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**Miniature Australian Shepherd
Adoption & Guardian Home Contract**

**Breeder can only estimate potential adult sizes
and are not guaranteed **



Dam: BLINE'S AWESOME 'MAYBELLE'

42 lbs, 17" tall

Sire: BLINE'S AWESOME 'ANGUS'

38 lbs, 18" tall

BREEDER: *Bline's Awesome Aussie's - Julie Bline, 5150 Baldwin St. Valley Springs, CA 95252
(916) 600-4803 juliebline@gmail.com*

Puppy Date of Birth: Saturday, January 25, 2020

Sex: *Male* **Coat Color:** *Black Tri* **Eye Color:** *2 Hazel* **Tail:** *Natural/Long*

Full or Limited Registration: [] PET ONLY [X] BREEDING RIGHTS GRANTED

This Guardian Home agreement is entered into this _____ day of _____.

GUARDIANS: *Name(s) _____ Address _____*

Phone Numbers _____ E-mail _____

Total Guardian Adoption fee is \$ _____; *The following conditions apply and must be agreed to:*

1. The breeder deems the puppy identified in this contract as a premium purebred Miniature Australian Shepherd. Registration paperwork provided through ASDR (American Stock Dog Registry) at the completion of the initial guardian contract.
2. The breeder will estimate the size, drive/personality, coat color, eye color, etc. as accurately as possible, but because there are so many factors involved in their growth and development from puppy to adulthood, including phenotypes and other genetics, in addition to the environmental effects once puppy leaves, the breeder cannot 100% guarantee any specific traits.
3. This puppy is certified as being in good health at the time of placement into the guardian home.
4. You have 4 weeks to take your puppy in for its first/initial vet visit with you after pick-up.
5. Your puppy has been dewormed several times since birth. They will have received at least ONE initial COMBO 5 in 1 immunization. Veterinarians in different areas may recommend a slightly different vaccine schedule, but please be aware that many vet's have been known to over vaccinate animals. The optimum recommended schedule, as supported by the American Kennel Club, is the 5-way Combo Booster (Canine Distemper, Adenovirus Type 2 (CAV-2, CAV-1), Parainfluenza and Parvovirus Vaccine) at 8 wks, 12 wks, & 16 wks, with Rabies also being given at 16 wks. Then an additional booster of each at 1 year old. *Please refer to the specific immunization record you receive when you pick up your puppy.* _____ (Initial)



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6. Guardian is financially responsible for all medical care (ex. office visits, deworming, vaccines, illness and any other treatment required) once the guardian picks-up/receives the puppy/adult dog. The health and well-being of your dog depends on the quality of care it is given. It is important to take your dog to the vet on a regular basis. You are responsible for any and all medical treatment the dog requires. The best practice is to always err on the side of caution. If your dog/puppy is not eating normally, has diarrhea, is sleeping more than usual, or has any other sort of odd behavior, take them into the vet ASAP! Please don't wait a few days to see if they improve. Early treatment is critical to a positive outcome. Guardian agrees that they are financially secure and able to afford the proper care for this puppy/dog. _____(Initial)

7. It is agreed that this Guardian Home Dog is currently valued at \$_____ and that this value will increase as he matures and when/if additional genetic tests are required and passed. If dog is Neutered/Spayed, without permission from the breeder, or if he moves farther away from the breeder as to not be available for breeding, then guardian family will be required to pay the balance of the full retail value of dog immediately, as stated above. _____(Initial)

8. This Guardian agreement is to provide assurance that Guardian Dog will thrive in his loving home, which is intended to be his forever home. As such, Guardian agrees to give full and proper care to Guardian Dog. The guardian agrees to care for this puppy/dog in a responsible manner to include adherence to:

