

Puppy Sales Contract and Health Guarantee

Goldhain Legacy German Shepherds formerly Lakeside Legacy German Shepherds

This agreement is between _____ (Seller) and _____ (Buyer). Upon receipt of the full purchase price, Seller transfers ownership of the puppy identified below subject to every term of this agreement.

Buyer name: _____	Co-buyer name: _____
Street address: _____	City State ZIP: _____
Phone: _____	Email: _____
Purchase price \$: _____	Deposit \$: _____

Puppy Information

Call name: _____	AKC registered name: _____
Breed: German Shepherd Dog	Color and coat: _____
Date of birth: _____	Sex: Female / Male
Microchip: _____	AKC litter or individual number: _____
Registration sold as: Limited AKC / Full AKC by written approval	Spay or neuter required: Yes / No
Pickup or delivery date: _____	Pickup or delivery arrangements: _____

Parent Information for Bindi and Rip Final Litter

Parent	Registered identity	Verified records
Dam	Bindi Lou Kirk AKC DN62548202	OFA and PennHIP evaluated; genetic testing completed; DM clear. Dark sable working-line ancestry.
Sire	G-Rip vom MK Haus AKC DN73904901	SV hips HD a-normal (a1); SV elbows normal; LUW 0; DM clear; Embark tested. Microchip 900235000285295. Dark sable, 100 percent DDR.

Litter note. This is Bindi's final litter, and she will retire from breeding. Seller intends to retain a female prospect, but no future litter is promised. The retained female will not be bred before 24 months and completion of appropriate health testing.

Terms of Sale

1. Veterinary examination

Buyer must have the puppy examined by a licensed veterinarian within 7 calendar days after pickup or delivery. This routine wellness visit allows Buyer to establish veterinary care, review the records provided by Seller, and discuss the puppy's transition, feeding, vaccinations, and parasite prevention. Buyer must pay for the examination and for any tests, medication, treatment, or follow-up care recommended by Buyer's veterinarian. Buyer must send Seller a copy of the examination record within 3 calendar days after the visit. The examination must be completed by _____. If the puppy becomes ill or injured before the scheduled appointment, Buyer must obtain appropriate veterinary care without waiting for the seven-day deadline. Seller is not responsible for any veterinary bill.

2. Condition at transfer

Before transfer, the puppy was examined by a licensed veterinarian and was considered healthy and fit for placement on the date examined. Seller will give Buyer the available examination, vaccination, and deworming records. Puppies can carry or develop common parasites, fungi, bacteria, or viruses even after veterinary care and deworming. Seller does not promise that the puppy is or will remain free of Giardia, coccidia, roundworms, hookworms, tapeworms, whipworms, fleas, ticks, ear mites, ringworm, Bordetella or kennel cough, or another similar contagious or treatable condition. These conditions are not congenital or hereditary defects and are not covered by the health guarantee. Buyer is solely responsible for the cost of fecal tests, skin tests, repeat testing, medication, treatment, environmental cleaning, and follow-up care, even when a condition is found during the 21-day examination period.

3. Deposit payment and pickup

The deposit is nonrefundable unless Seller cannot provide the selected puppy or Seller agrees otherwise in writing. The remaining balance is due when Buyer picks up or receives the puppy unless Buyer and Seller make a different written arrangement. If Buyer cannot take the puppy on the agreed date, Buyer must contact Seller in advance. Any boarding arrangement and boarding fee must be agreed upon before boarding begins. If Buyer does not pay or take possession as agreed and no other arrangement is made, Seller may cancel the reservation and place the puppy with another home.

4. AKC registration

Unless page one expressly states Full AKC registration, the puppy is sold with Limited AKC registration. Buyer understands that offspring of a dog with Limited AKC registration are not eligible for AKC registration. Registration status does not itself guarantee health, quality, temperament, or breeding suitability.

5. No breeding under Limited AKC registration

A puppy sold with Limited AKC registration must never be bred, either intentionally or accidentally. Buyer must prevent access to intact dogs of the opposite sex. Any breeding without Seller's prior written permission is a material breach of this agreement and immediately voids the health guarantee. Seller may use any remedy allowed by law. Seller may not enter Buyer's property or take the dog without Buyer's permission or lawful process.

