

Haus of Hound

PUPPY PURCHASE AGREEMENT



Section 1: Buyer & Puppy Information

Buyer Information

Name:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone:

Email:

Co-Buyer Information (if applicable)

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Puppy Information

Breed: Doberman Pinscher

Litter:

Date of Birth:

Color:

Gender:

Call Name:

Registered Name:

AKC Registration #:

Puppy ID Collar Color:

Microchip #:

Sire:

Dam:

Section 2: Purchase Agreement

2.1 Pricing

- The total purchase price of the puppy described in this agreement is **\$5,000**.
- This price reflects the cost of the puppy only and does not include any applicable taxes, service fees, or processing fees charged by payment platforms such as Good Dog or other money transfer services. Any such fees are the responsibility of the buyer.

2.2 Payment Terms

A **non-refundable deposit of \$1,500** is required to reserve a puppy.

This deposit will be applied toward the total purchase price of the puppy.

If the buyer chooses not to complete the purchase of the puppy for any reason, the deposit will be forfeited. At the breeder's discretion, the deposit may be transferred to a future litter.

If the reserved puppy becomes unavailable due to health concerns or unforeseen circumstances prior to pickup, the buyer may choose between:

- A full refund of the deposit
- Transfer of the deposit to a future litter

2.3 Remaining Balance

The remaining balance of **\$3,500** must be paid in full before the puppy leaves the breeder's possession.

Cash may be paid at the time of pickup. All other final payments must be received no later than **three (3) business days prior to the scheduled pickup date**, unless otherwise agreed upon in writing by the breeder.

Accepted payment methods include:

- Cash
- Cashier's Check
- Zelle
- Venmo
- Apple Pay
- Good Dog

Any service or processing fees charged by the payment platform are the responsibility of the buyer.

2.4 Pickup Timeline

Puppies are typically ready to go to their new homes between **7 and 9 weeks of age**, depending on the individual puppy, veterinary care, optional ear cropping, and litter schedule.

The buyer agrees to pick up their puppy within **seven (7) days of the puppy's readiness date**, unless other arrangements have been made with the breeder in advance.

2.5 Boarding Fee

If the puppy is not picked up within the agreed-upon timeframe, a boarding fee of **\$50 per day** may be applied.

If arrangements are not made and the puppy remains unclaimed beyond this period, the breeder reserves the right to place the puppy in another home without refund of payments made.

Final payment must be completed before the puppy leaves the breeder's possession.

Section 3: Health Guarantee

3.1 Health at Time of Transfer

The breeder represents that, to the best of the breeder's knowledge, the puppy is in good health at the time it leaves the breeder's care.

Prior to placement, the puppy will receive a veterinary examination, age-appropriate vaccination(s), routine deworming, and microchipping. The buyer will receive the puppy's available veterinary and vaccination records at the time of transfer.

Any known health finding or abnormality identified prior to transfer that is specific to the puppy will be disclosed to the buyer.

3.2 Veterinary Examination Requirement

The buyer agrees to have the puppy examined by a licensed veterinarian within **seventy-two (72) hours of taking possession of the puppy** to establish veterinary care, review the puppy's health records, and confirm the puppy's general health.

If the veterinarian identifies a serious health concern believed to have been present at the time of transfer, the buyer must notify the breeder promptly and provide the breeder with the applicable veterinary records and documentation.

Failure to complete the required veterinary examination within seventy-two (72) hours may void the health guarantee, except where the breeder has approved an extension in writing.

3.3 Parasite Policy

If internal parasites are identified through a fecal examination performed within **seventy-two (72) hours of the puppy leaving the breeder's care**, the breeder agrees to reimburse the buyer for the reasonable cost of medication prescribed specifically to treat the identified parasite(s).

The breeder is not responsible for veterinary examination fees, fecal testing or other diagnostic costs, preventative medications, or additional treatments unless otherwise agreed upon in writing.

The buyer understands that internal parasites, including but not limited to worms, Giardia, and Coccidia, can occur in young puppies and may be acquired from environmental sources including soil, grass, standing water, other animals, veterinary offices, and public spaces.

Because exposure may occur after the puppy leaves the breeder's care, the breeder cannot guarantee that the puppy will remain parasite-free following transfer.

