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Puppy Agreement (AKC Full Registration)

The following requirements are put forth in the best interest of the Akita puppy, the breeder, and the new owners. Failure to comply with any of the following will result in loss of any guarantees from the breeder, and possible confiscation of the dog. Thank you for your understanding.

1. New owner understands that this puppy is being purchased as a Show Prospect Puppy, with rights to breed, given that the puppy matures into an Akita that conforms to the breed standard, and has proven itself in the show ring.

2. New owners must have attended and completed a puppy kindergarten class, such as the A.K.C. S.T.A.R. Puppy class, or any others that are offered locally, by the time the puppy is 6 months old. Usually it is once a week for six weeks, and costs about $100.00. It is well worth the time and money, to be able to have a dog that actually listens to you, and is a JOY to work with!!! Not enough good things can be said by doing this. Needless to say, you do need a dog that will do what you say, when you are in the show ring with it!!

3. New owners must show the dog at least 3 times per year. There is always one show here in Fairbanks, on Memorial Day Weekend every year, as well as numerous others in the Anchorage and surrounding areas, throughout the year. All you have to do is get connected with your local Kennel Club and they will point you in the right direction. There is a list of Kennel Clubs on my website, on the "Useful Links" page.

4. New owners must send the professional pictures taken at each show, to Arctic Akitas, for promotional and evaluative purposes. These pictures usually cost around $35.00.

5. If the dog is deemed breeding quality at the age of 2 years, the new owners may breed the dog to suitable, AKC registered Akitas that are also of breeding quality. This may include travel out of state, if suitable Akitas are not to be found within Alaska.

6. If the Akita is a male, new owners agree to Arctic Akitas using this dog as a stud in the future, with both parties taking all necessary steps to ensure a successful breeding.

7. When the puppies are age 8 weeks, new owners must evaluate the litter for pet

quality/show prospect puppies. Please contact me for more information about evaluating litters. Once the litter has been evaluated, the puppies deemed pet quality will be offered with AKC Limited registration, requiring a spay/neuter contract, and the puppies deemed show/breeding quality will be offered with AKC Full registration, requiring a show contract. Usually there are only going to be one or two puppies per litter, if any, that are going to be of show quality. Contracts are important for the welfare of the dog, and the continuing improvement of the Akita breed in general.

8. New owner agrees to never breed their Akita with intentions to wholesale the litter, such as selling to puppy shops or dog wholesalers. The quality of homes that the puppies will be placed into needs to be top priority, and thorough home-checks need to be done, before placement.

9. New owners must send photos of the dog, to the breeder, at least twice per year, for the first two years. Photos need to be sent when the dog is 6 months, 1 year, 1.5 years, and lastly at 2 years. The photos must be of good clarity and sufficient lighting to be able to see the dog in detail. I prefer them to be shot at eye-level to the dog, and to contain one good close-up head shot from straight on, and a full body, side profile photograph. It is helpful to have one person holding the dog while the other person takes the photos. These can be sent to me via email or through the mail. These photos are to ensure both a quality breeding program, and the condition of the dog.

10. Dog must be fed a good quality adult dog food, with meat as first ingredient. Puppies require as much food as they can eat. Not to be fed all at once during the day, as this can cause bloat and can be fatal. Do NOT feed "Puppy Food" or "Large Breed" food, as these types of food can be too high in protein, and other elements, and can cause irregular/rapid growth of bones/tissues, resulting in major problems. Make sure food has a protein content of less than 26%. Later on, after they are done growing (usually around 1.5 years) they can go on a higher protein diet, if the new owner prefers to do so. The food I feed and recommend is called “Diamond Naturals”, the Chicken and Rice, All Life Stages formula. Do not feed dog foods containing wheat or soy. It is very bad for Akitas. Supplementing with powdered, dried kelp, and fish oil is recommended.

11. Do not let the puppy go up/down large flights of stairs, jump up/down or down too much (as in a pick-up truck bed etc), or get over-exercised, because this can stress the puppy's growing bones and develop problems later on. Any type of "jarring" movement or impact should be avoided. Also, make sure that the Akita does not grow up primarily on hard slippery surfaces like wood or tile floors. Rugs or similar should be put down, to ensure proper traction, as this can affect bone / joint growth. This should be for the first 2 years, as they keep growing until then.

12. Take the puppy with you as much as possible, and introduce it to as many different dogs/animals/people/situations as you can. This will help to socialize the Akita, and help to form a well-rounded, well-adjusted adult dog that will be a pleasure to be around.

13. Please notify the breeder immediately, if any major health problem were to develop in the dog.

14. If, for some reason, you find you are no longer able to care for the dog, the breeder has "First Right of Refusal," meaning that you MUST contact the breeder first, and we will take the dog back at no more than 50% of the original purchase price.

15. Failure to comply with "First Right of Refusal" will result in a monetary penalty no greater than the original purchase price of the dog, as well as likely court proceedings.

16. Please notify the breeder immediately, of any changes to your phone number or address.

17. New owners agree to register this Akita with the AKC (American Kennel Club) and to use the kennel prefix, “Arctic's” in registration of this Akita's official name with the AKC.

18. Breeder will not be held responsible for any and all damages caused by purchased Akita.

Please **print** and **sign** your name below:

New Owners: _____ Date: _____

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Address: _____

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Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Breeder: _____ Date: _____