6. Spay and neuter timing

If page one states that spaying or neutering is required, Buyer must not have the puppy spayed or neutered before 12 months of age. The only exception is a medical emergency or medical necessity documented in writing by a licensed veterinarian before the procedure. Buyer must have the procedure completed after 12 months of age and by 24 months of age unless Seller approves a later date in writing. Buyer must send Seller proof within 30 days after the procedure. An elective spay or neuter performed before 12 months of age immediately voids the health guarantee. Every other duty in this agreement remains in effect.

7. Full AKC and breeding prospects

Full AKC registration applies only when page one says Full AKC or Seller later grants it in a separate signed writing. No dog may be bred before 24 months of age. Before any breeding, the owner must obtain final hip and elbow evaluations, current breed-appropriate genetic testing, and confirmation that the dog has stable temperament and sound health. A female must be physically mature and may not be bred before her third heat. Seller does not approve or select the proposed mate and does not guarantee that a puppy sold as a prospect will mature into a breeding or show-quality dog, earn a title, or produce offspring.

8. Care and home requirements

Buyer will provide humane care, appropriate nutrition, fresh water, routine veterinary care, age-appropriate vaccinations, parasite and heartworm prevention as recommended by Buyer's veterinarian, safe housing, exercise, training, socialization, and companionship. The dog must live primarily as an indoor family companion and may not be allowed to roam, remain habitually chained, or be left outdoors without appropriate shelter and supervision.

9. Growing-joint protection

Buyer will avoid forced roadwork, repetitive high-impact jumping, sustained stair running, and other structured impact exercise that is inappropriate for a growing large-breed puppy. Normal self-directed play and veterinarian-approved activity are permitted. Buyer should discuss body condition, nutrition, and exercise with the puppy's veterinarian throughout growth.

10. Socialization and temperament

Seller has provided age-appropriate handling and enrichment, which may include Early Neurological Stimulation, Early Scent Introduction, household exposure, grooming, varied surfaces, people, children, dogs, and cats when safely available. Temperament or personality testing describes behavior observed at one point in time and is not a guarantee of adult temperament. Buyer accepts responsibility for continued training, socialization, management, and supervision after transfer.

Health Guarantee

11. What the health guarantee covers

The health guarantee lasts only until the puppy reaches 12 months of age and applies only to the original Buyer. It covers only a congenital or hereditary condition that was present from birth, is diagnosed before the puppy reaches 12 months of age, and is confirmed in writing by two independent licensed veterinarians to be fatal or to prevent a reasonable quality of life. It does not promise that the puppy will never become sick or injured. It does not cover ordinary veterinary care, treatment costs, or any condition excluded below.

12. Conditions not covered

The health guarantee does not cover any condition caused or made worse by injury, accident, toxin exposure, neglect, abuse, obesity, poor nutrition, inappropriate exercise, delayed veterinary care, or disease exposure after transfer. It does not cover parasites, fungi, bacteria, viruses, communicable illness, cosmetic conditions, non-life-threatening conditions, retained testicles, hernias, bites or dental changes, allergies, ear infections, reproductive ability, infertility, size, weight, coat, color, temperament, behavior, or training results. It also does not cover hip or elbow dysplasia.

13. Parasites ringworm and communicable illness

Giardia, coccidia, roundworms, hookworms, tapeworms, whipworms, fleas, ticks, ear mites, ringworm, Bordetella or kennel cough, and similar parasites, fungal conditions, bacterial conditions, and communicable illnesses are specifically excluded from the health guarantee. They remain excluded even if symptoms begin or a diagnosis is made during the 21-day veterinary examination period. Buyer must notify Seller within 24 hours of a diagnosis and send the records and test results so Seller can monitor the litter. Notice does not create coverage and does not require Seller to pay or reimburse any cost. All testing, medication, treatment, cleaning, isolation, and follow-up care are at Buyer's sole expense.

