

**Copper Kennels**  
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Breed Labrador Retriever  
Sire: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dam: \_\_\_\_\_  
Puppy's Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_  
AKC Reg. # \_\_\_\_\_  
AKC Reg. # \_\_\_\_\_  
Micro Chip # \_\_\_\_\_

On this date, \_\_\_\_\_, the above described puppy has been sold for the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_. This sum represents payment in full including any applicable sales tax. The new owners are in agreement with the terms of sale as they are hereby provided in the following contract.

**Buyer Info:**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Copper Kennels guaranteed is a good companion animal and family pet. This guarantee further implies that the puppy appears to be in good health at the time of the sale as is outlined in the following statement.

This puppy is guaranteed to be in good health, to the best of my knowledge at the time of this sale. Additionally this puppy has had its initial inoculations against distemper, hepatitis, para/parvo virus and corona virus. Furthermore, this puppy has been wormed at least three times and is accompanied by a complete health record documenting all vaccinations, wormings and any other veterinary care it may have received. From the date of the puppy's purchase, the buyer has **three days** in which to take the dog to a licensed veterinarian for a full check up. It is strongly urged by us that all purchasers do so in order to avoid nullification of this agreement.

If at the time of the initial vet check, the puppy is determined to be seriously ill from symptoms that are undoubtedly the result of a hereditary condition; the new owner is to return the puppy along with its puppy pack and other accompanying information. At this point, Copper Kennels will replace the puppy in question with another puppy of similar bloodlines and/or the same color and gender should the buyer so desire when

another litter is produced. Should there be no puppies available that would be a suitable replacement puppy Copper Kennels will refund the purchase price of the puppy in full. All of what has been said above is contingent upon the new owner(s) providing a letter of verification from the examining veterinarian. This exchange or notification of the new owner's intent to exchange must be made within the three-day period that has been mentioned above. Initial contact by phone is permissible, but a written statement must be provided in order for the exchange to be made. This written statement is from the new owners, is required in addition to the veterinary documentation, and needs only to simply state the new owner's intention of invoking their guarantee as is provided for in this contract.

Furthermore, it is noted that Copper Kennels assumes no responsibility for this dog once it has left the premises. This includes veterinary medical expense, mortality, landlord's disapproval, allergic reaction to puppy, family disagreement, behavioral/training difficulties, mistreatment of dog, accidental poisoning or trauma or any other reason not specifically stated above. If for some reason one of these problems should arise and you find yourself wanting to place your dog in a new home, we ask that you first contact us. In some instances, we may be able to help. Our main concern here however is that none of our dogs under any circumstances wind up in the dog pound or other type of animal shelter. There are always other options and we would be more than happy to help.

Your new puppy is also guaranteed until it reaches **one year** of age against any severe and/or life threatening congenital heart, liver, kidney or thyroid defects. Additionally this guarantee covers any severe and/or life threatening seizure disorders or ocular defects resulting in blindness. Should any problem such as those mentioned above arise, that are clearly hereditary in nature, the owner is to contact Copper Kennels immediately. In addition to their written statement of intent to invoke the terms of guarantee, the owner should provide documentation and any or all x-rays or other material from their veterinarian to Copper Kennels who will seek a confirming diagnosis from a veterinarian of our choice upon receiving them. Should the condition prove to be hereditary in nature and have a serious adverse effect on the dog's quality of life, an exchange will be made for a puppy, chosen by the breeder, of equal value to the dog in question. This exchange is contingent on either veterinary verification of the dog's euthanasia (for purposes of minimization of pain and suffering) or in non-life threatening cases a spay/neuter verification from your veterinarian.

Additionally, your new puppy is guaranteed until it reaches **one year** of age against **severe crippling hip dysplasia**. In an instance where **severe crippling hip dysplasia** is diagnosed a replacement puppy will be provided so long as the new owners take the steps set forth below in this contract. First of all the owners must immediately notify Cooper Kennels of the diagnosis. This can be done initially by phone, but must eventually be backed up by a written statement making known the owner's intention to invoke the guarantee. The owner must then provide x-rays for submission to OFA (the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals) and/or a veterinarian of the breeder's choosing. If the diagnosis of **severe crippling hip dysplasia** (dysplasia so extreme that it prevents the dog from being a functional family companion and that surgery or euthanasia is indicated) is confirmed a replacement puppy of equal value, of the breeder's choosing, will be provided. This replacement is contingent on the owners providing a written

statement from their veterinarian that the dog is not and has never been overweight for its bone structure and that no evidence exists that the puppy was overstressed or over exercised during this important developmental period of its life. Furthermore, the veterinarian must indicate there have been no signs of abuse, neglect or past injuries that could be the cause of such dysplasia. In cases where the exchange is to take place and the owners of the dog to be replaced have chosen surgery rather than euthanasia, they must also provide written documentation that the dog in question has been spayed or neutered. It is agreed and understood that in all instances outlined above, the only applicable refund is a replacement puppy. In no cases will there be a monetary refund. It is further understood that Copper Kennels accepts no responsibility for Osteochondritis Dessians (OCD), as Copper Kennels knows the parentage of its puppies to be free of OCD. For more information on OCD as well Panosteitis (a common cause of temporary lameness in young dogs), see the statements pertaining to them following the contract.

No puppy will fall under the guidelines set forth in this agreement unless it keeps the prefix "Copper" in its AKC registered name. We refuse to sell one of our puppies to any home where the dog will be chained or tied. If the dog must be kept outside unattended for parts of the day an outside kennel run or fenced yard is strongly recommended. We are also firm believers in Invisible Fencing. If you are interested in this let us know and we can provide you with contact information for an approved installer of Invisible Fencing. Finally, we reserve the right to take back any dog if we find out the dog is being chained or tied around its neck on a regular basis, or being subjected to any other types of abuse or neglect. It is agreed and understood that no warranty or representation has been made with respect to the sold dog, except that which has been set forth in the above written agreement. This agreement is valid only for the original owner and is non-transferable. I/We, the purchaser(s), have read, understand and agree to the terms of this contract.

Signature of Purchaser(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Seller: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Information about OCD and Panosteitis**

### **Osteochondritis Dessicans (OCD)**

Shoulder, Knee, Hock, Spine, Stifle

Degeneration of the bone and cartilage of the joint. OCD of the Humeral Condyle is a form of elbow dysplasia, see above. From Fred Lantings article:

OCD at the humeral condyle begins the same way other forms of osteochondrosis do: cartilage loses some nutrient delivery either before or after misaligned stresses (with some obscure genetic origins) result in a fissure. This hairline crack propagates in a shallow, 'horizontal' manner, or deeper and more perpendicular to the surface. Either way, a flap of cartilage develops early, with osseous (bone) tissue only secondarily involved.

OCD is both hereditary and can be caused by overnutrition with calories or calcium.

*AKC Gazette*, 6/1993, page 62, "Osteochondritis And Lameness"

*Cornell Animal Health Newsletter*, page 8, Answer to a question about OCD.

*MCOA Journal*, 1994 #2, page 12, "Bone Survey Update."

### **Panosteitis**

Generalized inflammation of the long bones. Sudden lameness, usually in a front leg, self limiting. Dogs "outgrow" the condition. Pain can often be greatly reduced by restricting activity, i.e. rest is often the best medicine. Dogs that exhibit signs of lameness should be taken to a vet promptly for diagnosis.

*MCOA Journal*, 1994 #2, page 12, "Bone Survey Update."

*AKC Gazette*, 12/1994, page 59, "Treating Shifting Leg Lameness."