

Wolfdogs of the Ebon Blade

Breeder's Ethics Contract

This agreement is made, and hereby entered into, on _____ by and between **Kathryn A. Beaver of Wolfdogs of the Ebon Blade** (hereafter referred to as "BREEDER"),

Kathryn A. Beaver
STREET ADDRESS
CITY, STATE ZIP CODE
USA

Phone:
Email: wolfdogsoftheebonblade@gmail.com

AND

(Co-Owner Name) (hereafter referred to as "CO-OWNER"),

CO-OWNER NAME
STREET ADDRESS
CITY, STATE ZIP CODE
USA

Phone:
Email:

for the purpose of setting forth the terms and conditions for the breeding of the co-owned wolfdog (**Co-Owned Dog's Kennel Name**).

As co-owners of (**Co-Owned Dog's Kennel Name**) for the purpose of breeding, our foremost aim should be the welfare of (**Co-Owned Dog's Kennel Name**) and their offspring. BREEDER and CO-OWNER shall ensure that their actions exemplify the very best conduct and breeding practices possible. To that end, both BREEDER and CO-OWNER agree to adhere to the following:

1. Legalities
 - a. Ensure that all puppies produced are sold with an ownership contract, signed by both buyer and seller, which includes a written health guarantee (except in some rehoming situations of adult dogs) and return clause in the event a dog must be rehomed;
 - b. Properly supervise and enforce, to the best of our ability, all co-ownership(s), breeder's agreement(s), and spay/neuter contracts in a fair and timely manner;
 - c. Ensure that all puppies produced go to the best qualified homes where private ownership of wolfdogs is legal at the federal, state, county, city, and neighborhood levels, and which have fencing and enclosures sufficient for the proper and safe containment of the animal they are purchasing;

2. Record Keeping

- a. Maintain good records on each dog and their progeny, and make public all information on the health of each dog and their progeny;
- b. BREEDER and CO-OWNER shall notify each other of all puppies produced in a litter, including any who did not survive whelping or the first few weeks of life, with cause of death explained in as much detail as possible;
- c. Represent each dog and their progeny honestly, giving accurate and complete information to potential buyers, other breeders, and organizations when asked;
- d. CO-OWNER shall contact BREEDER if approached by any breed registry regarding an outcross program prior to any mating, so that the BREEDER is aware and may provide additional relevant information which the CO-OWNER and/or breed registry should be aware of;
- e. BREEDER and CO-OWNER shall notify each other of any produced dogs are in need of rehoming and will keep each other updated with all new owner information for recordkeeping purposes;
- f. CO-OWNER shall contact BREEDER about any questions or concerns about any business or actions that elicit negative publicity on social media regarding BREEDER or CO-OWNER or any dogs they own or have produced.

3. Breeder Responsibilities

- a. Strive to breed only the best possible specimens, which are healthy and free from serious congenital and hereditary defects, of good temperament, and of sound structure, in order to continually improve this line and the wolfdog breed as a whole, for future generations;
- b. To not use any bitch or stud dog that is known to have developed a health problem and retire all of their offspring from breeding;
- c. Strive to select breeding pairs by reviewing each dog's faults and virtues in temperament, conformation, and health; health data; littermate health and temperament data; relationship coefficient reports; and the health and temperament of relatives and ancestors within the past 3 generations at minimum;
- d. Make every effort not to double up on any serious faults or issues that would affect the quality of life or health of the resulting offspring;
- e. Seek help from qualified, knowledgeable colleagues and experts on improving this bloodline whenever necessary;
- f. Maintain integrity in the price charged for puppies, avoiding excessively high or low prices that do not fairly represent the quality of the animal produced and the efforts the BREEDER and CO-OWNER put into properly raising the litter; Never sell puppies to pet shops (either outright or on consignment), or supply puppies for auctions, contests, raffles or other such activities;
- g. Not sell to persons whose intention (either known or suspected) is to resell or use the puppy in a breeding program not complying with this Breeder Contract or the ownership or co-ownership contract(s) of BREEDER and CO-OWNER;
- h. Make every effort to prevent unplanned matings/accidental litters;
- i. BREEDER and CO-OWNER shall contact each other if an unplanned mating occurs, as soon as BREEDER/CO-OWNER are aware or pregnancy has been confirmed;

4. Puppy Health and Continued Welfare

- a. Provide whelping females with a comfortable, sanitary, safe, quiet, dry and climate-controlled area to have her puppies, which is free of danger from other dogs, pets, or children.
- b. All puppies shall receive early neurological stimulation, early socialization, health care, exercise, training, and proper nutrition prior to going home;
- c. All puppies shall be microchipped, and the microchip information provided to BREEDER;
- d. All puppies shall be examined by a licensed veterinarian and be issued a Health Certificate prior to going home;
- e. All puppies shall be properly immunized and dewormed according to their age;
- f. All puppies must be evaluated by a qualified, experienced professional trainer for temperament using the Volhard Puppy Aptitude Test, plus any additional evaluations as deemed necessary by trainer, at the appropriate age of 7 weeks (between the ages of 48-50 days old precisely);
- g. All litters evaluated by qualified, experienced colleagues for sound conformation at the appropriate age of 7-8 weeks;
- h. All puppies must remain with the BREEDER or CO-OWNER (whichever is in custody of the bitch who whelped the litter) until at minimum 8 weeks of age, assuring proper development and socialization that is only received while the puppies remain with their littermates and mother, and follow all federal, state, and local laws regarding the sale of the litter;
- i. Puppies may not be (traditionally) spayed or neutered before leaving to their new homes.
- j. Provide continued support to the needs of all puppy owners, within reason and to the best of our ability, for the duration of the life of each puppy produced.

I, the BREEDER, certify that I have read the foregoing contract, understand its contents, and hereby agree to abide by this legally binding document in its entirety. I understand that this document is an addendum to the Puppy Co-Ownership Contract and that it does not specify all of the requirements and restrictions pertaining to the breeding of (Co-Owned Dog's Kennel Name).

BREEDER (Print Name): _____ DATE: _____
BREEDER (Signature): _____

I, the CO-OWNER, certify that I have read the foregoing contract, understand its contents, and hereby agree to abide by this legally binding document in its entirety. I understand that this document is an addendum to the Puppy Co-Ownership Contract and that it does not specify all of the requirements and restrictions pertaining to the breeding of (Co-Owned Dog's Kennel Name).

CO-OWNER (Print Name): _____ DATE: _____
CO-OWNER (Signature): _____

WITNESS (Print Name): _____ DATE: _____
WITNESS (Signature): _____

Both BREEDER and CO-OWNER shall receive a copy of this signed contract.