

PET PUPPY GUARANTEE

New Zion Shilohs

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Please list full registration names of the Sire and Dam plus your puppy as they appear on his/her **ISSR** papers (if known), then **sign contract** and return yellow copy to Breeder.

Sire _____ ISSR# _____

Dam _____ ISSR# _____

Puppy _____

Please visit our website at: www.newzionshilohs.org for additional information.

Sold to: _____ Phone #: _____ cell: _____
 Address: _____ E-mail: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date Whelped: _____ Male Female

Markings: _____

The above puppy was sold: Outright

Valued At: _____ Total Price Paid: _____

The puppy's quality is: B/W with possible upgrade. If this puppy is upgraded, a new guarantee will be issued.

B/W-N-pet only

We, the undersigned Buyer, hereby state that we have fully read and understand the ISSR, Inc.'s *Rules & Regulations*, as well as all items listed in or referred to in this contract between us, hereafter referred to as **the Buyer** or **the Owner**, and *New Zion Shilohs* and its owners/breeders, **the Seller** or **the Breeder**. We agree to all parts as fully binding between both parties. Furthermore, we understand that this is a legal and binding contract. In the event I/we choose to register this dog/bitch, or any progeny of same, with any registry other than the ISSR, Inc., I/we will be liable to immediately pay minimum damages to *New Zion Shilohs* in the amount of \$10,000 plus any legal fees incurred. Additionally, I/we understand that any and all litigation will be held in the Seller's jurisdiction.

Seller's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Buyer's Signature: _____ Date: _____

The puppy you have just purchased is guaranteed and will be replaced by another puppy from New Zion Shilohs according to the conditions stated below. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL THE PRICE OF THE PUPPY BE RETURN. THE REPLACEMENT TIME AND SELECTION WILL BE A MATTER OF CHOICE OF THE BREEDER.** Dogs to be replaced must be delivered to the Breeders' at the Owner's expense along with all veterinary records, health papers, x-rays, Holter if available, and valid ISSR registration certificate before a replacement will be made. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL A REPLACEMENT BE MADE WITHOUT PROPER IDENTIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION PROVIDED BY OWNER. IN ADDITION, THE ISSR REGISTRATION FOR THE DOG MUST BE SIGNED BACK TO THE BREEDER. WHEN THESE CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN MET, AND A PUPPY OF EQUAL VALUE IS AVAILABLE, REPLACEMENT WILL BE MADE.** For the purposes of this guarantee, all dogs, regardless of gender, are referred to as he, him or his.

TEMPERAMENT (not man-made)

What is correct Shiloh Shepherd™ Dog Temperament? The word *Temperament*, in relation to general application, denotes character, sensitivity, discrimination, spirit, and intellect. It may mean the absence or presence of one or more of these psychological traits. The true Shepherd must be an animal fit in body and mind, a devoted and suitable companion to his owners. The dog should have the potential ability to do the essential work for which the breed was created. The Shiloh Shepherd™ can have a kind and sweet disposition, and still be protective. He must be alert, eager to please his master, and a willing worker, when properly trained. Poor temperament can be a hereditary fault or it can be man-made. Environment can influence eventual temperament to a large degree, particularly as it is applied to early puppy development. Such a temperament fault can be corrected with kindness, patience, and training. Intense early socialization and puppy kindergarten classes are mandatory toward proper development, and are prerequisites as to the fulfillment of this contract. **Please also note the enclosed nutritional agreement.*

Faults of personality that cannot be repaired are a result of hereditary influence, and are permanent. If the following type of poor temperament is present, the puppy must be returned to the breeder and registration papers signed over. Another puppy of correct temperament shall be given as replacement.

- (A) **OVERLY-SHARP** or *vicious*: This overbearing bully mistrusts everyone, and intensely dislikes strangers and other dogs. Such an animal is extremely dangerous and is generally under-sensitive to bodily discomfort and pain. This animal is extremely difficult to control and refuses to accept any type of correction without retaliation.
- (B) **SHARP-SHY** or *fear-biter*: This animal, if cornered, will urinate and often bite out of fear and sheer panic. He is noted for carrying his tail tucked under his belly while growling and snapping at anyone that attempts to approach him. He spends his life trying to either escape from the world or destroy it, but is unable to adjust to living “in” it.
- (C) **SHY** or *oversensitive*: This puppy/dog is frightened of strangers, loud noises, and new situations. He proceeds to “spook” or “bolt”; retreating without provocation. He is noted for literally “shivering” or trying to escape under or into a small dark place when approached by a friendly stranger. He will constantly urinate and cower if subjected to any type of mild correction by anyone.

