Puppy Sale Contract

Terms of Sale, 2-Year Health Guarantee, and Spay/Neuter Contract

This contract is between Red String Farmstead (hereafter referred to as "Seller") and _____ (hereafter referred to as "Buyer") pertaining to:

Puppy String Color	**Birthdate**	**Gender**	**Invoice #**
Red String Girl	June 18th, 2026	Female	XXXXXXX
Dam	**Sire**	**Breed**	**Purpose**
Autumn	Red	F1 Goldendoodle	Pet Only

Part 1: Seller's Responsibility

1. The Seller guarantees that the above puppy is in good health (minus potential intestinal parasites that are common) and has received the following:

    A. The first of three rounds of DAPP 5-in-1 immunization (Distemper, Adenovirus/Hepatitis, Parainfluenza, and Parvovirus)

    B. Routine dewormings

    C. Health certificate from a licensed veterinarian certifying that the puppy is in good health (available at the time Buyer takes possession)

2. The Seller provides warranty against debilitating congenital defects for a period of two (2) years after the date of sale.

A. Seller has subjected all parents to health and genetic testing to maximize positive health outcomes in their puppies. All health of the parents is used as a precaution and is not a guarantee that health issues cannot arise.

B. Debilitating congenital defects are defined as those present since birth that are either life-threatening or would prevent said puppy from fulfilling its intended purpose as a family-quality pet.

C. Any suspected debilitating congenital defect must be confirmed by a licensed veterinarian (including necropsy if puppy dies).

    i. Buyer must supply any requested veterinary records related to condition to the Seller within seven (7) days of diagnosis.

    ii. Seller has the right to require a second opinion from a veterinarian and/or veterinary specialist of the Seller's choice. To best ensure that findings are relevant and applicable, the Buyer is responsible for transporting the puppy and/or relevant documentation to the Seller or the Seller's chosen veterinarian within five (5) days of notifying the Seller of the problem. If the Buyer is a Virginia resident, the Buyer must transport the puppy to the Seller's chosen veterinarian/specialist for the second opinion. If the Buyer is not a Virginia resident, the Buyer must ensure that all veterinary records, images, and relevant data is received by the Seller's chosen veterinarian/specialist.

    iii. Seller is responsible for the cost of the second veterinarian's opinion. Buyer is responsible for costs related to transporting the puppy to the Seller's chosen veterinarian.

    iv. If necropsy is performed and results in an undetermined or inconclusive diagnosis, the performing board-certified pathologist must confirm that the death was not due to accidental, toxic, or neglectful causes. Otherwise, this health guarantee will be void. The Buyer is responsible for the cost of the necropsy.

D. If a congenital defect that affects the quality of life and purpose (as noted on contract) is identified within the warranty period, the Buyer has the option to obtain a replacement of said puppy of equal or lesser value from the next available litter.

    i. The original puppy does not need to be returned in order to receive a replacement puppy, however, proper documentation of the congenital issue must be provided and proof of spay or neuter must be given to the Seller before the Buyer can receive a replacement puppy.

    ii. Breeder will determine which puppy (of equal or lesser value) will be used as a replacement within one (1) year of confirmation of the health problem.

    iii. Color, gender, markings, size or any other characteristics are not guaranteed or the choice of the Buyer.

    iv. Any costs associated with transporting the replacement puppy will be covered by Buyer.

E. If said puppy is euthanized or in any way disposed of, without a second opinion from the Seller's veterinarian, the Buyer waives all rights to a replacement puppy.

F. This warranty does not include viral illnesses, infections, improper bites that are determined by a vet to be cosmetic only, stress related illness, injuries, hernias, hypoglycemia, parasites of any kind, entropion, ear mites, ear infections, shipping cold, kennel cough, Bordetella, pneumonia, flu, bronchitis, parvovirus, or endocrine disorders. Though Red String Farmstead takes active measures to prevent these problems while the puppy is in their care, they are all treatable by most veterinarians.

G. Further, Red String Farmstead fully screens every sire and dam for genetic dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM), so any instance of DCM that results from environmental factors like diet (see below) will not be covered by this warranty.

