

DOBERMANS OF EASTERN NC

PUPPY PURCHASE & LIFETIME RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT

This Puppy Purchase & Lifetime Responsibility Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into between **Dobermans of Eastern NC** ("Seller" or "Breeder") and the undersigned purchaser ("Buyer").

The purpose of this Agreement is not only to establish the terms of sale, but to promote the lifelong health, safety, training, responsible ownership, and welfare of every Doberman placed by Dobermans of Eastern NC.

PURCHASE & PUPPY INFORMATION

1. BUYER INFORMATION

Buyer Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

2. PUPPY INFORMATION

Registered Name (if applicable): _____

Call Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Color: _____

Microchip Number: _____

Registration: _____

Sire: _____

Dam: _____

3. PURCHASE INFORMATION

Total Purchase Price: \$ _____

Deposit Paid: \$ _____

Remaining Balance: \$ _____

Balance Due: _____

The Puppy shall not be released until all amounts required prior to release have been paid unless Seller has expressly agreed otherwise in writing.

Any deposit shall be governed by the separate Dobermans of Eastern NC Deposit Agreement when applicable.

HEALTH & RESPONSIBLE OWNERSHIP

4. HEALTH DISCLOSURE

Buyer acknowledges that the Doberman Pinscher, like all breeds, may be predisposed to certain hereditary or acquired medical conditions.

Seller makes reasonable efforts to produce healthy puppies through responsible breeding decisions, veterinary care, genetic screening, and appropriate care of breeding dogs and puppies.

Buyer understands that genetic screening identifies known genetic variants and risks but cannot guarantee that a Dog will never develop a hereditary or acquired disease.

No breeder can guarantee the lifelong health or lifespan of an animal.

5. VETERINARY CARE

Buyer agrees to establish the Puppy with a licensed veterinarian and maintain appropriate veterinary care throughout the Dog's life.

Buyer agrees to provide, as reasonably appropriate:

- Routine wellness examinations;
- Age-appropriate vaccinations or veterinarian-directed vaccination protocols;
- Parasite prevention and treatment;
- Prompt veterinary attention for illness or injury;
- Appropriate nutrition and weight management; and
- Other veterinary care reasonably necessary for the Dog's health and welfare.

Seller is not responsible for illnesses, injuries, parasites, accidents, environmental conditions, nutrition-related conditions, infectious disease exposure, or other medical conditions arising after transfer except where expressly covered by a written health guarantee contained in this Agreement.

Buyer Initials: _____

MANDATORY TRAINING

6. PROFESSIONAL TRAINING REQUIREMENT

Buyer acknowledges that the Doberman Pinscher is an intelligent, powerful, highly engaged working breed requiring consistent training, structure, appropriate socialization, mental stimulation, and responsible handling.

Professional training is a material condition of placement of this Puppy.

Buyer agrees to enroll the Puppy in an instructor-led basic obedience program with a qualified professional dog trainer between approximately twelve (12) and sixteen (16) weeks of age, subject to veterinary vaccination recommendations and reasonable trainer availability.

The Puppy must complete an approved basic obedience program by approximately six (6) months of age.

The course should address, as age appropriate:

- Basic obedience;
- Recall;
- Leash handling;
- Impulse control;
- Appropriate socialization;
- Handling and engagement;

- Household manners; and
- Effective communication between Dog and owner.

The training program must include meaningful participation by Buyer or another adult primarily responsible for the Dog.

A board-and-train program may satisfy this requirement provided it includes appropriate owner instruction or transfer training.

Prior dog ownership, personal experience training dogs, online videos, self-directed training, or an online-only course shall **not** independently satisfy this requirement unless Seller approves an alternative arrangement in writing.

Buyer Initials: _____

7. PROOF OF TRAINING

Buyer shall provide Seller reasonable documentation showing completion of the required basic training program.

Acceptable documentation may include:

- Certificate of completion;
- Trainer-signed documentation;
- Paid invoice or receipt identifying the Dog or Buyer;
- Written or electronic confirmation from the trainer; or
- Other documentation reasonably acceptable to Seller.

Documentation should be provided within thirty (30) days following completion of the course.

Seller may grant a reasonable extension for circumstances including illness, veterinary restriction, trainer availability, or other legitimate circumstances. Any extension must be documented in writing.

Buyer Initials: _____

BEHAVIOR & CONTINUED TRAINING

8. CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITY

Completion of basic obedience does not end Buyer's responsibility to train and appropriately manage the Dog.

Buyer agrees to continue reinforcing appropriate behavior, boundaries, obedience, socialization, exercise, mental enrichment, and household expectations throughout the Dog's development.

