



## Laurel Crown Schnauzer's Purchase Agreement Contract

**Please read carefully and entirely. Buyers should clarify any questions prior to signing and returning this contract.**

### **First 72-Hour Guarantee:**

The free 30 days of Trupanion pet insurance policy must be activated by the Buyer 24 hours prior to transfer of possession of the puppy and remain active for this 72-hour Health Guarantee to be valid. Failure to sign up for the free insurance will result in forfeiture of all Health Guarantee rights. Information will be provided the week before Go Home Day for Buyers to enroll.

I, Megan Asbill, hereby known as Laurel Crown Schnauzers, or LCS, certify that this puppy is in good health to the best of my knowledge by our personal observation, our tailored puppy care protocol, and by licensed Veterinarian wellness exams. At the time we transfer possession of the puppy to the Buyer, the Buyer has 48 hours to have the puppy examined by their licensed Veterinarian, excluding Saturday & Sunday. Puppies picked up on Friday must see a Veterinarian on the very next Monday. **Please make these appointments before Go Home Day. Failure to have the puppy checked within these 48 hours VOIDS ALL GUARANTEES.** Laurel Crown Schnauzers, Megan Asbill, does not reimburse for Veterinary expenses once possession of the puppy has been transferred to the Buyer. We require enrollment in the free pet insurance to assist with unforeseen medical expenses during the first 30 days. There is no guarantee on fatal viruses after 72 hours of transfer of possession of the puppy from LCS to the Buyer. These viruses include, but are not limited to: PARVO, DISTEMPER, CORONA.

If within 72 hours of transfer of possession, a puppy becomes sick or exhibits symptoms of illness, we ask that we be contacted by phone, and that Veterinary care is sought after immediately, even if symptoms occur after regular business hours. Do not wait, puppies and their health are fragile, and time is of the essence. Buyers are obligated to seek emergency Veterinary care in the event of sudden severe illness, accident, injury, or any other emergency if/when Buyer's general practice Vet is unavailable. Contact us, day or night, so we can offer advice if you are unsure. We want to know if there is a problem of any sort. Failure to notify Laurel Crown Schnauzers within 48 hours of the onset of symptoms of illness will result in forfeiture of all Health Guarantee rights. Buyer must notify us of the examining Veterinarian's name, address & phone number within 48 hours of their certification of the puppy's illness. We will contact them to discuss their findings. Documentation must be sent to us with all test results and the Veterinarian



notes including assessment, diagnosis, and prognosis. To honor this guarantee, a licensed Veterinarian must deem the puppy unsalable in writing during this first 72-hour period and give a thorough explanation of why. The puppy cannot be euthanized without our consent or this guarantee is void and no money will be credited or refunded. If the Veterinarian finds a genetic health defect or an untreatable illness with a poor prognosis, we want the puppy returned to us. We do not reimburse travel expenses for returning the puppy, that will be the responsibility of the Buyer. When the puppy reaches our home, we reserve the right to have the puppy re-examined by the Veterinarian(s) of our choice. Once the diagnosis has been verified by a second opinion, the purchase price of the puppy will be refunded in full to the Buyer. We do not reimburse for Veterinary costs incurred while the puppy is in the care and possession of Buyers.

There cannot be any evidence of neglect or abuse in any form shown by the puppy, or the puppy will be repossessed by Laurel Crown Schnauzers and no money will be refunded. Accidents that cause injury or death of the puppy will not be refunded by Laurel Crown Schnauzers. We also will not refund a purchase price or reimburse for Vet care, treatment, or surgery due to accident or injury. We encourage owners to utilize benefits of the free pet insurance, in the unfortunate event that it is needed.

### **60-Month Health Guarantee:**

Congenital defects are hereby defined in our policies as abnormalities which are untreatable and mean certain death for our puppies. We have had both of the parents of our puppies DNA and genetically health tested and eyes checked, however, just as a vaccinated and dewormed puppy can develop illness or infection, they can also develop health defects. Testing does not guarantee it will not happen, but dramatically reduces the chances. Puppies are guaranteed against any congenital defect related to HEART, KIDNEY, OR LIVER conditions that may result in the death of the puppy within the first 60 months of life. If for any reason the puppy dies within the first 60-month period of the Health Guarantee due to a suspected congenital defect of the heart, kidney, or liver, then the cause of death must be confirmed by an autopsy examination from an accredited institution, such as the University of Texas A&M. The puppy may not be euthanized without our knowledge or consent prior to this taking place. The necropsy report must be submitted to Megan Asbill in writing, and we will require a verbal discussion with the examiner. Autopsies performed by a local Veterinarian will not be accepted. The Buyer of the puppy will pay the expenses for the required examinations. Any puppy with a confirmed congenital defect within 60 months of life will be replaced with another puppy of equal value from a future litter within 24 months. No money will be refunded.