H. Further, if the customer ignores the spay/neuter clause (see below), this warranty will not include any illnesses commonly associated with early neutering or spaying, to include joint and musculoskeletal disorders (cranial cruciate ligament rupture, elbow dysplasia, early-onset osteoarthritis, intervertebral disc disease), neoplastic diseases or cancers (osteosarcoma, hemangiosarcoma, lymphoma/lymphosarcoma, mast cell tumors, prostatic carcinoma and transitional cell carcinoma), urogenital and anatomical conditions (urinary incontinence, recessed/hypoplastic vulva, persistent juvenile vaginitis) or certain metabolic or immune system effects (obesity and metabolic rate reduction, hypothyroidism, unregulated luteinizing hormone spikes, immune-mediated hemolytic anemia, Addison's disease, atopic dermatitis, autoimmune thrombocytopenia). This warranty will only apply to these health problems if they are provenly congenital and the Buyer can prove that they waited until the puppy was at least a year old before spaying or neutering. **Do not pre-maturely spay or neuter your puppy.**

I. Further, this warranty does not include any illnesses caused by neglect, such as the ingestion of foreign objects, food, and chemicals, accidental physical injury, such as falls, overexercise, and dog fights/attacks, or abuse-related physical injury.

J. Seller has ensured the sire and dam were screened for hip dysplasia and osteoarthritis and accordingly will not cover hip dysplasia or osteoarthritis under this congenital health guarantee.

K. No warranties or guarantees, expressed or implied, are made under this contract except as stated.

L. This warranty is non-transferable.

3. It is to be clearly understood that the Seller does NOT, under any circumstances, accept responsibility for any veterinarian and/or health care expenses.

4. It is clearly understood that this puppy is being placed as a pet. If the Buyer chooses to use the puppy for service, therapy, or any other type of work, the Seller is not responsible or held liable for a puppy that does not fulfill their intended purpose. Seller is not liable or held responsible for the practices of any trainers. The Seller has conducted Volhard Puppy Aptitude Tests for all puppies as a tool for puppy placement ONLY and is not responsible in the event of a puppy's temperament shifting as it ages. Official/written Volhard testing scores and profiles will be shared directly with professional trainers only, not the Buyer.

Part 2: Buyer's Responsibility

1. The Buyer agrees to pay Seller a total sum of **$3,800** for this puppy's regular purchase price. This fee does not include any relevant processing fees or the costs of transportation (shipping, flight nanny, etc.,), but does include the Buyer's litter deposit if it was paid prior (see invoice number on this document).

2. The Buyer bears all costs relating to the sale of the above animal, including transportation. The risk of loss or injury to the above animal is always on the Buyer after said puppy leaves the physical custody of the Seller.

3. The Buyer agrees to have said puppy examined by a licensed veterinarian within ten (10) days of taking possession.

    A. If said puppy is found to be in poor health by the Buyer's veterinarian for any reason not previously covered, the Buyer has the option of returning said puppy to the Seller, at Buyer's cost, for a full refund.

    B. The Buyer will provide the Seller with a written statement from a licensed veterinarian clearly stating defect or illness within three (3) days of the finding.

    C. The Seller reserves the right to a second opinion on any defects or illness.

    D. If said puppy is not taken to a licensed veterinarian within ten (10) days of the date of taking possession or notification of a veterinary finding is not given to the Seller within three (3) days, the congenital health warranty is void.

    E. The Buyer will ensure that said puppy is kept in a kennel or held in the waiting room of a veterinary office, and that exam room is properly disinfected before appointment.

    F. Do not let said puppy walk on the floor in the veterinary office and ensure the room was cleaned prior to putting your puppy on the table. Seller recommends bringing a clean towel or blanket with you.

4. The Buyer is responsible for all medical expenses associated with the treatment of all intestinal parasites (i.e., Giardia or Coccidiosis) if said puppy is diagnosed with them (even if said puppy has parasites present when sent home).

    A. If you are not willing to treat puppy parasites (sometimes more than one treatment is needed), then please do not buy a puppy.

    B. It is common for puppy parasites to flourish after joining their new family (stress and change accommodate this).

    C. Many parasites can be contagious and it is possible that other dogs in the house can get them.

    D. Do not let your other dogs eat the puppy's feces. Clean it up immediately using proper cleaning chemicals.

5. The Buyer agrees to provide the best possible care for their puppy. This includes but is not limited to:

A. Housing said puppy indoors.

B. Understanding Red String Farmstead's **recommendation** to only feed the puppy a premium quality food, defined as a kibble or raw food that is 1) free of legumes or pulses (such as peas) for binders or protein sources and 2) nutritionally complete for dogs by veterinary standards. Failure to provide a premium quality food will **NOT** void this warranty, but remember that DCM is heavily associated with "grain-free" canine diets that use pulses and legumes as binders and protein sources. Please invest in your puppy's dietary health.

