

## Von Schwarz Dobermann's Puppy Agreement

Received from \_\_\_\_\_ (buyer's name) in the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ dollars for the deposit on a black/red \_\_\_\_\_ (gender) European Doberman Pinscher born on \_\_\_\_\_ (d.o.b). Seller affirms that this puppy is the offspring of \_\_\_\_\_ (sire's name) and \_\_\_\_\_ (dam's name). The remaining \$ \_\_\_\_\_ dollars is to be paid upon pick-up. Deposits are **NON - REFUNDABLE** but transferable to any future litter at Von Schwarz Dobermann Kennel.

This puppy is being sold on limited registration; limited registration meaning no breeding rights. Full AKC registration can be obtained but must be discussed with the breeder prior to the sale of the puppy. If the buyer would like to transfer the registration from limited to full, the owner must agree to a minimum of vWD, DNA DCM (PDK4), OFA Hip X-Rays, OFA Thyroid, Echocardiogram, and Holter monitoring PRIOR to any breeding that takes place and all health testing documentation must be sent to the breeder. We also require a minimum of 1 title (CGC, AKC obedience, rally, barn hunt, dock diving, IPO, Mondio, PSA, or Conformation) prior to breeding. The DNA swabs may be purchased through [www.vetgen.com](http://www.vetgen.com) or [www.vetnostic.com](http://www.vetnostic.com). Genetic testing can be preformed at any age and the OFA Hip X-Rays can be preformed at 2 years old. If the litter is from directly imported parents, the AKC paperwork can take up to 6 months for the buyer to receive.

It is understood that the 2 testable genes for DCM (1 and 2) have not been verified/peer-reviewed and we do not take those genetic tests into consideration when matching a breeding pair. Dogs that have 0 copies of both genes still die from DCM, and dogs with homo (2) or heterozygous (1) gene are living to be in their late teens. Thus, it is a "supposed" piece to the puzzle but in no way a gold standard in determining if a dog is more or less likely of acquiring DCM. The best way to confirm or deny your dogs heart health is to do annual echocardiograms (OFA certified) and Holter monitoring every 6 months, which covers both heart enlargement and arrhythmia's at that point in time. There has also been strong correlations (supported by the FDA) suggesting that grain-free diets and their ingredients are causing DCM as well, so we recommend feeding your dog a diet with healthy grains, not grain-free.

The breeder also affirms that the dog is sold in good health and MUST make arrangements with your veterinarian for a health check-up within five business days to preserve the status of the puppies health warranty.

This puppy does come with a one year health guarantee from the breeder for any genetic disease and/or death from genetic disease. In addition, the puppy comes with an additional lifetime guarantee against vWD (clinical status blood clotting disorder), a 4 year health guarantee against death from DCM, and a 6 year guarantee against hip/elbow dysplasia (OFA, DV certified). If in such case, the buyer/owner is eligible for a replacement puppy. No refund or monetary equivalent will be given under **any** circumstances. It is the buyer/owner's responsibility to provide veterinarian documentation of diagnostic testing/proof of the disease prior to any replacement puppy of equivalent value. It is also understood that Dobermans as a breed are prone (but not limited to) Cancer, Wobblers, Idiopathic Head Tremors, Hypothyroidism, and Incontinence. Idiopathic Head Tremors are benign condition that causes the head to tremor and can be associated with times of high stress, heat cycles, or low immunity. This condition is NOT linked to any genetic disease, and there is no known cause. In addition, the buyer has been made aware (specifically concerning females) of spay/neuter urinary incontinence. There is a chance that if the female/male is spayed or neutered at any point in time, there is a possibly of incontinence (the inability to hold the urine). This condition is not Doberman specific, and commonly effects all breeds of dogs. The buyer has been made aware of some of the common health issues within the breed, and it is understood that the buyer is purchasing a live animal, and we, the breeder, have done everything in our "testable" power to ensure you are getting the best Doberman possible. The buyer assumes the normal risks of owning a dog. If the canine is purchased as a puppy, we cannot, and will not guarantee reproducibility.

In any event that a lawsuit of any sort is in order, the trial will be held within 1 hour of the breeders location and in either Pennsylvania or Ohio.

In the event that the owners cannot keep the dog/puppy, the dog/puppy in question will be returned to the breeder at **no cost**. If there are expenses occurred to get "said" dog/puppy to the breeder's location, reimbursement can be discussed. Under no circumstances will the dog/puppy be placed in a shelter, foster home, or rescue. If the breeder decides to not take the dog, the breeder will help place the dog in a new home.

Breeder's Signature: Katlyn A. Schwarzwaelder

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Date of Deposit: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Final Payment: \_\_\_\_\_

Buyer's Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

Buyer's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Buyer's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_