14. Hips and elbows

Hip or elbow dysplasia is not covered by the one-year fatal hereditary guarantee. Genetics, growth rate, body condition, injury, nutrition, and exercise can all affect joint development. A dog sold with breeding rights must satisfy the separate health-testing requirements in paragraph 7 before breeding.

15. How to make a health claim

Buyer must notify Seller in writing within 2 business days after receiving a diagnosis that Buyer believes is covered. Notice must be given while the dog is alive unless a documented emergency makes that impossible. Buyer must provide the complete veterinary record, test results, images, diagnostic reports, and written prognosis at Buyer's sole expense. Seller may require confirmation by a second independent licensed veterinarian selected or approved by Seller. Buyer must pay every cost of that second examination and testing. Buyer authorizes the veterinarians to speak with Seller and release all records relevant to the claim.

16. Euthanasia and necropsy

Unless immediate euthanasia is medically necessary to prevent suffering, Buyer must contact Seller before euthanasia if Buyer intends to make a claim. If the dog dies before 12 months of age and the cause is not already conclusively documented, Buyer must obtain a necropsy from a licensed veterinarian or veterinary diagnostic laboratory at Buyer's sole expense. Buyer must provide the complete report to Seller. A claim cannot be approved without the required records and proof.

17. Only remedy under the health guarantee

If Seller approves a claim, Buyer's only remedy is one replacement puppy of comparable purchase value from Seller's next available litter. There is no cash refund, partial refund, purchase-price credit, payment of veterinary bills, or reimbursement of any kind. Seller does not promise a particular date, sex, color, coat, or parent pairing. Because this is Bindi's final litter, a replacement will not be from Bindi. Buyer must pay all transportation, delivery, registration, examination, testing, medication, treatment, and other expenses connected with the original dog or replacement puppy. Seller is not required to replace the puppy until the covered diagnosis is fully documented and the requirements of this agreement are met. If Seller permanently stops breeding before a replacement becomes available, Seller has no further replacement obligation and no money is owed to Buyer.

18. Buyer pays every expense

Buyer is solely responsible for every expense after transfer, including veterinary examinations, emergency care, fecal tests, laboratory tests, imaging, second opinions, necropsy, medication, treatment, surgery, transportation, delivery, boarding, registration, training, food, supplies, and routine ownership costs. Seller will not pay, repay, refund, credit, or reimburse any expense. Sending Seller a bill does not make Seller responsible for it. No veterinarian, clinic, trainer, transporter, or other person has authority to charge Seller. This paragraph applies even when Buyer believes a condition is covered and even when a health claim is approved.

19. When the health guarantee becomes void

The health guarantee ends immediately and permanently if Buyer fails to obtain reasonable veterinary care or provide humane care; breeds a dog sold with Limited AKC registration; electively spays or neuters before 12 months without documented medical necessity; gives false or incomplete claim information; refuses to provide requested records; or sells, gives away, assigns, or transfers possession or ownership of the dog to any other person. An approved transfer under paragraph 20 still ends the health guarantee. Ending the health guarantee does not cancel the remaining duties in this agreement.

Lifetime Responsibilities

20. Rehoming return and transfer

The purpose of this paragraph is to protect the dog throughout its life, maintain a clear record of responsible ownership, and help prevent the dog from entering a shelter, rescue, auction, broker, or unsafe placement. If Buyer cannot keep the dog, Buyer may locate a suitable new home but must contact Seller before advertising, selling, giving away, surrendering, or transferring the dog. Seller has the first option to take the dog back or approve the specific new home. Seller is never required to refund or repay any part of the purchase price and is not required to buy the dog. Buyer pays all rehoming, veterinary, and transportation costs. Buyer must give the new owner the veterinary records, microchip information, AKC documents, and a copy of this agreement. The approved new owner and Seller must sign the Transfer of Ownership and Contract Assumption section at the end of this agreement. These signatures document the new owner's acceptance of the continuing duties that protect the dog, including care, identification, breeding restrictions, and the requirement to contact Seller before any later transfer. The original Buyer remains responsible for any breach that occurred before the transfer. The health guarantee ends when ownership or possession is transferred and does not transfer to the new owner or start again. See paragraph 25.