- **Microchip:** Please have your puppy Micro-Chipped as soon as possible. Check for a local low-cost Clinic at: www.VIPpetcare.com Breeder is to be listed as a secondary contact on your micro-chip registration.
- **Health Plan:** It is recommended you look into the purchase of a 6mo-1yr. health plan from your local veterinarian.
- **Feeding Program:** The Adopter agrees to feed a quality meat & quality grain (NO CORN) based dog food. See "**What Should I Feed My Dog**" page of your take home folder. New research shows that a complete lack of grains in a dogs diet over a lifetime is not natural and some have been shown to have premature heart conditions in their latter years. If you plan to feed a raw meat diet, make sure to supplement with some veggies and whole grains.
- **Heartworm/Flea Treatment:** The Guardian agrees to adhere to heartworm and flea treatment monthly. **DO NOT USE Any Product Containing IVERMECTIN (Such as HeartGuard)**
- **Exercise/Physical Health:** Provide adequate exercise for the dog on a regular basis.
- **Training:** Adopter agrees to train the dog to basic Breeder standards which includes Basic Obedience. They should learn to sit and 'look' (make eye contact with you.) They should have good recall, meaning they come when you call their name. They should allow you to roll them over on their backs for tummy rubs, and feet/mouth handling. They shall be properly socialized around other dogs, people and places.
- **Socialization:** The guardian agrees and understands that the first 4-6 months are THE most crucial time to properly SOCIALIZE your puppy. The guardian understands that reading material will be provided on paper at the time of puppy pick-up, in addition to also being



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available on the puppy information page of our website:

<https://julieblime.wixsite.com/awesomeaussies/information-about-puppies>.

Guardian agrees to read, review and APPLY all information provided in the Take Home Folder and/or on the Website. _____ (Initial)

- **Supervision:** The Guardian shall at all times keep their dog under close supervision and maintain under physical control at all times for the duration of this agreement. The Guardian is responsible for any damage or injury inflicted by the guardian dog while in Guardian's possession. The Guardian, agrees to pay and assume all such liability and damage and to forever fully indemnify Breeder.
- **Prevent Guardian Dog From Encountering In-Tact Females during the female's twice yearly heat cycles:** Guardian must keep the Guardian Male away from all in-tact female dogs while said female dog is in heat to prevent accidental breeding. If an accidental mating should occur, breeder shall be immediately notified and involved in the rehoming and care of potential future puppies sired by the Guardian dog. Like-wise, a female in heat should be kept away from any in-tact males, and kept on leash or inside at all times during her heat cycle.
- **Veterinary Expenses:** In addition to being responsible for all routine veterinary costs including heartworm & flea control, vaccinations, teeth cleaning, and wellness exams; In the event of a serious life threatening illness or injury, Guardian should consult with the breeder on a treatment plan, and Guardian assumes responsibility for all necessary veterinarian or hospital charges. If the Guardian dog should not survive, this contract will become null and void. Neither party will be financially responsible to the other.
- **Breeder Access & Health Records:** A representative of Breeder may have access to guardian dog for genetic testing, veterinarian visits, and breeding. Guardian agrees to provide Breeder with such access upon request. All health records and any document pertaining to Guardian Dog will be available to both Breeder and Guardian. Guardian agrees to report all non-routine veterinary visits to Breeder and deliver veterinary reports by either email or regular mail to Breeder.
- **Vacations:** Guardian shall notify Breeder of Guardian vacation plans of 1 week or longer and whether the dog will be with the Guardian family on vacation or not.
- **Residence:** Maintain a principal place of residence within an agreed upon distance and immediately provide Breeder with any changes to Guardian's address, telephone number and/or email address.
- **Dog License:** The dog must be licensed with the county in which Guardian is living and the license is to be kept current.
- **Grooming:** Keep dog well-groomed at all times. The dog will need regular brushing to help keep the coat from matting. You may want to utilize a professional groomer about every 6 months-1 year to keep the coat well maintained and healthy. Do NOT have the dog shaved unless discussing this with Breeder in advance! If a haircut is necessary, a coat length of about 2-3 inches (the 'puppy' cut) is a manageable length for most people.



