

STRONGHOLD GERMAN SHEPHERDS

BUYER & BREEDER AGREEMENT

Breeder: Stronghold German
Location: Shepherds Wolcott, Vermont
Phone: 802.673.9934

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Buyer Name:

Address:

City/State:

Phone:

Email:

Puppy Name/ID:

Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Color/Coat:

Date of Birth:

Microchip #:

Purchase Price:

Date of Transfer:

1. Purpose of This Agreement

This agreement protects the health, safety, and lifelong well-being of every Stronghold German Shepherds puppy. Our puppies are raised on our family farm with early socialization, structure, and exposure to children, animals, and daily life. This contract outlines the responsibilities of both breeder and buyer to ensure the puppy receives proper care throughout its life.

2. Breeder Responsibilities

2.1 Health at Time of Sale

The puppy is believed to be in good health at the time of transfer. Stronghold German Shepherds follows a limited-vaccine schedule and uses natural worming methods as part of our holistic raising approach.

The buyer receives:

- *Limited-vaccine record*
- *Natural worming schedule*
- *Feeding and care instructions*

The buyer has **72 hours** to have the puppy examined by a licensed veterinarian. If concerns arise during this initial exam, the breeder must be notified immediately.

2.2 Required Nutritional Support (NuVet – First Year of Life)

To support immune strength, growth, and overall development, the buyer agrees to keep the puppy on NuVet nutritional support for the first 12 months of life.

Proper nutrition is essential for joint development, immune function, and overall wellness. Failure to maintain consistent nutritional support, including NuVet, may void portions of the health guarantee.

2.3 Genetic Health Assurance (12 Months)

If a licensed veterinarian diagnoses a life-altering hereditary condition within the first 12 months, the breeder will offer:

- *A replacement puppy from a future litter when available, or*
- *A partial credit toward another puppy*

Refunds are not offered.

Conditions caused by injury, over-vaccination, environmental exposure, poor nutrition, or improper exercise are not covered.

2.4 Hip & Joint Support

Hip and joint development is strongly influenced by environment, nutrition, and exercise. The breeder cannot guarantee perfect hips or elbows. All parents are OFA clear before breeding.

The buyer agrees to:

- *Avoid over-exercise during growth*
- *Prevent jumping from high surfaces*
- *Maintain proper weight*
- *Provide quality nutrition and supplements*

2.5 Parasites & Common Puppy Conditions

Puppies may carry parasites such as worms, coccidia, or Giardia. These are common and treatable and are **not** covered under the guarantee. All puppies leave with a neg stool sample

3. Buyer Responsibilities

3.1 Veterinary Care

The buyer agrees to:

- *Have the puppy examined within 72 hours*
- *Maintain routine veterinary care*
- *Follow a care plan that supports the puppy's long-term health*

3.2 Proper Care & Environment

The buyer agrees to provide:

- *Clean water and high-quality nutrition*
- *Safe shelter and a stable home*
- *Daily exercise and mental stimulation*
- *Positive training and socialization*

The puppy will **never** be:

- *Tied out or chained*
- *Left in unsafe temperatures*
- *Surrendered to a shelter or rescue*

If the buyer cannot keep the dog **for any reason**, the dog must be returned to Stronghold German Shepherds.

4. Companion-Only Agreement (No Breeding Rights)

All Stronghold German Shepherd puppies are sold as **companions only**, unless a separate written breeding contract is signed.

The buyer agrees:

- *No breeding rights are included*
- *The puppy will be spayed/neutered between 12–24 months unless medically contraindicated*
- *The dog will never be bred, intentionally or accidentally, without written permission from the breeder*

Unauthorized breeding:

- *Requires return of the dog to the breeder*
- *May result in legal action*
- *Voids all guarantees*

This protects the integrity of the breed and the Stronghold program.

5. Communication Agreement

No Negative Public Reviews Without Contacting Breeder First

Stronghold German Shepherds is committed to honesty, integrity, and lifelong support. Because misunderstandings can often be resolved quickly with communication, the buyer agrees to:

5.1 Contact Breeder First

If any concern or dissatisfaction arises, the buyer agrees to:

- *Contact the breeder directly*
- *Allow reasonable time for a response*
- *Work together toward a solution*

5.2 No Negative Public Reviews

The buyer agrees not to post negative or damaging reviews on any public platform without first speaking directly with the breeder.

5.3 Positive Reviews Are Always Welcome

If the buyer chooses to leave a positive review, they may do so at any time.

6. Return-to-Breeder Policy

If the buyer cannot keep the dog for any reason, the dog must be returned to Stronghold German Shepherds. No refunds are given. This ensures every Stronghold dog always has a safe home.

7. Agreement & Signatures

By signing below, the buyer acknowledges that they have read and understand this Puppy Purchase, Health Guarantee, Companion-Only Agreement, and Communication Policy and agree to its terms.

Buyer Signature

Date

Printed Name

Signature

Breeder Signature

Date

Printed Name

Signature