

SUGARPINE LABRADORS
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Vaccinations given: Parvo/Distemper _____ Wormed: _____

This contract is entered into by the breeder

Buyer _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City/State _____ Zip code _____

Email _____ Name of Puppy if known at time of sale: _____

Price: \$ _____ as family companion. Less non-refundable deposit \$ _____ Due at time of pickup
_____ .

This to certify the Labrador puppy born _____ on was sold to above buyer on _____ .

SIRE: _____ **DAM:** _____

Above named puppy sold to buyer is described by the breeder as Companion and Family Pet. AKC papers will be transferred at time of sale (or when received from AKC). Checks are accepted for deposits only. The balance due must be paid in cash when the puppy is picked up. Pick of the puppies is given in the order of deposit received. The puppy must be picked out on the day and time the Seller tells you, so the next pick in line can pick out their pup. If you can't make it we will pick your puppy for you. The Buyer agrees that if the puppy is not picked up on the release date set by the breeder there will be a \$25 a day boarding fee. The deposit signifies that the Buyer intends to follow through with the purchase of the puppy from the Seller. In the event that the Buy cannot follow through with the purchase of the puppy, the deposit is forfeited and No refund will be given. The best policy is to be absolutely sure that you want this particular puppy before you send your deposit! If by tragic accident the puppy were to die or determined to have a congenital defect that prevents the puppy from being a companion animal, a full refund of the deposit will be given to the Buyer. Seller reserves the right to return the deposit within 30 days, if we don't have another puppy available for you. All puppies are sold on American Kennel Club limited registration with a spay/neuter agreement. The Seller reserves the right to void this transaction and refund the deposit, if for any reason the Buyer might not be suitable for the puppy. We can take up to 30 days to return or refund y our deposit.

The terms and conditions of this contract are:

BREEDERS GUARANTEE:

Every responsible precaution has been taken by the breeder to produce a litter of healthy puppies. We, as many other dedicated Labrador Breeders, do our best to produce the proper type of Labrador but cannot guarantee against what might occur from recessive genes or what might result from environmental circumstances once the puppy leaves with the Buyer. We cannot guarantee that male puppies will drop two normal testicles by eight weeks of age. Any male with an undescended testicle is considered undesirable for stud purposes. Neutering is strongly recommended.

This puppy is guaranteed to be in good health to the best of my knowledge at the time of purchase and has been started on permanent inoculations and wormed. **You have a health guarantee extending 4 days after possession of said puppy in which to have the puppy checked by a licensed veterinarian and are urged to do so.** If a pre-existing health condition is found at this time, you will be refunded the total purchase price of the puppy when the puppy is returned to me (Seller). Seller must be notified within the four days of the pre-existing health problem. If Buyer fails to notify seller of said health problem, Buyer will be deemed to have accepted said puppy. **Seller does not authorize any veterinary care, if your**

puppy needs veterinary care during the first 4 days, return to the puppy to the Seller and Seller will take the puppy to their veterinarian. After 4 days the sale is considered final and for no reason will the purchase price be refunded.

In the event a fatal genetic defect or if hip dysplasia is found in the animal within one year of age, Seller agrees to replace the animal with another puppy when one becomes available, if at that time the Seller is still breeding Labradors. No money will be refunded. An autopsy report with an explanation by the animal's attending veterinarian or an OFA report in the case of hip dysplasia must be provided to the Seller prior to a replacement animal being given to the Buyer. No medical costs are refunded. Due the varying types of dog food on the market and the different environmental conditions that your puppy will come into contact with I will not uphold this guarantee if they are not on **The Ninth Life Longevity Dog** at the recommended doses for the life of the contract. Failure to do so makes this contract null and void. For more information on the vitamins and how to order see www.theninthlife.com.

Seller and Buyer agree that they will settle any dispute which arises between them by resorting to arbitration rather than the courts, and arbitration will take place in the town or city in which Sellers place of business is located at time the dispute arises. Seller and Buyer agree to share equally the costs of any arbitration. However, Seller will not pay Buyer's transportation costs to attend such arbitration, nor will Buyer pay Sellers transportation costs to attend such arbitration. This is the only agreement made between both parties.