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9. Breeder holds breeding rights as described below:

- Guardian will assist in the coordination of Breeding and agrees to the terms of this Agreement by providing and delivering their guardian dog for up to 2 breedings per year, or 8 total breedings within the first 4 ½ years, which is until _____. Breeder may choose not to use all Contracted breeding rights and may choose to release guardian obligations sooner than the above date. Once all breeding responsibilities have been met, the registration paperwork will then be sent to the Guardian/Adoptive family and the adoptive family will assume the cost of neutering.
- Male guardian dogs may be kept anywhere from 1 to 5 nights for breeding with females on breeders property. Or our males may spend 1-5 nights at the females' property.
- Breeder will be responsible for the following financial expenses related to the breeding of Guardian Home Dog: Genetic Testing; Semen Collections and/or Shipments; Veterinarian Breeding Assistance if necessary.
- All puppies from the contracted litters are the property of Blines' Awesome Aussies. If you are adopting a Female Guardian Pup, You can choose to raise the litters in your home and we will cover all litter costs/supplies, in addition to paying you a \$200 fee per puppy.

10. If for any reason the guardian is no longer willing or able to properly care for this puppy/dog, then the breeder requests that he/she be returned to Blines' Awesome Aussies, whereby they may either keep him/her or find him/her a very carefully screened new home. *No refund shall be made for any fees paid.* Guardian agrees that under NO circumstances will the puppy be placed in a pound, shelter, or given to a rescue! _____(Initial)

11. The guardian guarantees the puppy/dog will not be resold at any time in his life.

12. It is required that the guardian send updates & pics periodically (at least every 6 mo.) through Text, E-mail or Facebook so that we can be assured that all is well and to see how the puppy is maturing.

13. If you are happy with your puppy experience, please post a positive review on our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/BlinesAwesomeAussies/ or send one to us via e-mail that we can post for you.

14. If the guardian breaches any part of this contract, then the breeder can repossess the puppy without reimbursement to any others involved.

15. The Guardian will gain permanent adoption over the guardian dog at the age of 3 ½ years and/or at a time agreed to in writing between breeder/guardian, assuming all obligations have been met as agreed upon in this contract.

This contract shall be signed and adhered to by both guardian and breeder for the well-being of this puppy and the Miniature Australian Shepherd breed in general.

Seller: _____ **Date:** _____

Buyer: _____ **Date:** _____

Cleared Genetic DNA by Parentage - 2 Year Genetic Health Guarantee

Any dog found to be AFFECTED (*carrier of 2 copies of the same gene*) on any of the genetic tests below has the following options (Proof of Testing, using an Approved Method, Required): **1.** The puppy/adult dog may be returned to the seller and replaced with a new puppy (within 2 years of age). **2.** Puppy/Dog may be kept and a new puppy will be provided at no additional cost.

Cone Degeneration

Aliases: Achromatopsia, Day blindness, Hemeralopia, Rod monochromacy, CD

Degenerative Myelopathy

Aliases: Canine degenerative myelopathy, DM

Hereditary Cataracts (Australian Shepherd Type)

Aliases: Early onset cataracts, Juvenile cataracts, HC, HSF4, JC

Multifocal Retinopathy 1

Aliases: Canine multifocal retinopathy 1, CMR1

Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis 6

Aliases: Amaurotic idiocy, Batten disease, NCL, NCL6

Progressive Retinal Atrophy, Progressive Rod-Cone Degeneration

Aliases: PRA-PRCD, PRCD

*** MDR1 (Multidrug Resistance Mutation). * See handout provided on MDR1 pre-cautions.**

Your puppy SHOULD test Negative/Not Affected for this gene, HOWEVER, they could STILL have unknown severe allergic reactions to certain medications, such as IVERMECTIN (or HeartGuard). **It is recommended that you and your veterinarian maintain this caution and be vigilant at all times with your Australian Shepherds in regards to what medications are the safest for your fur baby, *even with a negative test result, they may still be at risk.*** Anaphalatic shock happens quickly and can be lethal if emergency veterinary care is not provided immediatly. _____(Initial)