

PUPPY PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Sold to: _____ on _____ For the sum of:

Puppy's sex/DOB/Sire x Dam/ Litter Reg #:

This puppy is sold on approval for one week, after which time, not before _____, I will deposit your check and send you the AKC registration form; I will enter my kennel name, *Tollgate*, on the form. You can add any other name you wish. Although these puppies have been vet-checked, please take the puppy to your own vet sometime during this first week to satisfy yourself that he/she is healthy. If you are not happy with him/her for any reason during this trial period, please return him/her to me, and I will return your check at once.

This puppy is destined to be a pet. Thus he/she is sold on AKC Limited Registration, which means that any offspring cannot be registered. I expect him/her to be altered as soon as safely possible. Also please have him/her microchipped as soon as your vet will do it. I would appreciate being listed as *secondary contact* on the microchip registration.

ROUTINE HEALTH CARE

He/she has had the first set of puppy shots at 8 weeks of age at Herbst Vet Hospital in Boerne (see enclosed record). You are responsible for completing the initial series of puppy vaccinations. I would wait as long as possible, at least until 6 months of age, to give the first rabies shot. However, since rabies is relatively common in Texas, your vet may want to give it sooner. As an adult, your dog will need a rabies shot once every 3 years at most – NEVER every year.

To avoid immune system problems later in life, please do not over-vaccinate your dog! Once adult, dogs might need routine shots only every three years, probably even less often. For instance, if you don't live in an area where leptospirosis or giardia is common, then don't vaccinate for it! I recommend that you follow the Colorado State vaccination protocols. Veterinary thinking on the routine shots we all used to take for granted has undergone a big change -- along the lines of "less is more." More changes are probably on the way.

Parasite control is vital in this warm climate. Please keep your puppy on heartworm preventatives and flea control of some type. I have used *Interceptor* (worms) and *Frontline* (flea/tick), but there are many other effective drugs on the market.

These puppies have been started on a raw diet (BARF). It has produced robust health and very clean teeth in my dogs for the five years I've used it. Please try to continue as I've started! (more on food in *Helpful Hints*)

HEALTH GUARANTEE

As breeder, I guarantee this puppy to be free of any serious genetic-based health problems. Such problems might include: seizure disorders, glaucoma or hip dysplasia. If such a problem should ever surface and is confirmed by a vet of my choice to be inherited in nature, I offer you your choice of these remedies:

1. I will immediately take the dog back, at any age, and replace him with a puppy, preferably but not necessarily of the same sex, from my next litter.
2. I will immediately take the dog back and refund your purchase price.
3. You keep your dog, and I will assist financially in the treatment of the dog's medical problem up to one half the original purchase price of the dog.

In addition, I will always take one of my dogs back at any time in its life if for any reason the owners cannot or do not wish to keep it. I will also help you find the dog a new home if that should ever become necessary. But whatever happens, my dogs will always have a home with me.

Please don't hesitate to contact me about any problems you may have any time during the dog's life. I want you to be happy with your Welsh Terrier!

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HELPFUL HINTS

Not much has been written about Welsh Terriers. The best, most complete book on the breed is *The Welsh Terrier Leads the Way*, by Bardi McLennan, the world's foremost writer on Welsh Terriers. It is the best guide to the breed's history, personality, health and training.

Texas Wag, the local WT club in the region, is mostly composed of pet owners, though it hosted its first WTCA specialty show in 2008. I will enroll Texas puppy owners in TXWAG for your first year's membership. You can get help with problems and just talk about your wonderful dog on the club's email list, too! The club's website is: www.txwag.org.

WTs have a very active (at least 50 posts a day) email chat list called Welsh-L which is open to all. Its address is welshterrier@yahogroups.com, and it's easy to join.

When you are ready for Puppy Kindergarten and Obedience classes, please find a teacher who knows something about terriers! They are much more of a handful to train than ordinary dogs, and it's important to find an instructor who is up to the challenge. I've never done Puppy Kindergarten myself, but my owners have found it a great help in socializing the puppy with other dogs and great fun for everyone.

I recommend crate training at once as a way to give the puppy his own little den and also a place to keep him out of trouble. Traveling with a dog is much easier if he's used to his crate as a "home away from home."

BARF (Biologically Appropriate Raw Food)

My puppies have been started on a meat-bone-fruit-veg raw food diet (BARF), which I hope you will continue. It has produced robust good health and very clean teeth in my dogs. Commercial raw food is available frozen at health-oriented pet supply stores. If you're adventurous you can make your own, as I do. I'll be happy to help if you want to try it!

If you decide to feed ordinary dog food, get one with as few grain products in it as possible – preferably no grain -- and human-quality meat. Look at your labels carefully, since grain may be in the food in several different forms. Often a "high meat" dog food isn't, once you've located 4 or 5 kinds of grain products on the label. Foods that are baked (look like broken-up dog biscuits) supposedly deliver better nutrition than those which are extruded (same-size nuggets) because the processing is less extensive. Much as I like my vets, I would not trust their dog food advice, since what little training in nutrition they get in school often comes from dog food company employees.

To brighten your kibble-fed dog's life and clean his teeth, please give him pieces of bone-in raw meat when you have it. And, most importantly, if you ever see allergy symptoms (scratching - especially feet, hot spots, redness in ears, e.g.), PLEASE switch the dog to raw food before resorting to drugs!