UNKNOWN CLAIMS:

Purchaser acknowledges and agrees that this release applies to all claims for anything known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, or patent or latent that purchaser may have against seller and purchaser waives application of Civil Code Section 1542 [Deering's]. Purchaser certifies that he or she has read the following provisions of Civil Code Section 1542 [Deering's]:

"A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

Purchaser understands and acknowledges that in consequence of this waiver of Civil Code Section 1542 [Deering's], even if he or she should eventually suffer additional damages arising out of the purchase of this pet he or she will not be able to make any claim for those damages.

BUYERS RESPONSIBILITY:

The buyer agrees to accept the duties of a responsible dog owner. These include but are not limited to:

1. Providing a completely fenced, escape proof yard.
2. Provide a clean and sanitary living environment.
3. Do not over exercise or run your puppy until fully grown (two years).
4. Train your puppy to become an enjoyable member of your family.
5. Providing proper diet with quality food and vitamins as well as veterinary care.
6. Never allow dog to ride in the back of an open vehicle unless in a sturdy crate or proper tie down.
7. Before breeding your dog you will attain clearances from O.F.A. and CERF and breed to a dog that has the same clearances.
8. If for any reason you can't keep your puppy/dog we would like to be informed to help in the placement of your puppy/dog.
9. Love. Give your new puppy love and attention through out his/her life.

Buyer's signature _____ Date: _____

Breeder's signature _____ Date: _____

Congratulations on owning a new puppy! Your puppy came from a small home breeder, we call ourselves Sugarpine Labs. We have taken every step possible to provide your puppy with a warm, loving, family environment until he goes home with you. We have handled, played, and snuggled your puppy from the time he was born. We believe in handling the puppies as much as possible so they bond with humans as much as their mother. We have two-three litters a year and we try to take every step possible to breed healthy puppies.

We have included many articles which we think will be helpful for you while raising your puppy. One of the first things you will need to do is choose a name for your puppy. Second, choose a veterinarian if you don't already have one. If you live in the Auburn area we recommend Dr. Rich Jackson of the Animal Medical Center. If you don't live near Auburn, ask your friends who have animals who they recommend. If possible try and find a **holistic veterinarian**. Developing a good relationship with your veterinarian is the first step to keeping your puppy healthy and happy.

One of the best books we can recommend is – **The Art of Raising a Puppy by the Monks of New Skete** and **Mom Knows Best** by Carol Lea Benjamin. These books are excellent and will guide you with your new puppy.

Crate training. We highly recommend crate training. We have include a great information sheet on how to crate train as well as the books recommend above have excellent articles on crate training.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR PUPPY:

PUPPY FOOD: your puppy has been eating **Costco's Natures Domain Puppy in the teal colored bag**. We mix the food with warm water with a tablespoon of plain yogurt or cottage cheese. Follow the recommend amount on the bag, but just so you know we feed our adult dogs 3 ½ cups a day, any more than that they start putting on too much weight. Buy a 40 pound bag – your puppy will grow fast! When your new baby comes home he/she is probably eating 1 cup in the morning and 1 cup in the evening with warm water.

We also give our dogs a vitamin made by **The Ninth Life called Longevity Dog**. These vitamins are exceptional. They are mail order vitamin only and we have experienced first hand amazing results with these vitamins, especially with an arthritic dog we have that could hardly walk until we started him on the The Ninth Life Longevity Dogt, after a few weeks we could not tell he had arthritis (and we almost had to put him to sleep!). We had one person contact us about their dog and the problems they were having their dog's coat. She had tried everything and he was basically eating holes in himself. We told her about the vitamins, she was skeptical but she was desperate to try anything. One month later she called to thank me, as her dog was not biting at himself anymore and his coat was growing back. She just could not get over it and was so grateful. They have antioxidants and other healthy additives such as herbs as well as blue-green algae, shark cartilage, beta-carotene etc. We have never seen a vitamin like this and we highly recommend you continue to feed them to your dog. We have included a sample and brochure. As stated in the contract, these vitamins are required to uphold the contract. To order visit www.theninthlife.com. Just sprinkle a little on their food once a day, it does not have to be the exact amount they recommend, we just pinch a little and sprinkle on their food

The other thing we give our animals is **apple cider vinegar**. We put a teaspoon or two of apple cider vinegar in their food each night. We mix my dogs food with warm water and we add it to the water before mixing into their food. We have always believed in the benefits of apple cider vinegar, We have include a copy of an article explaining the benefits. One last note on this, when you purchase apple cider vinegar be sure it is true apple cider vinegar and not colored vinegar. We try to use Bragg organic vinegar.