3.4 Conditions Not Covered

This health guarantee does **not cover conditions that are cosmetic, environmental, preventable, developmental, caused by injury or trauma, or acquired after the puppy leaves the breeder's care.**

Conditions excluded from this guarantee include, but are not limited to:

- Internal or external parasites occurring outside the seventy-two (72) hour parasite-policy period
- Fleas, ticks, or other externally acquired parasites
- Minor or cosmetic abnormalities that do not materially affect the dog's health or quality of life
- Overbite, underbite, retained deciduous teeth, umbilical hernia, or undescended testicle(s)
- Ear-cropping results or complications, including ear shape, length, set, posting success, healing, or final ear carriage
- Reactions or complications resulting from vaccines, medications, anesthesia, elective procedures, or treatments performed after transfer
- Injuries, accidents, poisoning, ingestion of foreign objects, or other trauma occurring after transfer
- Illness or injury resulting from neglect, abuse, overheating, overexertion, inappropriate exercise, improper nutrition, obesity, or failure to obtain appropriate veterinary care
- Infectious or communicable disease contracted following transfer

3.5 Congenital and Hereditary Health Guarantee

The puppy is guaranteed against **life-threatening or severely quality-of-life-limiting congenital or hereditary conditions** diagnosed within **one (1) year from the puppy's date of birth.**

To qualify under this guarantee, the condition must be diagnosed by a licensed veterinarian and reasonably determined to be congenital or hereditary in origin.

The buyer must provide the breeder with complete veterinary documentation supporting the diagnosis, including applicable examination findings, diagnostic testing, imaging, laboratory results, and/or specialist reports.

The breeder reserves the right to request an evaluation or second opinion from another licensed veterinarian or appropriate veterinary specialist before determining whether a condition qualifies under this guarantee.

3.6 Remedy Under the Health Guarantee

If a qualifying congenital or hereditary condition is confirmed under this guarantee, the breeder may, after reviewing the circumstances with the buyer, provide one of the following remedies:

- A partial refund of the original puppy purchase price;
- A contribution toward reasonable veterinary treatment expenses; or
- A replacement puppy from a future litter, subject to availability and an appropriate placement.

The appropriate remedy will be determined by the breeder based upon the nature and severity of the condition, veterinary documentation, prognosis, treatment options, and individual circumstances.

The buyer will not be required to return the affected dog solely as a condition of receiving a remedy under this health guarantee.

3.7 Notification and Breeder Involvement

The buyer agrees to notify the breeder promptly if a serious, congenital, hereditary, or potentially life-threatening health condition is suspected or diagnosed.

The breeder must be given a reasonable opportunity to review veterinary records, communicate with the buyer regarding the diagnosis, and request additional documentation or a second veterinary opinion before a claim under this health guarantee is resolved.

Except in the case of a medical emergency requiring immediate treatment to preserve the dog's life or prevent unnecessary suffering, the buyer agrees to make reasonable efforts to notify the breeder before making irreversible medical decisions relating to a condition for which the buyer intends to seek a remedy under this guarantee.

3.8 Death During the Guarantee Period

If the dog dies or is euthanized during the health-guarantee period and the buyer believes the death resulted from a congenital or hereditary condition covered by this agreement, the buyer must notify the breeder as soon as reasonably possible.

The breeder may request veterinary records and, when medically appropriate and reasonably available, a necropsy or other diagnostic documentation sufficient to establish the probable cause of death before a claim under this guarantee is approved.

If a necropsy is requested by the breeder solely for purposes of evaluating a health-guarantee claim, responsibility for the cost of the necropsy must be agreed upon between the breeder and buyer before the procedure is performed.

3.9 Limitations of Liability

Under no circumstances shall the breeder's total financial responsibility under this agreement exceed the **original purchase price of the puppy**, excluding optional services, transportation costs, taxes,

payment-processing fees, or other additional expenses.

Except for a remedy specifically provided under this health guarantee, the breeder is not responsible for veterinary examination fees, diagnostic expenses, treatment expenses, emergency care, transportation or travel expenses, lost wages, boarding expenses, or other consequential or incidental costs incurred by the buyer.