After the puppy turns five (5) years of age and up to ten (10) years of age, in the event of the death of the puppy due to a genetic health condition from the heart, kidney, or liver, then Laurel Crown Schnauzers will issue a credit of 35% of the original purchase price of the puppy. This credit is non-refundable and non-transferrable. No money will be paid to the Buyer. The 35% credit can be redeemed toward the



purchase price of a new puppy from Laurel Crown Schnauzers within 24 months. Current rates will apply, not the original purchase price.

**PUBLIC EXPOSURE:**

Biosecurity is an important part of raising healthy puppies. It is required that Buyers always protect the puppy to the best of their ability from common and communicable canine diseases. Although happy puppy parents may be tempted to show off the puppy at the Vet's office, local pet store, Lowes, dog park, family & friends' home, etc., it is strongly recommended that Buyers refrain due to the puppy's underdeveloped immunities. **The immune system does not adequately provide protection to puppies from foreign invaders, including many fatal pathogens, until they build up a certain number of antibodies at a certain age.** Pathogens can be transmitted simply by allowing others to touch the puppy, or merely placing an unprotected puppy on the ground outdoors or on a contaminated surface. This is the main reason why our program chooses to litterbox train our puppies. We do not allow them on the ground outdoors or in high foot traffic areas. Bottoms of shoes are a common mode of transmission of pathogens, as well as hands, clothing, tires, and even other animals. Until the age-appropriate series of vaccinations are complete, and the proper amount of time has transpired for vaccinations to become effective (10-14 days after the last injection is administered), we recommend that young puppies are only taken out in public for puppy wellness visits at the Vet. Wrap the puppy in a towel or blanket that can be disinfected with hot water and regular disinfecting bleach (not splashless bleach or cleaning bleach), and always keep a barrier between them and any potentially contaminated surfaces. Do not set the puppy down on the floor or on an undisinfected exam table. Kindly ask your Vet tech to disinfect exam tables while you witness before setting your puppy down. It is not rude, it is being responsible.

Do not allow strangers to hold or pet the puppy. Do not visit shelters, dog parks, grooming facilities, pet stores, Vet's offices and other places with high volumes of animals before or while you have a young puppy at home. Cross-contamination is a real threat. If you must visit one of these high-risk places, take shoes off outside, change clothes immediately, and preferably take a shower before handling your puppy when you get home. Wash shoes if you can in hot water or dip the soles in disinfecting bleach in a ratio of one part bleach to 30 parts water. Soak for 10 minutes. Wash potentially contaminated clothing in hot water & bleach as well.

Although puppy playdates are cute and fun, do not allow other puppies from other litters to be around your puppy. Viruses and pathogens shed easily. Do not get a second puppy while you have a puppy less than 18 weeks old in your home. Do not take your puppy out in public, or to be groomed, or to Doggy Daycare until all vaccinations are completed at 16 weeks of age. We prefer that you wait until 18 weeks of age if at all possible for the full benefit of vaccinations. **Exposing the puppy to unnecessary risk factors will automatically void the 60-month health guarantee. No exceptions. Avoid the temptation of taking young puppies out in public and show photos instead. We recommend frequent thorough handwashing and use of hand sanitizer before & after handling puppies to minimize the risk of transmitting infection.**



### **PUPPY REARING:**

Puppies have been treated from the age of 2 weeks from birth for common puppy conditions. Upon transfer of possession of the puppy from LCS to the Buyer, it becomes the Buyer's responsibility to continue all treatments and preventions. It is required that the Buyer has the puppy checked for parasites on a regular basis, at an interval recommended by a licensed Veterinarian. Routine fecal or stool sample checks are required at each wellness exam to ensure that adequate parasite prevention is being given regularly.