Occasionally we give our dogs a fresh meat supplement with their dry food. We mix up the following:

- 1-teaspoon vegetable oil (corn or safoil)
- 1 ¾ teaspoon bone meal
- 200 IU vitamin E (I just break open a capsule)
- 5,000 – 10,000 IU vitamin A

1 pound (2 cups) of chopped or ground turkey, lean hamburger, lean chuck or lean beef heart, or ¾ cup cottage cheese with ¼-1/2 cup vegetables (peas, green bean, carrots, broccoli need to be cooked; alfalfa sprouts, grated carrots or zucchini do not need to be cooked)

Mix these well and give ¼ cup of this to every 1-cup of dry food. We try to do this as often as I can (each day), but it does not always happen so we do it as often as we can.

Raw bones. Don't be afraid to feed raw bones to your dog. Raw chicken bones (necks, wings etc.) are something else we supplement our dogs with. Raw bones are safe, it is when they are cooked they cause problems. Cooking the bones (chicken, beef, etc.) changes the bone chemistry and causes it to splinter which can cause life threatening problems. But raw is good!!

PARVO: Parvo is a deadly virus which affects dogs, mainly young puppies. Your puppy will have received one Parvo/Distemper combination vaccine before going home. Your puppy will need three more vaccines, every third week until he is 16 weeks old at which time you may give a rabies vaccination also. It will be up to you to make sure that your pup does not get parvo. The parvo virus can live outside of a dog's body for a year. The virus lives on the ground and shoe soles. It is spread through dog feces. **DO NOT** take your puppy to the park until he is fully vaccinated. Carry your puppy into the vet clinic. If you know of an area that is frequently visited by dogs, **DON'T** take your puppy there. **PARVO IS DEADLY!** It is your responsibility to complete the vaccine schedule and protect your puppy from the parvo virus.

HEARTWORMS: Put your puppy on heartworm preventative. If your dog does contract heartworms and he is not treated his life will be cut short. Talk to your vet about heartworms. It is a deadly disease that is completely preventable.

VACCINATIONS: Your puppy will come to you with his/her first shot (or more depending on how old it is). We recommend you continue the puppy shots until they have finished the series. Afterward we do not recommend you vaccinate yearly. There are studies that say this may contribute to cancer or other diseases. My vet explained to us that studies were never done to test the effectiveness of vaccines and how long they actually last. Unlike humans, where we vaccinate once or every few years depending on the vaccine, we just pump our animals full of vaccines not knowing how long they last. It turns out this is too much for them. It is causing autoimmune diseases, cancer, and many other devastating problems. We personally (same as my veterinarian) do not vaccinate my dogs after their series of puppy shots, except for my bitches that produce puppies. We vaccinate them every third year (or have a titer test); just to be sure they pass on immunity to their puppies. If you would like more information on this we would be happy to provide you copies of articles we have saved.

SOCIALIZATION: Your puppy has been socialized with our family and friends. It is important your puppy be exposed to people, other dogs, and different surroundings. Socialization is the key to making your puppy a great dog and a joyful addition to your family. One of the things you can do is take them with you whenever you can. Have treats like biscuits or bits of hotdogs readily available, when kids or people want to pet your puppy ask them to feed your puppy one of your treats. Expose your puppy to as many new experiences as possible, this includes household appliances, your neighbors – especially children, and new noises such as car horns, sirens, alarms, etc. Make these experiences as gentle as possible. Your puppy has come from parents who have excellent temperaments, but your puppy's environment will also have a big roll in developing his/her own temperament. We also highly recommend enrolling in a puppy class. This class will teach you as well as your puppy things you can not get from a book. It also exposes your puppy to other dogs and people and the training you both receive can make your puppy the best addition to your family ever. Puppy training is one of the most important things you can do. Please be careful during the first 16 weeks until your puppy has had all of its shots. You may need to carry your puppy to new places during this time. Do not let him come in contact with urine or feces of other animals.

Raising a puppy can be so much fun! Please call us with any concerns or questions you may have.