3.10 Accidents and Post-Transfer Illness

Once possession of the puppy has transferred to the buyer or the buyer's designated representative or transportation provider, the breeder is not responsible for injuries, accidents, environmental exposures, infectious diseases, parasites, ingestion of foreign objects or toxins, or other acquired conditions occurring after transfer, except as expressly covered elsewhere in this agreement. The health guarantee provided under this section is also subject to the spay and neuter provisions contained in Section 6, including the limitations on future coverage following elective early spay or neuter.

Section 4: AKC Registration & Co-Ownership

4.1 AKC Registration

The puppy will be registered with the **American Kennel Club (AKC) with full registration.**

Haus of Hound will complete the puppy's initial AKC registration and will provide the buyer with the applicable registration information and documentation.

The buyer understands that full AKC registration does not, by itself, constitute approval from Haus of Hound to breed the dog. Breeding is subject to the health, temperament, structural, and co-ownership requirements outlined in this agreement.

4.2 Co-Ownership

The puppy will initially be registered with the buyer and **Haus of Hound (Sophia McLees) as co-owners.**

Haus of Hound's co-ownership is intended to protect the dog and the integrity of the breeding program while the dog matures and completes the health, temperament, and structural evaluations required under this agreement.

The buyer will have primary possession of the dog and will be responsible for all routine care, training, veterinary care, expenses, and day-to-day decisions unless otherwise provided in this agreement.

Co-ownership does not give the breeder the right to breed, show, transport, or otherwise take possession of the dog without the buyer's knowledge and consent, except as expressly provided under the return, rehoming, welfare, or unauthorized-breeding provisions of this agreement.

4.3 Requirements for Release of Co-Ownership

Haus of Hound will release its co-ownership interest once the dog:

- Has reached at least twenty-four (24) months of age;
- Has completed all applicable Doberman Pinscher Club of America/OFA CHIC health-testing requirements in effect at the time the dog is evaluated;
- Has health-testing results that the breeder determines are appropriate for breeding consideration; and
- Has demonstrated acceptable temperament and structural soundness appropriate for breeding.

For puppies placed under this agreement, required health testing is expected to include:

- Hips
- Advanced Cardiac Evaluation, including echocardiogram and Holter monitoring
- Thyroid
- CAER eye examination
- von Willebrand Disease (vWD) DNA testing

Documentation of completed health testing and results must be provided to the breeder.

4.4 Breeding Approval

Full AKC registration does not guarantee that the dog will ultimately be considered suitable for breeding.

Before the dog is bred, Haus of Hound must receive and review the required health-testing results and sufficient information to evaluate the dog's temperament and structural soundness.

Evaluation may include, as appropriate, conformation titles or evaluations, working or performance titles, temperament testing, professional trainer evaluation, and/or breeder evaluation.

The breeder will not unreasonably withhold release of co-ownership when the requirements of this agreement have been satisfactorily completed.

4.5 Breeding Prior to Release of Co-Ownership

The dog may not be intentionally bred before the requirements of this section have been completed and Haus of Hound has provided written approval for breeding.

The buyer agrees to responsibly manage any intact dog and take reasonable precautions to prevent accidental breeding.

Any accidental or unauthorized breeding must be reported to the breeder immediately.

If the dog is accidentally or intentionally bred prior to the breeder's written release of co-ownership and approval for breeding, Haus of Hound may require the dog to be returned to the breeder.

Failure to return the dog following a written request from Haus of Hound will constitute a material breach of this agreement.

4.6 Release of Co-Ownership

Once the requirements of this section have been satisfactorily completed, Haus of Hound will cooperate in completing the documentation reasonably necessary to remove the breeder as co-owner and transfer sole AKC ownership to the buyer.

Release of co-ownership signifies that the requirements established by Haus of Hound under this agreement have been satisfied. It does not constitute a guarantee of the dog's future health, fertility, reproductive success, show success, working ability, or the health or characteristics of any offspring produced.

Section 5: Microchip Identification

5.1 Microchip Registration

The puppy will be microchipped prior to placement.

Microchip Number:

Microchip Registry: AKC Reunite

Haus of Hound will register the microchip with **AKC Reunite**, listing the buyer as the primary contact using the information provided by the buyer.