### **VETERINARIAN CARE ONLY:**

All vaccinations must be administered by a licensed Veterinarian. LCS retains the right to have the puppy reexamined by a Veterinarian of our choosing to validate appropriate care. Proof of health & dental maintenance records must be furnished upon request to LCS at any time that we request it. **IT IS REQUIRED THAT BUYER SEEK LICENSED VETERINARIAN CARE FOR ALL MEDICAL NECESSITY, INCLUDING 24 HOUR EMERGENCY CARE, IN THE EVENT OF AN ILLNESS OR AN EMERGENCY DUE TO ACCIDENT OR ILLNESS.**

### **VACCINATIONS:**

Puppy vaccinations are a vital part of building the immune system of a new puppy and to prevent periods of unprotection. It is required that the Buyer completes the puppy series of vaccinations and the adult vaccinations. **The next set of vaccines should not be administered until 10 weeks of age. Do not allow your Veterinarian to vaccinate them again until 10 weeks of age. Take the NeoTech information and the records provided in your puppy packets to your first Vet appointment.** All vaccinations must be administered by a licensed Veterinarian with proper documentation. We do not approve the efficacy of "feed store" vaccinations. Rabies vaccinations cannot be administered before 16 weeks of age. LCS is not responsible for vaccination reactions, including anaphylaxis and neurological disorders and it is not included as part of the 60-month health guarantee.

### **STERILIZATION POLICY:**

Restriction on breeding: **WE WILL PROSECUTE unauthorized breeding of this puppy.** Laurel Crown Schnauzers strongly recommends sterilization of our puppy companions when they mature to the appropriate age. Some Vets are now even doing vasectomies and ovary-sparing sterilization surgeries. Please research sterilization options and discuss with your Veterinarian. Our puppies are intended for **PET ONLY** homes and it is not permitted to breed them, whether intentionally or unintentionally. ***Pregnancies, whether intentional or unintentional, will void all health guarantees and Buyer will be held liable for unauthorized pregnancies.*** Buyer agrees to 1) not breed the puppy, and 2) have the puppy surgically sterilized unless there is a valid medical reason indicating it is not safe, and 3) if puppy is bred without permission of Laurel Crown Schnauzers, whether intentionally or unintentionally, Buyer is to pay liquidated damages to Laurel Crown Schnauzers,



owned by Megan Asbill, in the amount of \$10,000.00 plus \$1,000.00 per puppy that is unlawfully conceived and born. Megan Asbill will take possession of these puppies once they are weaned to vet, sterilize and place in homes. Buyer will confess a guilty judgement against themselves and in favor of Laurel Crown Schnauzers in the amount stated of \$10,000.00 plus \$1,000.00 per puppy. In addition, Buyer authorizes such judgement against Buyer without response, objection, refutation, or hearing, waive the issuance and service of process; and waive all rights of review or appeal of such judgement. This puppy you are purchasing from us does not include registration papers and is sold as a **PET ONLY** companion.

**DENTAL CARE:**

Routine dental care is required. Small puppies have trouble with bites when primary teeth do not fall out or are not removed. LCS requires that all remaining primary teeth be removed at 6 months of age or at the time of spay/neuter surgery when under general anesthesia. Failing to remove remaining primary teeth can cause permanent teeth to grow in crooked, leading to oral and health problems. All routine dental cleanings should be performed by a licensed Veterinarian.

**EARS:**

Ear cropping and any related Veterinarian expenses incurred by the Buyer will not be reimbursed. It is prohibited that any ear cropping be performed by anyone other than a licensed Veterinarian. LCS cannot guarantee that ears will stay floppy or folded over. Sometimes they stand up as the cartilage grows and hardens as the puppy matures. This is impossible to predict, and we assume no liability for the size or conformity of ears.