Buyer understands that adolescence can result in changes in behavior and that Dobermans may require additional training as they mature.

9. SERIOUS BEHAVIORAL CONCERNS

Development of a behavioral problem does **not**, by itself, constitute a breach of this Agreement.

However, Buyer is responsible for responding appropriately when significant behavioral problems arise. Significant concerns may include:

- Aggression toward humans;
- Serious aggression toward other animals;
- Repeated dangerous reactivity;
- Severe resource guarding;
- Uncontrolled predatory behavior;
- Repeated escape behavior;

- Serious inability to control the Dog; or
- Other behavior reasonably creating a substantial safety or welfare concern.

When significant concerns arise, Seller strongly encourages Buyer to contact Seller promptly.

Where Seller has reasonable grounds to believe that a serious safety or welfare concern exists, Seller may request that Buyer obtain an evaluation from an appropriately qualified professional trainer, veterinary behavior professional, or veterinarian.

Buyer agrees to make reasonable efforts to follow an appropriate professional training and management plan.

Seller's concern alone does not establish that a Dog is dangerous, aggressive, or unsuitable.

Buyer Initials: _____

CARE, CONTAINMENT & WELFARE

10. HUMANE CARE

Buyer agrees to provide the Dog with appropriate:

- Food and clean water;
- Shelter;
- Veterinary care;
- Exercise;
- Human interaction;
- Mental stimulation;
- Safe containment; and
- Protection from unreasonable neglect, abuse, or dangerous living conditions.

The Dog shall not routinely be permitted to roam at large without appropriate supervision or containment.

Nothing in this Agreement requires Buyer to expose themselves, another person, another animal, or the Dog to an unsafe situation.

TRANSFER & RETURN TO BREEDER

11. NO UNAPPROVED RESALE OR REHOMING

Buyer understands that Dobermans of Eastern NC maintains a lifelong interest in the welfare of Dogs produced by its breeding program.

If at any time Buyer can no longer safely or appropriately keep the Dog, **Dobermans of Eastern NC must be contacted before the Dog is sold, surrendered, abandoned, given away, permanently transferred, or rehomed.**

Buyer shall not knowingly:

- Sell the Dog through an auction;
- Surrender the Dog to a shelter or rescue without first contacting Seller, except when necessary because of an immediate emergency;
- Abandon the Dog;
- Give the Dog away without notifying Seller; or
- Transfer permanent ownership without complying with this Agreement.

Seller may elect to accept return of the Dog or may assist Buyer in identifying an appropriate new home.

Seller does not guarantee reimbursement of the original purchase price or expenses associated with ownership when a Dog is voluntarily returned.

Buyer Initials: _____

12. MATERIAL BREACH

A. Training Noncompliance

Failure to complete the mandatory professional training requirement without an approved extension.

B. Failure to Provide Documentation

Failure or refusal to provide reasonable proof of required training after written request and opportunity to cure.

C. Serious Welfare Violations

Documented abuse, abandonment, severe neglect, or knowing maintenance of the Dog in substantially unsafe or inhumane conditions.

D. Unauthorized Transfer

Selling, giving away, abandoning, surrendering, or permanently transferring the Dog in material violation of Section 11.

E. Refusal of Necessary Behavioral Intervention

Refusing, after reasonable written notice, to obtain appropriate professional evaluation or assistance when substantial evidence demonstrates a serious behavioral condition presenting a significant safety or welfare concern.

A disagreement between Seller and Buyer alone shall not automatically constitute a material breach.

Buyer Initials: _____

NOTICE, CURE & RETURN

13. BREACH PROCEDURE

Except where immediate action is reasonably necessary to protect the Dog or another person or animal from serious harm, Seller shall provide Buyer written notice identifying the alleged breach.

Buyer shall ordinarily have fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of notice to:

- Correct the violation;
- Provide missing documentation;
- Demonstrate enrollment or compliance;
- Communicate legitimate circumstances preventing immediate compliance; or
- Agree with Seller upon a reasonable corrective plan.

Seller may reasonably extend the cure period when circumstances warrant.

The purpose of this provision is to encourage compliance and protect the Dog, rather than to remove a Dog from an otherwise responsible home because of an inadvertent or technical violation.

14. CONTRACTUAL RIGHT OF RETURN

If Buyer commits a material breach identified in this Agreement and fails to cure that breach following any required notice and cure period, Seller may issue Buyer a written **Demand for Return**.

Upon a valid Demand for Return under this Agreement, Buyer agrees to surrender and return possession of the Dog to Dobermans of Eastern NC within a reasonable period specified in the notice.

