

Newfoundland Puppy Purchase Contract

Entered on _____ by consenting parties: Rosemarie and Dennis Delfin, Hilo HI 96720, herein referred to as Breeder or Seller and Purchasing Owner(s) also known as Buyer(s).

Mailing address

Physical address

Email

Phone

Puppies born on _____ by

Sire: _____

Dam: _____

By their respective signatures, the Breeder/Seller and Buyer agree to the following terms:

1. This is an important document. You should not buy the puppy and sign this contract unless you intend to be bound by its' terms.
2. Your new puppy has been bred and reared with the utmost love and care. These points have been drawn up to maintain the quality both in your puppy and in the Newfoundland breed. They also reflect specific issues I have personally experienced in the puppies I have sold. So don't do something silly and make me add yet another point to this rather long contract.
3. The puppy will have been to my veterinary at 6 weeks of age and received its' first set of vaccinations and will be microchipped. It is believed to be in good health, but you are strongly advised to take it to your veterinary for a general health check within 7 days of receipt. It is always useful to establish a relationship with our vet at this stage. The check and any tests or examinations associated with it will be at your expense.
4. If your veterinary finds any problem which, in his or her opinion, renders the puppy unfit for sale, the Breeder will take the puppy back and refund the full purchase price on the condition that the puppy is returned within 2 weeks of purchase and is in the same state of health as when it was sold. Before purchasing you should consider the puppy as a living creature which will become a much-loved member of the family in a very short time, and

this may affect what you wish to do if the return of the puppy becomes necessary. After drawing your attention to this possibility, the Breeder cannot be held responsible for any distress caused to you and your family by the return of the puppy.

5. Before purchase, I recommend that you consult with your veterinary about this breed and any possible diseases, genetic or otherwise, to which it is prone, and you accept that the Breeder cannot be held responsible if such a disease develops later in life. Literature will also be provided and you are encouraged to go online and visit the Newfoundland Club of America. www.ncanewfs.org. They have a wonderful ambassador program that will allow you to ask experienced Newfoundland owners questions about the breed. Your puppy is a living creature and the exact predetermination of the appearance of health issues is impossible to predict.
6. Should circumstances change in the future and you become unable to keep the Newfoundland puppy, you guarantee that the puppy will not be transferred to a third party, without the Breeders express permission in writing under any circumstances. The Breeder also has first right of return of the puppy prior to any approved rehoming. If this clause is breached, and the Breeder is forced to locate the puppy, you acknowledge that you will be liable for the costs of recovery, including overseas recover if the puppy is found to be exported, (whether or not) you knew the puppy was being exported.
7. You guarantee that your fencing is sufficient to keep an active Newfoundland within your grounds and that this puppy will not be kept permanently in a kennel or cage, or tied up and will not be regularly left unattended for periods longer than 8 hours. You agree to allow the Breeder to check your home prior to pup purchase to assess for safety issues. In the event you do not have a fenced yard, you will supply the Breeder with a plan showing intent to walk and exercise the puppy on a regular basis on leash. If the puppy is being shipped away from the Breeders location and a personal inspection of the home is not possible, the Buyer will take a video of their home and surroundings for Breeders review.
8. Newfoundland dogs want to be part of the family. If you are planning on purchasing a dog and keeping it outside away from its' pack (you and your family) your dog will be miserable. The buyer declares that in purchasing a puppy the puppy will be included in the family home and not left to its' own devices.
9. Do not leave the puppy unattended with young children under the age of 10. Newfs tend to be very puppyish for about 3 years. So having a large puppy who truly has no clue of their size and strength and having a toddler in the same room may not be a good choice. An innocent tail wag can clear a coffee table or knock down a smaller child. Trained Newfoundland dogs are great with children, but any dog should be monitored. Prevent accidents from happening.
10. Right from the start train your puppy to allow you to take food and toys away from it. This action may one day save your dog's life.
11. You confirm that you will properly house, feed, water and exercise this dog and will arrange for appropriate regular veterinary attention. You will not allow the puppy to roam at large or cause a nuisance to neighbors or those carrying out official duties and when away from home will ensure that the dog wears a proper tagged collar, registered with the Humane Society, and shall always be kept leashed or under effective control. Newfoundland dogs are water dogs. Do not be surprised if the dog jumps into its water bowl and overturns the contents all over your floors. Plan accordingly and always have plenty of fresh water available. A healthy dog can drink up to 1 ounce of water per pound of body weight (do the math that is a lot of water). And no, giving your dog access to an open toilet bowl DOES NOT constitute a fresh water source.