**MICROCHIPPING:**

Laurel Crown Schnauzers microchips all puppies before they are released. A prepaid lifetime membership is included in the purchase price of our puppies. We will register to new owners as primary contacts and our information remains on the registry as backup. A microchip implant is a small identifying device placed under the skin of an animal. It is about the size of a grain of rice and it uses radio-frequency technology to store numbers. The numbers are then registered with a company that keeps a database of the Buyer's contact information associated with that particular number to assist with lost and found animals. It is the responsibility of the Buyer to keep contact information current with the microchip registry. Microchips are not a tracking device, but they are an identifying device. Registering the microchip and keeping contact information correct is the only way it remains an effective tool in reuniting a lost or found puppy. All animal shelters, animal control, rescue organizations, and Veterinarian offices have the capability to check animals for a microchip. If a lost or stolen animal is found and a microchip is detected, then owners can be contacted based on the information on their registry. Collars and tags can fall off or be removed. Microchipping is an extra insurance policy for more permanently protecting a pet's identity.



**PET QUALITY:**

This puppy is **PET QUALITY ONLY** and although we have champion bloodlines in most of our sires and dams, we do not guarantee show quality animals. LCS also does not guarantee color, coat quality, or lifespan of puppies.

**SIZE OR WEIGHT:**

LCS cannot guarantee size or weight of a puppy at time of maturity. While we can give our best guess based on their genetics, we cannot control nature. Puppies could grow larger or stay smaller than the projected size, the same as human children.

**EXCLUSIONS:**

LCS does our best to prevent disease and preventable conditions in our lines and will never knowingly breed a sire or dam with health problems, but we do not and cannot guarantee that a puppy will never develop any conditions. Mother Nature is exempt from our control. LCS does not guarantee against common puppy issues such as, but not limited to: coccidia, roundworms, whipworms, hookworms, giardia, ear mites or kennel cough. These are common puppy ailments and can easily be treated. LCS does not guarantee against environmental allergies, food allergies, schnauzer bumps, cherry eyes, pancreatitis, shot knots or vaccine reactions, loss of teeth, overbites or underbites, thyroid issues, or hypoglycemia. We also do not guarantee against minor and benign heart murmurs level 1 or 2.

LCS will not replace or refund for any personal reasons, including, but not limited to, allergies, mortality, landlord's disapproval, relocation, family or domestic disagreement, divorce, or any other problems not related to the puppy's health. If a puppy's death is caused by neglect, exposure to weather, injury, choking, poisoning, freak accident, etc., the Buyer is responsible. If the puppy is stolen or runs away, the Buyer is responsible and will not be reimbursed.

**INDOOR PET HOME ONLY:**

LCS intends for our puppies to have indoor homes, not outdoor homes where they are left unsupervised or in kennels. They are never to be left without proper and structurally sound pet safety barriers or left untethered outdoors. Open area roaming is discouraged. Even the best trained schnauzers can detect a scent and be gone in seconds. Unfortunate accidents or animal attacks can happen very quickly. Our puppies are not to be left exposed to elements such as extreme temperatures, intense sunshine, or severe weather. It is required that puppies always be provided proper shelter with climate control, and a loving home where they are treated as beloved family members.

**ABUSE AND NEGLECT:**

This guarantee is null and void upon any evidence of abuse or neglect. ***We do not tolerate abuse or neglect in any form.*** We will lawfully take possession of the puppy if there is any evidence of abuse or neglect and



we will file criminal charges where applicable. Neglect includes failure to complete vaccinations, deworming, and puppy checks with a qualified, licensed Veterinarian. Proper grooming including haircuts, nail trims, bathing and brushing is required on a regular basis, and failure to keep them groomed regularly is neglectful. A dirty, matted coat is prohibited. Skin infections due to dirty, matted coats, flea, ticks, or ear mite infestations is considered neglectful on the Buyer's part. Overgrown nails are evidence of neglect. Long nails are painful to the paw and can cause problems with arthritis and even injury. Poor dental hygiene and poor condition of the teeth and mouth is neglectful. Bacteria can cause infection due to decay or inflammation in the mouth and can lead to a blood infection or sepsis. Not providing proper amounts of quality food, nutrition, clean water, attention, time and exercise is neglectful. This puppy has been purchased from us as a companion pet to live as a family member in the home, and it is expected that the Buyer and family will always treat with love, respect, kindness, and provide affection as well as appropriate routine medical care under the supervision of a Veterinarian. If there is any medical symptom or sign of injury or illness, we expect puppies to be taken to a Veterinarian right away. Treatment protocols and Veterinarian advice is expected to be followed. Any form of unnecessary suffering or lack of care for our puppies will not be tolerated.

