



### Guardian-Home Program Agreement

This agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, is part of our Guardian-Home Program and is between:

This contract is between: <u>North Florida Doodles DBA First Coast Goldendoodles</u> (Hereafter: "Owner") and	
_____ (Hereafter "Guardian Family")	
<u>Owner</u> : North Florida Doodles DBA First Coast Goldendoodles	
	<u>Guardian Family</u> : _____
	<u>Address</u> : _____ _____
<u>Phone</u> : (904) 554-9497	<u>Phone</u> : _____
<u>Email</u> : <a href="mailto:Firstcoastgoldendoodles@gmail.com">Firstcoastgoldendoodles@gmail.com</a>	<u>Email</u> : _____

<u>Guardian Dog/Name</u> :
<u>Date of Birth</u> :
<u>Color</u> :
<u>Gender</u> :

Breed:

## **Welcome to our program!**

We created a Guardian-Home Program to grow our breeding program while still providing each of our breeding dogs with a loving environment in a guardian family. By joining our Program, you desire to and will act as a guardian for a dog that is either a female potential breeder or proven breeder or a male potential breeder or proven breeder (“The Dog”) subject to the terms of this agreement.

The following will spell out the Guardian-Home program, including our requirements for guardian families while the Dog is a part of the breeding program. The obligations we will assume as owner, and how the Dog will become a permanent member of your family.

### **Initial Obligations of Guardian Family**

In order to be considered for the Guardian-Home Program, we require that you:

1. Live within the greater Jacksonville, FL area.
2. Own your own home.
3. Have physical fencing to provide a safe and secure environment for the Dog. This also protects the Dog from any unplanned, unwanted pregnancies and is crucial.
4. Never leave the Dog off leash in an unsecured area. NO dog parks allowed.
5. Have reliable transportation and willingness to bring the dog to us when needed throughout the year for breeding purposes (i.e., testing, breeding, litters, etc.)
6. Maintain open lines of communication with us concerning any matter related to the Dog.
7. Keep the guardian Dog on premium dog food, during pregnancy the Dog will need to be switched to a premium puppy food for the added nutrition. Please stay away from Chicken varieties.
8. Understand that the Owner/Breeder may need to make decisions about your female or male and you will have to respect those decisions. Examples may include, but are not limited to keeping the female longer, additional vet care, etc. All decisions will always be for the betterment of the Dog.

### **Ownership**

Ownership and all right, title and interest in the Dog shall remain with the Owner/Breeder. If the Dog is a female any puppies born to the Dog shall be the sole property of the Owner/Breeder. The Guardian family shall have no ownership interest of possession rights to any such puppy. If the Dog is a male, all semen shall be sole property of the Owner/Breeder and the Guardian family shall have no ownership interest of possession rights to any use of the semen. The Dog shall be used as breeding stock exclusively by the Owner/Breeder and under no circumstances shall be bred to any dog other than as directed by the Owner/Breeder. Once the Dog has been retired, the Owner/Breeder by written evidence of transfer, will assign and transfer ownership of the Dog to the Guardian family after spay/neuter has been completed.

### **Possession**

Upon execution of this agreement, Owner/Breeder shall transfer possession of the Dog to the Guardian family. The Guardian family shall retain possession of the dog during this agreement, subject to its obligations to return possession of the Dog for breeding purposes and shall provide physical care to and supervision of the Dog subject to the terms and conditions of this agreement.

### **Owner/Breeder's Possession for Breeding**

Female: Owner/Breeder requires access to female breeding dog for reasons including, but not limited to:

