



WHITE LABRADORS

## ***Puppy Guarantee***

### ***A 12 Month Congenital Health Guarantee***

#### ***OVERVIEW***

All puppies carry a 12-month congenital health guarantee. This guarantee includes hip, elbows, and eye defects. As determined by a licensed veterinarian

Moreover, there is no way to guarantee, regardless of the genetic health of the parents, that ANY puppy will be free of ANY or ALL genetic defects. Therefore, we offer this guarantee as recourse.

All puppies are sold in good faith. No dog is sold for any specific use or guarantee of performance, such as brood bitch, stud dog, show dog or field trial competitor.

You are the sole responsible party for the care and maintenance of your puppy upon leaving our facilities. Whitetail Labradors, will assume no financial responsibility for veterinary exams, vaccinations, treatments or diagnosis.

This guarantee covers genetic defects that prevent the inability of the dog to function normally as determined by a competent veterinarian.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE SHOULD YOU EUTHANISE THIS DOG, except in the instance of traumatic accidental injury or other life-threatening situation where euthanization is a proper alternative. Please read the remainder of this agreement regarding what to do if you choose not to keep this dog upon the finding of a genetic defect.

#### ***YOU'RE PUPS HEALTH AT TIME OF PICKUP***

- Your pup will have the following at the time of pickup or delivery:
- A statement of excellent health.
- Current worming and vaccinations (see attached).
- Removal of dewclaws if required

## **WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO DO REGARDING YOUR PUPS HEALTH**

- Continue your pup's vaccination schedule in a timely manner and with all shots required by your veterinarian
- Maintain your pup on monthly heartworm preventative beginning at the age indicated by your veterinarian and continuing monthly thereafter.
- Conduct preliminary OFA submission between 12 and 14 months of age.
- Conduct CERF submission between 12 and 14 months of age.
- Conduct OFA submission between 24 and 26 months of age, latest.

Any items *above not adhered to by the owner* of said dog will void this guarantee.

In addition to the items above, we highly recommend a flea and tick prevention program as well as Lyme disease vaccination.

Please consult your veterinarian regarding any and all issues of healthcare for your dog.

### **HIPS**

The sire and dam of all our puppies are OFA. Proof of each OFA rating can be provided upon request. However, this does not preclude that your puppy will be free of hereditary hip problems, including arthritis, dysplasia, and other disease.

To ensure the best possible environment for your dogs hip development, we request that your dog is not left for any period of time on slick surfaces, such as linoleum, hardwood floors, or tile. I also request that you do not let your dog jump off any high surfaces, including the back of pickup trucks. I encourage that your dog stays in areas that allow sure footing and comfortable resting.

Your dogs hips must be submitted as noted in paragraph III. You must have conducted BOTH preliminary and 12 month hip submissions for this guarantee to be enforced. OFA is the final and ONLY authority on the state of your dog's hips. The guarantee – replacement process will begin only after the dog is rated any level of dysplastic at the preliminary OFA submission.

If your dog has been rated any level of dysplastic, see section IX regarding the refund process.

### **EYES**

To ensure the best possible environment for your dogs eye development, I request that you be especially careful of any items or other animals that could damage your dog's eyes. Cats, birds, lizards and other household pets should not be available to your dog. Damage to your dog's eye, if inflicted by accident or otherwise, can prevent your dog from a CERF clear status.

Your dogs eye evaluation must be submitted as noted in paragraph III. CERF is the final and ONLY authority on the state of your dog's eyes. The guarantee - process will begin only after the dog is rated non-clear at your 12 month CERF submission.

If your dog has been rated non-clear, see section IX regarding the replacement process.

### **TATOOING AND CHIPPING**

OFA requires a dog to have a form of permanent identification at the times records are submitted. At the time of writing of this contract, that can be either a tattoo or microchip. I encourage either or both of these forms of identification as early as possible.

We also encourage that the tattoo is placed somewhere on the animal where it cannot be easily removed. I have heard of cases where ears were cut off the animals to remove the tattoo. Most veterinarians are now tattooing areas such as the inside of the thigh.

If you tattoo or microchip early, keep your records filed as you will need those numbers at the time you submit any x-rays to OFA for evaluation.

### **OTHER CONGENITAL PROBLEMS**

The following is a list of congenital problems common to Labrador Retrievers. This is for informational purposes only and is not comprehensive. This guarantee and refund process is only in effect for congenital problems that will PREVENT the breeding of the dog covered under this guarantee.

*Hip Dysplasia Progressive Retinal Atrophy*

*Retinal Dysplasia Cataracts*

*Muscle Myopathy Dwarfism*

*Hypothyroidism*

*Any defect which is deemed congenital by the process listed in Section IX enforces this guarantee.*

### **CONDITIONS FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THIS GUARANTEE**

The following are conditions required for enforcement of this guarantee:

All items in sections III through VI must have been adhered to by the owner of the dog.

The dog must NOT have been bred The owner must be the original owner of the dog. This guarantee is non-transferable to any party. This guarantee can be enforced by ONLY the original owner providing that this individual has owned the dog from the time it was purchased to the time the guarantee is being enforced.

Any attempt to enforce this guarantee must be conducted in writing, via certified or overnight mail (or any form that allows tracking). Phone calls are welcomed, but the date of the original claim must be verified by communications in writing.

The dog must be under 13 months of age at the time of any claim.

I must be notified within 7 days of any finding of genetic defects.

UNDER NO CONDITION, other than accidental injury, will the dog be euthanized. If you are considering Euthanasia for ANY REASON, other than accidental injury, please contact us IMMEDIATELY.

### ***REPLACEMENT PROCESS***

If your dog is found to have a congenital defect, please do the following:

Notify me immediately by telephone, AND BY EMAIL.

Send notice in writing via certified, overnight, or any other form of mail that can be tracked.

If the claim is for any defect other than those judged by OFA or CERF, please submit by any form of traceable mail a copy of the findings and appropriate material to be reviewed by our veterinarian. The process continues as follows:

Our veterinarian will review the findings at my expense.

If our veterinarian disagrees with the original diagnosis, I will submit, at my expense, the findings to a third veterinarian. The third opinion will determine whether the original findings are valid.

If they are found to be valid by any of the above actions, the claim is then grounds for enforcement of this guarantee.

If the claim is for any defect validated by OFA or CERF, please submit a copy of the appropriate findings for my files. Any claim for hip or eye defects as defined in sections IV and V is grounds for enforcement of this guarantee.

Claims are not considered valid until the owner has followed the processes outlined in this agreement and adhered to the stipulations stated herein.

The replacement puppy process will be determined as follows:

You must provide me with proof of spaying or neutering. Upon receipt of this proof, a replacement puppy will be provided at the first available litter of the same or similar quality breeding.

UNDER NO INSTANCE, other than accidental injury, should the dog be euthanized.