### **PET INSURANCE:**

#### **Trupanion Pet Insurance:**

Most accidents happen in the first 30 days in a puppy's new home. Our program requires that our Buyers activate pet insurance to reimburse a portion of unforeseen medical expenses covered by the policy. Buyers will receive a certificate for 30 days of FREE Trupanion pet insurance. **Buyer must activate coverage 24 hours prior to transfer of possession of the new puppy. Failure to sign up the puppy for the free insurance coverage will void the health guarantees, including the First 72-hour health guarantee.** After the free 30 days of coverage expires with Trupanion, then Buyer can drop the policy with Trupanion or pay to continue coverage. We do recommend keeping coverage on your pet, whether it is with Trupanion or another company. Premiums become more expensive for new policies the older the puppy gets, and pre-existing conditions can come into play if applicable, so it is beneficial to keep coverage active from this age and forward.

### **HEARTWORM PREVENTION:**

Monthly heartworm prevention is required as part of our recommended health protocol. Failure to give heartworm prevention every 30 days will void our health guarantee. Heartworms are transmitted by the bite of an infected mosquito. A heartworm infestation can be fatal. LCS recommends basic HeartGard for heartworm prevention.



### **COMBO PARASITE PREVENTION:**

Internal flea and deworming combo preventatives (capsule or tablet) should not be used in our puppies and will void the health guarantees. These products include Trifexis, Sentinel Spectrum, and Nexgard. We also do not like Seresto collars or other flea/tick collars and do not allow them. These products are prohibited due to the high numbers of documented cases of adverse reactions. **AVOID ALL HARTZ BRAND PRODUCTS. THEY VOID OUR HEALTH GUARANTEES. PLEASE DO NOT USE.**

### **DIET:**

Buyer agrees to feed premium quality, balanced pet food and provide fresh, clean water at all times. Please consult us for food and supplement recommendations. We do not support commercial pet foods or treats produced in China, products with inferior ingredients, such as corn, wheat, soy, food coloring or byproducts. Failure to abide by these terms will void the health guarantees. In addition, the health guarantees are null and void if Buyers are feeding a recalled food, an inferior food such as Beneful, Old Roy, Pedigree, any food with wheat, corn, or soy as the main ingredients, or a food that is not age-appropriate.

**We do not allow rawhide to be given to our puppies, ever.** We recommend cow tails, hooves, Himalayan chews, or small uncoated bully sticks for chewing treats.

Miniature schnauzers are prone to pancreatitis, which is inflammation of the pancreas. It is very painful and can be fatal. This condition can be triggered by high-fat foods, including table food or scraps. We do not recommend ever feeding anything that is high in fat or grease, like chips, fries, bacon, heavy cream cheeses or whipping creams, fried foods, gravies, candies, pizza, etc., even as an occasional treat. We know of a case where a single potato chip resulted in a multiple-day hospitalization for a miniature schnauzer. Just one! This simple mistake cost the owners thousands of dollars in Veterinary medical expenses.

Please read labels. Avoid anything with Xylitol, an artificial sweetener often found in gum, candy, toothpaste, and sugar-free foods. Keep purses, handbags, gym bags, backpacks, lunchboxes, etc., especially those containing mints or gum out of reach. Xylitol is highly toxic and can be fatal within a short period of time.

### **CHANGING POSSESSION OR REHOMING POLICY:**

If at any time the Buyer can no longer retain possession or meet the responsibilities of caring for the puppy for any reason, LCS is to be contacted and given the first option to resume full ownership without reimbursement of purchase price. We have a “no judgement passed” policy. The puppy should be returned with their Veterinarian records and all documentation issued for the puppy. LCS is always willing to take the puppy back at any time in their lifetime but will not purchase the puppy back or reimburse any fees incurred for their care. Owner is responsible for the cost and transportation associated with returning the puppy to our home. LCS does not ever want any of their puppies in any shelter or rescue. No exceptions. LCS must approve any



new home or pet owners. Buyer agrees to not voluntarily transfer ownership or custody of the puppy to any other person or entity without the written permission from LCS, including but not limited to, any medical or experimental entity, shelter, pound, humane society, rescue organization, or foster care agency.

Buyer is obligated to update us with new contact information if Buyer moves. We would also like occasional updates on how the pup is doing.