Mild degrees of the above types of temperament faults are often due to lack of varied experiences with strangers and new activities. **Do not be neglectful or overprotective** of your puppy. Share him with others, as it will make a well adjusted citizen of him! **Socialization is very critical during the first 18 months of your puppy’s life** - be sure that you are not creating a problem that will eventually cause misery for years to come! ***New Zion Shilohs will not be responsible for any puppy that has been improperly trained or socialized!*** *New Zion Shilohs* also reserves the right to fully examine all aspects pertaining to environmental dysfunction as related to said puppy’s formative months. Such examination shall be at the Owner’s expense. Furthermore, *New Zion Shilohs* reserves the right to have this puppy evaluated, at the Owner’s expense, at an approved Kennel, for a period of not less than 90 days. The purpose of the evaluation will be to determine the validity of the said disorder, whether it was created through environmental stimuli, and thereby can be improved, or if indeed it is proven to be an inherited genetic defect.

HIP DYSPLASIA

Hip Dysplasia is a malformation of the ball and socket joint of the hip. The problem, not an exclusive canine disorder, exists in most domestic species - including man! Depending upon the severity of the disease, the dog may or may not become lame. Many affected dogs lead normal lives. The Sire and Dam of your puppy have both been x-rayed and diagnosed as normal by Veterinarians qualified in the field. Nevertheless, this ailment is considered a hereditary trait with irregular penetrance, meaning normal parents are capable of producing abnormal offspring. **It has also been proven in various recent studies that, to a large degree, environmental factors and improper exercise per age play a major role in the development of Hip Dysplasia.** In order to maintain the excellent hip records associated with the Shilohs, we insist that you follow the feeding program prescribed by *New Zion Shilohs*. Failure to do so will invalidate this guarantee.

The final disposition of any dog found to be dysplastic will be the prerogative solely of *New Zion Shilohs*. The Breeder may agree to allow the Owner to keep said dog, if neutered or spayed. If dog is returned, the ISSR, Inc. registration must be signed back to the Breeder and returned with all other requested records and information.

Under no circumstances will any puppy be replaced if complete and detailed records and the puppy itself are made unavailable for the Breeder's inspection or inspection by someone designated by the Breeder for that purpose.

Under no circumstance will cash be refunded at any time, nor will a puppy of greater value be given as a replacement. This guarantee **MUST** be presented at the time of replacement as proof of purchase, proof of the quality for which the said puppy is guaranteed and proof of the actual purchase price. If a replacement puppy in your category is not immediately available, another puppy of greater value from a different category may be purchased with the credit for your returned puppy applied to same.

Your puppy's hips are guaranteed as follows:

This puppy is fully guaranteed against crippling Hip Dysplasia for up to two years. Any puppy found to be severely dysplastic and unable to function as a household pet must be properly diagnosed by at least two veterinarians qualified to properly evaluate GSD types of Hip Dysplasia. The dog must be returned to the Breeder accompanied by complete X-ray, health, feeding, care and exercise records. In addition, the dog's ISSR, Inc.'s registration must be signed back to the Breeder. When these conditions have been met and a puppy of equal value is available, replacement will be made.

GSDIVA (German Shepherd Dog Inherited Ventricular Arrhythmia)

German Shepherd Dog Inherited Ventricular Arrhythmia (GSDIVA) is an inherited heart condition that can cause sudden death in puppies. Other breeds (Shiloh Shepherd, Boxer, Greyhound, Beagle, Doberman) can be affected. The disease is inherited from one or both affected parents. **Once the puppy reaches 24 months, he or she will outgrow the disease. The puppy that outgrows GSDIVA will not have residual heart problems and will typically go on to live a normal lifespan.** Although there are no outward signs, an affected puppy experiences irregular heartbeats. The severity of the disease depends on the frequency of the irregular heartbeats (Premature Ventricular Contractions). If the puppy experiences many irregular beats in a row (Ventricular Tachycardia), the heart is unable to function properly and the heart may stop.