Buyer acknowledges that this return obligation is a material component of Seller's decision to place the Dog with Buyer.

If Buyer refuses to comply with a valid Demand for Return, Seller reserves all rights and remedies lawfully available to enforce this Agreement and seek recovery of possession of the Dog.

Nothing in this Agreement authorizes Seller to trespass upon Buyer's property, breach the peace, threaten Buyer, or physically seize the Dog contrary to law.

Buyer Initials: _____

15. COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH RETURN

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, Buyer shall be responsible for reasonable transportation arrangements associated with a mandatory return resulting from Buyer's uncured material breach.

Seller may voluntarily assist with transportation when circumstances warrant.

Return of the Dog does not automatically entitle Buyer to a refund of the purchase price or reimbursement for veterinary care, food, training, boarding, equipment, or other expenses incurred during ownership.

IDENTIFICATION, REGISTRATION & BREEDING

16. MICROCHIP INFORMATION

Where Seller has microchipped the Puppy before placement, Buyer agrees to complete any required transfer or registration process and maintain accurate owner contact information.

Buyer shall not intentionally remove or alter identification associated with the Dog for the purpose of preventing identification of the Dog's origin.

Seller may remain identified as breeder or secondary/emergency contact when permitted by the microchip registry.

17. REGISTRATION

Registry: _____

Registration Type: ☐ Limited / Pet Only ☐ Full / Breeding Rights ☐ Other: _____

Registration papers, if applicable, shall be provided according to the terms agreed upon at purchase.

18. BREEDING

Unless Full Breeding Rights are expressly granted in writing, Buyer understands that purchase of the Dog does not automatically grant authorization to use the Dog for breeding.

Any additional breeding restrictions or requirements shall be stated here or in an attached Breeding Rights Addendum:

Buyer Initials: _____

19. EAR CROPPING

Ear cropping arrangement: ☐ Not Applicable ☐ Buyer Declines ☐ Seller Arranging Cropping Under Separate Agreement

Where Seller arranges ear cropping, all fees, veterinary arrangements, aftercare obligations, release dates, and posting assistance shall be governed by the applicable Ear Cropping Agreement.

SELLER RESPONSIBILITY & LIABILITY

20. LIFETIME COMMUNICATION

Dobermans of Eastern NC encourages Buyer to remain in communication with Seller throughout the Dog's life.

Buyer is encouraged to contact Seller regarding significant health concerns, behavioral problems, training difficulties, rehoming circumstances, or other matters substantially affecting the Dog.

Seller's willingness to provide advice or assistance does not create a veterinarian-client relationship, trainer-client relationship, guarantee of outcome, or assumption of legal responsibility for the Dog.

21. OWNER RESPONSIBILITY AFTER TRANSFER

Following transfer, Buyer is responsible for the Dog's supervision, handling, training, containment, veterinary care, and conduct.

Buyer understands that dogs are animals whose behavior cannot be predicted or guaranteed.

Seller does not guarantee that a Dog will never bite, fight, chase another animal, escape, damage property, develop undesirable behavior, or experience behavioral changes.

Buyer assumes responsibility for appropriately supervising and managing the Dog after transfer, subject to any rights expressly provided elsewhere in this Agreement.

LEGAL TERMS

22. NORTH CAROLINA LAW

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of North Carolina, except where another jurisdiction's law must apply.

If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect to the fullest extent permitted by law.

23. ENTIRE AGREEMENT & WRITTEN MODIFICATIONS

This Agreement, together with any specifically incorporated addenda, constitutes the parties' agreement concerning the matters addressed herein.

Any material modification, waiver, extension, or exception should be made in writing, including electronic written communication when sufficient to establish the parties' agreement.

Seller's decision to waive or excuse one violation does not automatically waive a subsequent violation.

FINAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT & SIGNATURES

24. BUYER'S FINAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By signing below, Buyer acknowledges that Buyer:

- Has read this Agreement;
- Has had an opportunity to ask questions before signing;
- Understands the mandatory professional training requirement;
- Understands the continuing responsibility to appropriately train, manage, and care for the Dog;
- Understands the restrictions concerning resale, surrender, transfer, and rehoming;
- Understands the notice and opportunity-to-cure procedure;

- Understands that an uncured material breach may result in a contractual obligation to return the Dog to Dobermans of Eastern NC; and
- Voluntarily agrees to these conditions as part of the purchase and placement of the Puppy.

Buyer Initials confirming the above: _____

BUYER

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

SELLER - DOBERMANS OF EASTERN NC

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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