hereby accept and agree to all terms contained in this Agreement and further acknowledge receipt of a copy of this Agreement.

Buyer's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Buyer's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Breeder: Autumnwood Golden Retrievers, Laura Anderson/Cherie Hale

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Breeder's Signature _____ Date _____

Selected Puppy: Gender: _____ Collar Color: _____ AKC # _____

Health Implications in Early Spay and Neuter in Dogs

02/25/2013

Recent results from research funded by the AKC Canine Health Foundation have the potential to significantly impact recommendations for spaying and neutering dogs in the United States. Most dogs in the United States are spayed or neutered, and for years the procedures have been completed prior to maturity. The study, published in the prominent, open access journal PLOS One, suggests that veterinarians should be more cautious about the age at which they spay and neuter in order to protect the overall health of dogs.

A team of researchers led by Dr. Benjamin L. Hart at the University of California, Davis has completed the most detailed study performed to date that evaluates incidence of cancer diagnoses and joint problems in one breed – Golden Retrievers – by neuter status: early (before 12 months old), late (12 months or older), and intact. Consistent with previous studies on the topic, the results showed increased likelihood of hemangiosarcoma, lymphoma, mast cell tumors, and canine cruciate ligament (CCL) rupture in neutered dogs.

The most profound observations were in hip dysplasia in male dogs when comparing early and late-neutering. The risk of development of hip dysplasia doubles, and disease occurs at a younger age in the early-neuter group compared to both the intact and late-neuter group. No occurrence of CCL disease was observed in intact male or intact female dogs, or in late-neutered females. In early-neutered dogs, the incidence of CCL was 5.1 percent in males and 7.7 percent in females, suggesting that neutering prior to sexual maturity significantly increases a dog's risk of developing CCL disease. With respect to cancer, cases of lymphoma were 3-fold greater in the early-neutered males. Interestingly, incidence of mast cell tumors (male and female dogs) and hemangiosarcoma (female dogs only) were highest in the late-neuter group.

“Dr. Hart's landmark study is the first to provide evidence for when to spay or neuter dogs. For years the veterinary community has been aware that early-spay and neuter may impact orthopedic health in dogs. Through a very detailed analysis and inclusion of body condition score as a risk factor, Dr. Hart was able to show that timing of spay and neuter does indeed have health implications,” said Dr. Shila Nordone, Chief Scientific Officer for the AKC Canine Health Foundation.

“CCL disease is painful, debilitating, and costs dog owners \$1 billion annually to treat. The AKC Canine

Health Foundation is committed to funding research, like Dr. Hart's study, that can lead to evidence-based health recommendations. Armed with prudent guidelines for when to spay and neuter dogs we will have a significant impact on the quality of life for dogs," continued Dr. Nordone.

Importantly, the task at hand is now to determine if the observations in this study are indeed true across all breeds and mixed breeds of dogs. Dr. Hart is interested in continuing his work by studying Labrador Retrievers, German Shepherd Dogs, and Dachshunds. Additionally, gaps in knowledge continue to exist concerning the complex relationship between sex hormones and cancer.

Last summer the AKC Canine Health Foundation released a podcast interview with Dr. Hart on his early-spay and neuter research as part of a series dedicated to the health of the canine athlete. To listen to the podcast visit www.akcchf.org/canineathlete

The publication "Neutering Dogs: Effects on Joint Disorders and Cancers in Golden Retrievers" is available online through the open access journal [PLOS One](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.plosone.0151111). The work was funded by the AKC Canine Health Foundation with sponsorship from the Golden Retriever Foundation, Schooley's Mountain Kennel Club, the Siberian Husky Club of America, and the Vizsla Club of America Welfare Foundation.

I have read and understand the above information. I understand that if I choose to spay/neuter my puppy before the age of two years old, the Extended Health Guarantee from Autumnwood Golden Retrievers is null and void.

Buyer's Signature

Date

California Pet Buyer Protection Law

§ 122070. Sale of ill or diseased dog; purchaser's remedies

(a) If a licensed veterinarian states in writing that within 15 days after the purchaser has taken physical possession of a dog following the sale by a breeder, the dog has become ill due to any illness or disease that existed in the dog on or before delivery of the dog to the purchaser, or, if within one year after the purchaser has taken physical possession of the dog after the sale by a breeder, a veterinarian licensed in this state states in writing that the dog has a congenital or hereditary condition that adversely affects the health of the dog, or that requires, or is likely in the future to require, hospitalization or nonelective surgical procedures, the dog shall be considered unfit for sale, and the breeder shall provide the purchaser with any of the following remedies that the purchaser elects:

(1) Return the dog to the breeder for a refund of the purchase price, plus sales tax, and reimbursement for reasonable veterinary fees for diagnosis and treating the dog in an amount not to exceed the original purchase price of the dog, including sales tax.

(2) Exchange the dog for a dog of the purchaser's choice of equivalent value, providing a replacement dog is available, and receive reimbursement for reasonable veterinary fees for diagnosis and treating the dog in an amount not to exceed the original purchase price of the dog, plus sales tax on the original purchase price of the dog.

(3) Retain the dog, and receive reimbursement for reasonable veterinary fees for diagnosis and treating the dog in an amount not to exceed 150 percent of the original purchase price of the dog, plus sales tax.

(b) If the dog has died, regardless of the date of death of the dog, obtain a refund for the purchase price of the dog, plus sales tax, or a replacement dog of equivalent value of the purchaser's choice, and reimbursement for reasonable veterinary fees for diagnosis and treatment of the dog in an amount not to exceed the purchase price of the dog, plus sales tax, if any of the following conditions exist:

(1) A veterinarian, licensed in this state, states in writing that the dog has died due to an illness or disease that existed within 15 days after the purchaser obtained physical possession of the dog after the sale by a breeder.

(2) A veterinarian, licensed in this state, states in writing that the dog has died due to a congenital or hereditary condition that was diagnosed by the veterinarian within one year after the purchaser obtained physical possession of the dog after the sale by a breeder.

Buyer acknowledges receipt of their copy of the California Pet Buyer Protection Law

Buyer's Signature _____ Date _____