21. No shelter broker auction or pet store transfer

Buyer will never sell, consign, donate, or surrender the dog or its offspring to a pet store, commercial broker, dog auction, laboratory, animal shelter, or rescue without first contacting Seller. In an immediate safety emergency, Buyer may place the dog temporarily with a licensed veterinarian, boarding facility, or responsible caretaker while contacting Seller.

22. Identification and records

Buyer will keep the dog's microchip registration and contact information current. Buyer will not knowingly alter or misrepresent the dog's identity, pedigree, AKC registration status, health results, or breeding history.

23. Updates

Buyer agrees to provide Seller with an update and current photograph approximately twice each year. Seller may contact Buyer for health and temperament information that may help evaluate the litter and breeding program.

24. Photograph permission optional

Buyer chooses one: **AGREE** _____ Seller may share photographs and updates supplied by Buyer on Seller's website or business social media. **DECLINE** _____ Seller will not post photographs supplied by Buyer without later permission. Buyer confirms that Buyer has authority to grant permission for any photograph submitted.

25. Health guarantee never transfers

The health guarantee is personal to the original Buyer. It cannot be assigned or transferred. Any sale, gift, rehoming, or other transfer of ownership or possession permanently ends the health guarantee, including a transfer approved and signed by Seller. The new owner may assume the continuing contract duties, but receives no health guarantee, replacement right, refund right, credit, or reimbursement right.

26. No other warranties

This written agreement contains the warranties made by Seller. No oral statement, social-media message, advertisement, or prior conversation changes this agreement unless the change is written and signed or clearly confirmed in writing by both parties.

27. Governing law and venue

Ohio law governs this agreement. Any court proceeding must be brought in a court with jurisdiction in the Ohio county where Seller resides, unless applicable law requires otherwise. Before filing a non-emergency claim, the parties will make a good-faith effort to resolve the dispute through direct written communication.

28. Severability and waiver

If a court finds one provision unenforceable, the remaining provisions will continue to apply to the fullest extent allowed by law. A party's delay or failure to enforce one provision does not waive the right to enforce it later.

29. Entire agreement and electronic signatures

This document and any signed addendum are the entire agreement. Electronic signatures and counterparts are treated as originals. Changes must be in writing and accepted by both parties.

Acknowledgment and Signatures

By signing, Buyer confirms that Buyer has read and understood this agreement, had an opportunity to ask questions, received the puppy's available veterinary records, and agrees to every term. Buyer understands that this contract should be reviewed by an Ohio attorney if legal advice is desired.

Buyer signature _____	Date _____
Buyer printed name _____	Phone _____
Seller signature _____	Date _____
Seller printed name _____	Puppy microchip verified _____

Special Arrangements or Addendum

Transfer of Ownership and Contract Assumption

Use this section only if the original Buyer rehomes the dog and Seller approves the new owner in writing. By signing below, the original Buyer transfers ownership to the new owner. The new owner confirms receipt of this agreement and assumes all continuing duties that can apply after transfer, including humane care, AKC and breeding restrictions, identification and record duties, and the requirement to contact Seller before any later transfer. The original Buyer remains responsible for any breach that happened before the transfer date.

HEALTH GUARANTEE ENDS AT TRANSFER. The new owner receives no health guarantee, replacement puppy right, refund, credit, reimbursement, or payment of expenses. Seller's signature approves the new home and transfer of the continuing contract duties only. It does not approve or promise health coverage.

Dog's call name _____	Microchip number _____
New owner's full legal name _____	Transfer date _____
Street address _____	City State ZIP _____
Phone _____	Email _____

New owner acknowledgment. I have read this entire agreement. I accept the dog and assume the continuing duties described above. I understand that the health guarantee is void and does not transfer to me.

Original Buyer signature _____	Printed name _____	Date _____
New Owner signature _____	Printed name _____	Date _____
Seller approval signature _____	Printed name _____	Date _____