**LCS RIGHT OF RETURN:**

Buyer agrees to return the puppy to LCS, or allow us to reclaim and remove the puppy upon

- 1) any breach of this contract
- 2) in circumstances where Buyer cannot care for the puppy or intends to rehome or euthanize the puppy. Under such conditions, Buyer shall immediately surrender physical custody of the puppy upon demand, provide LCS with all papers sufficient to legally transfer the puppy back into my legal name, and make no claims against LCS for costs of care previously provided or for refund of the purchase price. Buyer shall be responsible for all costs and attorney fees incurred by LCS for recovering possession of property.

**BUYER'S OBLIGATIONS**

**A. CARE AND SAFETY**

**Buyer agrees to:**

- Provide shelter, food, water, medical & dental care, proper grooming, regular exercise, and behavioral training for puppy for the entirety of its natural life. The puppy must be housed indoors with climate-controlled heat and air.
- Crate or kennel train puppy for the safety of both the puppy and the Buyer's home & possessions. Do not set your puppy up to fail with unrealistic expectations.
- Obey all animal control laws of the county where puppy resides.
- Protect puppy from abuse, bodily harm, neglect, exposure to illness, danger, violence, natural elements, mistreatment, and loss.
- Maintain a proper diet for the puppy suited to age and condition. We do not condone an unhealthy weight, whether overweight or underweight.
- Provide puppy with sanitary housing and access to an outdoor area, preferably within a fenced yard, or they are always required to be on a leash/lead attached to a harness or collar.
- Not to use chains, choke collars, or shock collars, please.



- Regularly bathe and groom the puppy, including brushing and dental care.
- Provide updated and current information as to the animal's residence and inform LCS of any changes in residence, or if the puppy is deceased, lost, or stolen. Buyer agrees to send updates and photos periodically.
- Agrees not to expose the puppy to unnecessary risks, including allowing people or animals who may be carrying canine communicable disease to touch or hold the puppy, or otherwise have contact with the puppy, until it has received all vaccinations by a licensed Veterinarian.

## **CONSTRUCTION AND ENFORCEMENT**

**A. Hold harmless, no warranty.** Buyer agrees to hold harmless and indemnify hobby breeder, Megan Asbill, aka Laurel Crown Schnauzers, for any wrongdoing or harms, or claims for wrongdoing or harms, which may be brought forth arising from actions taken by the puppy, or from actions by either party subsequent to execution of this agreement related to the puppy. LCS makes no warranties as to the puppy and none may be relied upon by Buyer relating to: safety of the puppy, puppy's future physical condition, the puppy's harboring of disease or infection, the puppy's propensity to bite, menace, or attack, the puppy's temperament or disposition, the puppy's previous behavioral history, the puppy's fertility, the puppy's genetic composition or potential, the puppy's compatibility with humans or other animals, or destruction of personal property by the puppy.

**B. Dispute resolution; applicable law; attorney fees.** The parties shall make efforts to resolve disputes by mediation, costs for which shall be borne by Buyer. If reasonable efforts to mediate fail, LCS may seek compensatory and/or injunctive relief, including court orders enjoining abuse or neglect or ordering return of the puppy. This is a binding agreement; its application and interpretation shall be governed exclusively by the laws of the State of Texas, United States. All civil actions shall be brought to court in Hopkins County, Texas, and all parties hereby consent to personal jurisdiction in that venue. In the event of any court action, LCS shall be entitled to all costs and reasonable attorney's fees related to enforcing this agreement.

**C. Entire agreement; severability.** The pages of this document represent the complete agreement and supersede all previous agreements, oral or written. The parties have reviewed the handwritten or typed entries in the spaces provided for and accept them as written or typed. If any provision of this agreement is determined to be invalid, illegal, or enforceable to any extent, the remainder shall not be affected and shall be enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.



*The undersigned state that they have carefully read this agreement in its entirety, that no promise, inducement, or agreement not herein expressed has been made to them, and that they voluntarily and knowingly accept its terms and provisions.*

***THIS DOCUMENT OPERATES AS A RELEASE; READ CAREFULLY AND ENTIRELY BEFORE SIGNING.***

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*Buyer's printed name*

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*Buyer's signature & date*

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*Co-Buyer's printed name*

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*Co-Buyer's signature & date*

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*Megan Asbill, owner, Laurel Crown Schnauzers*

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