12. Newfoundland dogs in Hawaii tend to overheat. You guarantee that you will be cautious when housing your dog; you will never leave it in an unattended vehicle, or in the back of a pickup truck. You will ensure that the puppy always has access to water and shade. If not showing your dog, the Breeder strongly suggests a sanitary trim of its fur.
13. You will be provided with a small bag of food that the puppy has been reared on. Any changes must be gradual. Feed your puppy regularly at approximately the same time each day whenever possible. Please be aware of a condition called Gastric Torsion, commonly known as bloat. This is a life-threatening condition and a true veterinary emergency. Many deep chested breeds are prone to this condition. The Breeders dogs have no known genetic tendency to this condition. Research has shown that the risk can be greatly reduced if the following steps are taken: Do not exercise your animal two hours before or two hours after feeding; Do not allow your dog to drink lots of water directly before or after feeding; Do not feed your dog if it is panting heavily; Do not feed your dog a gassy dog food; Do not allow your dog to drink lots of water if he/she is very warm.
14. Do not let your puppy climb up and down stairs or jump on and off furniture. Damage to legs and joints can easily occur in young Newfoundland dogs before their growth plates are closed. (+/- 18 months of age to be safe)
15. It is highly recommended that you train your Newfoundland puppy to enter and exit a vehicle using a ramp. When young, you do not want the puppy to jump out of a vehicle. When older and the dog is unable to jump in on its own, you want it trained to use a ramp, rather than try to lift it. Ramp train the dog early.
16. The Newfoundland will grow to be a large, powerful dog. You confirm that you will attend training/socialization classes with this puppy. (AKC All Star Puppy and AKC Canine Good Citizen) Do not let bad habits develop, as they can usually be “nipped in the bud”. Breeder to receive verification of puppies training/socializing in the form of a certificate from the training school or teacher or by video.
17. This puppy is sold on a non-breeding contract. The Breeder is strictly forbidding the cross breeding of the puppy to any other breed. No Newfdoodles or any other crossbreeds please!!! This Newfoundland puppy is being sold as a pet.
18. Breeder reserves the right to sell the dog with a limited registration. This means that should you breed from this dog you cannot register its offspring with the AKC. To this effect the Purchasing Owner agrees to have the male dog neutered and female dogs spayed when the growth plates have closed around 18 months of age. This restriction may be lifted at the Breeders sole discretion should all health checks and tests have been carried out.
19. Breeder/Seller reserves the right to select a dog for you based upon a puppy that the Breeder believes is the best fit for you and your lifestyle. We will always try to accommodate your puppy of choice however circumstances may not always allow this.
20. Before they have had all their shots the puppy should not be taken off your property or introduced to any unknown dogs. Make sure dogs currently in the home are up to date on their shots. Do not allow your puppy to socialize with any outside dogs until protected. When you take them to the vets for their first few visits you must carry them in and keep them away from other dogs (yes they will be getting heavy). They are not protected until their shots are complete. Talk to your vet about this.
21. While it may look funny to see your puppy sliding all over a slick floor you could be causing permanent joint and leg damage to your puppy. Under no circumstances should you let your puppy spend any length of time on slippery floors. If your floors are slick, you must throw carpets down, use a grip texture product or use alternate flooring in the areas the puppy is roaming. This includes cement and concrete walkways, garages, and such.

Remember these are water dogs. Drinking dishes get overturned, cement floors get wet and as a result quite slippery. Plan and prevent this very real threat to your puppy's overall health and longevity.

22. If you haven't raised a puppy in a long time now is the time to make sure you are positive you want to do this. Puppies take A LOT OF WORK. They need time and attention. Before they have all their shots you may be their only source of socialization. Take this seriously, they depend on you. It is a lot of work. When house training you may end up doing midnight potty breaks. Work on kennel training your dog to make the kennel a safe place for it to go for limited periods of time. Again, this is a lot of work, do not start this process unless you are completely onboard to do what is necessary to make your puppy a healthy, loved member of your family. Newfs are actually very sweet natured dogs. Raised voices and inappropriate frustration can crush an animal's spirits, possibly for life. Remember you are molding your puppy's nature.
23. Talk to your vet about transitioning your puppy to an appropriate giant breed adult dog food. Giant breed dogs have different calcium and phosphorus requirements than smaller breeds. Despite assumptions to the contrary the general rule of thumb is to convert the giant breeds to adult food earlier than the smaller breeds. Large breed food isn't really the same as the giant breed formulas. But giant breed food is not always available in our State. I don't have the final answer on what to feed and am learning constantly what is the proper way to do things. Also keep in mind that the label recommendations on how much to feed your dog will usually be way off. Most of my Newfoundland's have been somewhat lazy. If I fed them the recommended food dosage on most dog food bags, I would have obese dogs. Keep your dogs at a good weight and do not overfeed. A growing puppy can gain as much as 10 pounds a month when young. Slow, steady growth is always the best way to go. But don't be surprised with that much growth if your puppy tends to be clumsy and uncoordinated, heck every time it figures out how much room he/she needs, they have grown and need more. So yes, they will knock down things, step on toes and generally do large scale destruction if not chaperoned.
24. The buyer is discouraged from feeding the puppy any table scraps or feeding the puppy from the table. Buyer will make themselves familiar with which human foods are toxic to dogs. Buyer guarantees that at no point in time will they ever feed puppy any type of alcohol, or recreational pharmaceuticals.
25. Keep your dog area free from pests and poisonous plants. Toads are poisonous to dogs in Hawaii. Monitor your yard, remove toads, slugs, centipedes, and other such harmful critters from their environment.
26. A Newfoundland has a double thick coat. Be prepared to groom your giant breed or set yourself up with people who can do this for you. Left unattended, your dog will be a lumpy, matted mess in no time. And yes, they drool. Be prepared!
27. If there is anything in this contract that you are not happy with and do not wish to sign, we are sorry, but we will be unable to sell you one of our puppies. We are always at the end of the telephone for you. If you are worried or concerned, call us.
28. In conjunction with the puppy contract, the Buyer will fill out a Puppy Buyer Questionnaire. The questions on this form are intended to get to know you a little better, know more about the household the puppy is being brought into and confirm that a Newfoundland is the best breed for your lifestyle and choices. We reserve the right to not sell one of our puppies to any specific individual if we feel that the home situation or environment is not conducive to their best life. This doesn't mean that you are not necessarily a good pet owner, but

possibly that a Newfoundland or jumbo breed is not the best fit for your home and lifestyle at this time.

29. Upon successfully completing the Puppy Questionnaire and Contract and upon Breeders acceptance of such there is a \$100 non refundable deposit to reserve your spot on the waiting list.

30. Please keep in contact and let us know how the pup is doing. We love them as much as you do.

Buyer

Date

Buyer

Date