Haus of Hound will remain listed as a secondary contact for the duration of the dog's life.

5.2 Buyer Responsibility

The buyer agrees to maintain accurate and current contact information with the microchip registry throughout the dog's lifetime.

If the buyer's address, telephone number, email address, or other relevant contact information changes, the buyer agrees to update the microchip registry promptly.

The buyer may not remove Haus of Hound as a secondary contact from the microchip registration.

5.3 Lost or Recovered Dog

If the dog is lost, found as a stray, or otherwise recovered and Haus of Hound is contacted through the microchip registry, the breeder will make reasonable efforts to contact the buyer and assist in safely reuniting the dog with the buyer.

If the buyer cannot be reached within a reasonable period of time, Haus of Hound may make arrangements to take temporary possession of the dog to ensure the dog's immediate safety.

Temporary possession of a lost or recovered dog does not, by itself, terminate the buyer's ownership rights.

However, if the circumstances indicate that the dog has been abandoned, surrendered, improperly rehomed, or is otherwise subject to the return or reclaim provisions of this agreement, Haus of Hound may exercise its applicable rights under those provisions.

5.4 Notice to Shelters, Humane Societies, Rescues, Veterinary Offices & Animal Control

For the benefit of any shelter, humane society, rescue organization, veterinary office, animal control agency, or other organization that may come into possession of this dog:

Haus of Hound (Sophia McLees) is the breeder of this dog, is listed as a secondary contact on the dog's microchip, and may maintain co-ownership and/or contractual return rights under this agreement.

If this dog is surrendered, found as a stray, abandoned, or otherwise enters the custody of such an organization, **Haus of Hound should be contacted immediately** using the information associated with the microchip registration.

If the registered owner cannot be reached, Haus of Hound requests that the organization contact the breeder regarding release of the dog into the breeder's care, subject to applicable law and the organization's policies.

Emergency veterinary treatment necessary to preserve the dog's life or prevent unnecessary suffering may proceed without prior breeder authorization.

5.5 Permanent Medical Decisions While in Third-Party Custody

If the dog enters the custody of a shelter, humane society, rescue organization, animal control agency, veterinary office, or similar third party, Haus of Hound requests that reasonable efforts be made to contact the breeder before non-emergency procedures are performed that would permanently alter the dog, including spay or neuter surgery.

Nothing in this section is intended to delay or prevent emergency veterinary treatment necessary to protect the dog's immediate health or welfare.

5.6 Recovery Expenses

If the dog enters the custody of a shelter, humane society, rescue organization, veterinary office, animal control agency, or other third party, the breeder may take possession of or reclaim the dog when permitted under this agreement and applicable law.

Haus of Hound shall not be financially responsible for impound fees, licensing fees, veterinary expenses, boarding charges, transportation expenses, or other costs incurred as a result of the dog entering third-party custody.

Any such expenses remain the responsibility of the buyer or registered owner unless Haus of Hound expressly agrees otherwise in writing.

The breeder's involvement in recovering the dog is intended to ensure the dog's safety and appropriate placement and does not create an obligation for the breeder to assume expenses incurred by the buyer or a third party.

Section 6: Spay & Neuter Agreement

6.1 No Spay or Neuter Requirement

Haus of Hound does not require the dog to be spayed or neutered, provided the dog is responsibly managed and all breeding restrictions contained in this agreement are followed.

The buyer is responsible for preventing accidental breeding while the dog remains intact.

Any breeding of the dog remains subject to the AKC Registration & Co-Ownership requirements outlined in Section 4 of this agreement.

6.2 Spay & Neuter Timing Recommendation

Based on current veterinary research regarding large-breed dogs, the breeder strongly recommends **delaying spay or neuter procedures until the dog has reached appropriate physical maturity.**

Early sterilization in large-breed dogs has been associated with increased risk of certain orthopedic conditions and developmental concerns. In female dogs, early spaying may also increase the risk of **spay incontinence**, a condition that can cause lifelong urinary leakage associated with hormonal changes.

Research, including the **UC Davis study on breed-specific sterilization recommendations**, suggests that the timing of sterilization may affect long-term health outcomes in Doberman Pinschers.