C. Maintaining their puppy at a healthy weight according to the Buyer's veterinarian.

D. Having their dog examined by a licensed veterinarian annually.

E. Keeping current with standard immunizations, ranging from those legally required (rabies) to those that protect against specific environmental hazards in your area (e.g., leptospirosis vaccine if you have deep puddles, ponds, swamps, or rodent issues on your property, Lymes disease vaccine if you live in a rural area with high deer and tick populations, Bordetella vaccine if you intend to board your puppy, etc.,).

F. Administering heartworm preventative medication as directed by the Buyer's veterinarian.

G. The Seller highly recommends microchipping your puppy.

6. The Seller highly **recommends** providing basic obedience training for said puppy within the first year of owning their dog.

7. The Buyer agrees to postpone strenuous forced exercise until after their said puppy is over one year of age, as most hip/elbow problems are caused by improper or excessive exercise. This includes running with your puppy, biking, treadmills, using stairs to exercise, strenuous hikes, etc.

8. The Buyer agrees to contact Seller immediately if the Buyer determines they are unable to keep said puppy for any reason. This constitutes the Seller's "Right of Reclamation." The Buyer and Seller will determine how the dog will be rehomed. If the Buyer is unable to rehome the puppy, the Seller will take the puppy **without refund** and rehome it.

9. The Buyer agrees to **never** place said puppy with a rescue group, in a shelter, pound, or similar facility or research laboratory.

10. By signing this agreement, the Buyer is allowing Red String Farmstead to take photographs of the Take Home Day event and use any of said pictures (including those featuring minor children) to be used by Red String Farmstead in any marketing or business-related manner they choose, generally by reposting and sharing on Facebook, Instagram, etc., Red String Farmstead will exercise common sense and discretion in the interest of the Buyer's privacy.

Part 3: Spay and Neuter Contract

1. The Buyer understands that spaying or neutering surgery by a licensed and reputable veterinarian is required for said puppy by no earlier than one (1) year of age to maximally allow the puppy to benefit

from its natural sex hormones as it matures and reduce the risk of the illnesses listed above (Part 1-2H), and no later than 18 months to reduce the risk of accidental breeding.

A. Proof of spay, neuter, or gonad sparing surgery (GSS), in the form of a Certificate of Spay or Neuter originating from and signed by a licensed veterinarian, must be provided to the Seller by the time the puppy is no older than 18 months of age.

B. If Seller does not receive Certificate of Spay/Neuter from the veterinarian by the time the puppy reaches 18 months of age, this warranty will become null and void.

C. The Buyer understands that a female's heat during the first year of life is a minor inconvenience compared to the long-term and expensive health risks associated with premature spay and agrees to place said dog's health above the inconveniences associated with a standard heat cycle (bleeding, licking, supervision to prevent pregnancy).

2. It is understood that, at the time of sale, said puppy is not to be used for breeding. It is a representation of its breed and it is structurally and temperamentally suited for being a household pet. **It is being sold as a pet without breeding rights.**

A. Buyer agrees that if they breach this agreement by breeding said dog without formal breeding rights, they will be required to pay Red String Farmstead $3,800 for every puppy that was sold for profit, or $10,000 for a litter of puppies given away for free.

Additional Legal Provisions

1. This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Any legal action, suit, or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Contract shall be instituted exclusively in the general district or circuit courts of Frederick County, Virginia.

2. In the event of any breach, dispute, or litigation arising out of or related to this Contract, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees, court costs, and related expenses.

3. If any provision of this Contract is held to be invalid or unenforceable, such provision shall be modified to the minimum extent necessary to make it valid, and the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

4. This document constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior discussions, representations, or oral agreements.

NOTICE

The sale of dogs and cats is subject to the provisions of the Virginia Consumer Protection Act (§ 59.1-196 et seq.). In the event that a licensed veterinarian certifies your animal to be unfit for purchase within 10 days following receipt of your animal, or within 14 days following receipt if the animal is infected with parvovirus, you may choose: (i) to return your animal, or in the case of an animal that has died, the veterinary certification, and receive a refund of the purchase price including sales tax; or (ii) to return the animal and receive an exchange animal of your choice of equivalent value. In the case of an animal purchased from a pet

shop or a USDA licensed dealer, you also may choose to retain the animal and receive reimbursement of the cost of veterinary certification and veterinary fees in an amount up to the purchase price of the animal.

In order to exercise these rights you must present a written veterinary certification that the animal is unfit to the pet dealer within three business days after receiving such certification.

If the pet dealer has promised to register your animal or to provide the papers necessary therefor and fails to do so within 120 days following the date of contract, you are entitled to return the animal and receive a refund of the purchase price or to retain the animal and receive a refund of an amount not to exceed 50 percent of the purchase price.

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