1. Veterinary appointments for general purposes, TCI and/or to monitor pregnancy.
2. Breeding, this may require several visits to Plantation Animal Hospital for progesterone testing and/or the TCI-Trans-cervical insemination procedure. Sometimes it may be easier to leave the Dog with the Owner/Breeder for a couple of days during this process.
3. Whelping, this can be up to 14 days prior to the Dog's due date and up until the puppies are weaned at approximately 6-8 weeks. The whelping process and/or the time away from the Dog can last approximately 9-12 weeks total.
4. The Guardian family shall not transfer possession of the Dog to any person without the prior written consent of the Owner/Breeder.
5. The Owner/Breeder has the right to visit the residence of the Guardian family at least twice per year to address any issues concerning the care and supervision of the Dog.
6. Females will not be bred more than 5 times.
7. If the Owner/Breeder finds it difficult to reach the Guardian family, is met with roadblocks or cantankerous communication in any form (comments, phone calls, text messages, etc.) that make this working relationship hostile and/or if the Guardian family refuses to do anything the Owner/Breeder asks as set forth in this document, the Dog will be removed from the Guardian home-No question and returned to the Owner/Breeder.

### **Guardian Family Obligations**

1. Raise the Dog as an indoor Dog only.
2. When left at home, safely contain the Dog inside a crate.
3. Comply with the Owner/Breeder's nutritional and dietary guidelines and pay for all expenses associated with feeding premium dog food, treats, grooming, flea, tick and heartworm prevention. **The only approved preventatives are Bravecto and Heart Guard.**
4. Provide the Dog with regular exercise and socialization (expose them to people, locations, other spayed or neutered dogs, sights and sounds such as the vacuum, fireworks, hair dryer, etc.). Socialization is very important and is a requirement of this contract.
5. **The Guardian family is required to secure and maintain continuous Pet Insurance coverage for the duration of this agreement. This can be done as early as two weeks prior to delivery of the Guardian Dog.** Examples include, Healthy Paws, Nationwide,

Pets Best, Figo, Trupanion, etc. This will help offset your costs associated with emergencies, unexpected illness or injury. Please email proof of insurance to [firstcoastgoldendoodles@gmail.com](mailto:firstcoastgoldendoodles@gmail.com). Once proof has been submitted, we will proceed with scheduling delivery of the Guardian Dog.

6. The Guardian family is required to schedule and pay for all routine well visits with a licensed Veterinarian. **The Owner/Breeder will reimburse the Guardian Family for routine puppy well checks and annual vaccinations.** Receipts for routine care need to be emailed to [firstcoastgoldendoodles@gmail.com](mailto:firstcoastgoldendoodles@gmail.com), we will process those reimbursements within 7-14 business days. Note: Any charges for mobile vets, heartworm, flea/tick prevention and/or any other charges that are not related to routine care, will be deducted from the invoice.
7. Continue to ensure the Dog is compliant, crate-trained, housebroken, leash-trained, does not jump, mouth or excessively bark. The Dog's future puppy's safety relies on calm and focused behavior.
8. **Notify the Owner/Breeder of any planned vacations, changes to address, phone or email.**

### **Termination of Agreement**

This agreement shall terminate upon the occurrence of any of the following:

1. Immediately, upon the transfer of Ownership of the Dog to the Guardian Family once the Dog has been retired.
2. Immediately, upon Owner/Breeders determination that the Guardian family is non-compliant with the terms of this Agreement, at which time the possession of the Dog returns to the Owner/Breeder. This also includes moving out of the greater Jacksonville area. Transfer of ownership due to a long distance move will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
3. If the Dog dies while in the care of the Owner/Breeder this contract will be terminated. No funds will be payable to the Guardian Family as you received the Guardian Dog at no cost to you. **If the Dog dies from any negligence or accident while in the care of the Guardian family or if the Dog is injured preventing pregnancy or breeding, the Guardian family agrees to pay the Owner/Breeder \$3,500.00 for the loss to the business.**
4. Immediately, upon the Guardian families permanent return of the Dog to the Owner/Breeder for any reason.

### **Indemnity**

The Guardian family agrees to indemnify and hold the Owner/Breeder harmless from and against all claims, liabilities, losses, cost, injury or damages while the Dog is in the possession of the Guardian family. Any dispute arising from this contact shall be litigated in the Duval County Circuit Court or the Federal District Court for the district of Florida.

IN WITNESS HERE OF: The parties have executed and agreed to this Agreement as of:

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Breeder \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian Family (Print/sign) \_\_\_\_\_