The only way to diagnose GSDIVA is with a Holter monitor test. The test is ideally performed between the ages of 6 – 11 months and requires a small cardiac monitor to be attached to the outside of the puppy's chest via plastic-coated leads. A vest resembling a T-shirt is then placed on the puppy to secure the leads and protect the monitor. The equipment is worn for at least 24 hours while the monitor takes a picture of every heartbeat. If the test shows frequent irregular heartbeats, the puppy then has blood work done to rule out other potential causes before a diagnosis of GSDIVA is confirmed.

If the puppy is diagnosed with GSDIVA, the puppy is removed from the breeding program ensuring they cannot pass on the disease to a future generation of Shiloh Shepherds. Depending on the severity of the disease, the puppy may need to be treated with medications until he reaches 24 months. At 24 months, the puppy is re-evaluated and be cleared to live a normal life.

The final disposition of any dog found to be diagnosed with GSDIVA will be the prerogative solely of *New Zion Shilohs*. The Breeder may agree to allow the Owner to keep said dog, if neutered or spayed. If the dog is returned, the ISSR, Inc. registration must be signed back to the Breeder and returned with all other requested records and information.

Under no circumstances will any puppy be replaced if complete and detailed records and the puppy itself are made unavailable for the breeder's inspection or inspection by someone designated by the breeder for that purpose.

Under no circumstance will cash be refunded at any time, nor will a puppy of greater value be given as a replacement. This guarantee **MUST** be presented at the time of replacement as proof of purchase, proof of the quality for which the said puppy is guaranteed and proof of the actual purchase price. If a replacement puppy in your category is not immediately available, another puppy of greater value from a different category may be purchased with the credit for your returned puppy applied to same.

In case of death of the puppy prior to Holter monitor test being done a **FULL NECROPSY** must be performed by an agreed upon veterinarian and result of necropsy given to *New Zion Shilohs*.

Your puppy's heart is guaranteed as follows:

This puppy is fully guaranteed against crippling GSDIVA up to one year of age. Any puppy found to be severely affected and unable to function as a household pet must be properly diagnosed by 12 months of age via Holter monitor 24 hour test. The dog must be returned to the Breeder accompanied by complete Holter test results, health, feeding, care and exercise records. In addition, the dog's ISSR, Inc.'s registration must be signed back to the Breeder. When these conditions have been met and a puppy of equal value is available, replacement will be made.

ABUSE AND/OR NEGLECT

NEW ZION SHILOHS HEREBY RESEVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE REPLACEMENT OF ANY DOG RETURNED FOR TEMPERAMENT, HIP PROBLEMS OR GSDIVA CAUSED BY OWNER ABUSE OR NEGLIGENCE.

Any puppy that is abused and/or neglected in the following manner may quickly develop hip problems: kept grossly overweight, has received unauthorized over supplementation, or has NOT received the required supplements, as specified by the breeder, or has been kept unchecked for worm infestation, kicked down stairs, kept constantly confined to cold, damp basements, or required to perform extreme physical activities (such as high jumps and scaling walls) during their 'growth period'. A dog not socialized, beaten and/or tortured will develop 'temperament' problems. Any dog that has not received proper veterinary care and/or given medications necessary to treat GSDIVA. These 'man-made' problems which are not caused by a hereditary defect are NOT the responsibility of the Breeder. *New Zion Shilohs* further reserves the right to examine any questionable conditions pertaining to said puppy's health and welfare at the Owner's expense. Furthermore, *New Zion Shilohs* reserves the right to request proper validation from Owner, via puppy class certificate/food & vet receipts, etc. that the standards of this guarantee were upheld to their fullest.

A FINAL NOTE FROM NEW ZION SHILOHS

Selling a quality registered Shiloh Shepherd™ is a great responsibility to its Breeder. A great deal of time, money, and heartache goes into producing the kind of dog we can be proud of. The Breeders of your puppy have carefully provided you with a replacement guarantee to ensure your personal satisfaction and as a safeguard toward the breed. How you raise that puppy, what you feed him/her, and how much attention and exercise you provide depends on you. What kind of protection he/she receives against distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, parvovirus, rabies, etc. is your responsibility. ***New Zion Shilohs has always gone to great lengths to help all new Owners understand the kind of nutrition, care, and training your puppy needs.*** Proper growth and development of your puppy depends on how well you apply the information that the Breeder has supplied you. Please accept the responsibility that you owe to your new purchase, by properly caring for your puppy, as you are protecting the investment you have already made. **With proper nutrition, training, care, and love, your puppy will develop into a dog we can ALL be proud of for years to come!**