For this reason, the breeder recommends the following:

- **Females:** Spay no earlier than **24 months of age or after the second heat cycle, whichever occurs later.**
- **Males:** Neuter no earlier than **24 months of age.**

The UC Davis research also supports consideration of leaving male Doberman Pinschers intact when they can be responsibly managed.

These recommendations are provided for educational purposes and should be discussed with the buyer's veterinarian when determining the most appropriate course of care for the individual dog.

6.3 Early Spay or Neuter & Health Guarantee

If the dog is electively spayed or neutered before the applicable recommended age outlined in Section 6.2, the health guarantee provided under Section 3 of this agreement will be void from the date of the procedure forward.

For females, this means elective spay before 24 months of age or before completion of the second heat cycle, whichever occurs later. For males, this means elective neuter before 24 months of age.

This provision does not apply when earlier spay or neuter is determined to be medically necessary by a licensed veterinarian. The buyer agrees to provide veterinary documentation supporting the medical necessity of the procedure upon request.

6.4 Hormone-Sparing Sterilization

For owners who need or choose to sterilize their dog while preserving natural hormone production, the buyer may discuss hormone-sparing sterilization procedures with a qualified veterinarian, including:

- **Ovary-sparing spay (OSS)** for females
- **Vasectomy** for males

For purposes of the health guarantee, a properly performed ovary-sparing spay or vasectomy **will not be considered an early spay or neuter under Section 6.3**, because these procedures preserve gonadal hormone production.

The availability and medical appropriateness of these procedures should be discussed with the buyer's veterinarian.

6.5 Responsible Management of Intact Dogs

The buyer understands that an intact dog must be responsibly managed to prevent accidental breeding.

Owners of intact females agree to securely separate the dog from intact males during heat cycles and understand that pregnancy can occur following even brief access to an intact male.

Owners of intact males agree not to permit the dog to roam, have unsupervised access to intact females, or otherwise create a foreseeable opportunity for an unauthorized breeding.

Any accidental breeding must be reported to Haus of Hound immediately and is subject to the provisions of Section 4.5.

6.6 Medical Necessity

Nothing in this agreement prohibits spay, neuter, or another reproductive procedure when a licensed veterinarian determines that the procedure is medically necessary for the health or welfare of the dog.

If reasonably possible and the situation is not an emergency, the buyer agrees to notify Haus of Hound before reproductive surgery is performed so that the circumstances and relevant health information may be documented within the breeding program.

Emergency treatment should never be delayed for the purpose of obtaining breeder approval.

Section 7: Return to Breeder

7.1 Lifetime Return to Haus of Hound

If at any point during the dog's lifetime the buyer is unable or unwilling to keep the dog, **Haus of Hound must be contacted immediately and provided the opportunity to take possession of the dog.**

The dog must be returned to **Haus of Hound (Sophia McLees)** and may not be independently sold, surrendered, given away, transferred, advertised for placement, or rehomed by the buyer except as specifically permitted under Section 7.4.

Haus of Hound maintains a lifetime commitment to every dog produced by the breeding program. Life circumstances can change, and the purpose of this provision is to ensure that every Haus of Hound dog always has a safe place to return. Your puppy will always have a home here.

7.2 No Surrender to Shelters or Rescue

Under no circumstances may the dog be surrendered to a shelter, humane society, rescue organization, animal control facility, or similar organization without first contacting Haus of Hound and providing the breeder a reasonable opportunity to take possession of the dog.

This obligation applies throughout the dog's lifetime regardless of the dog's age, health status, temperament, reproductive status, or whether Haus of Hound's AKC co-ownership has previously been released.

If the dog enters the custody of a shelter, rescue, humane society, animal control agency, veterinary facility, or other third party, the buyer authorizes Haus of Hound to communicate with that organization regarding the dog and, when permitted by applicable law and the organization's policies, arrange for the dog to be released into the breeder's care.

7.3 Return to Breeder

When a dog is returned under this agreement, Haus of Hound may take possession of the dog and evaluate the dog's health, temperament, behavior, and overall condition before determining an appropriate future placement.

Once ownership has been transferred back to Haus of Hound, the breeder has sole discretion regarding the dog's subsequent care and placement, including whether the dog will remain permanently with Haus of Hound or be placed in another suitable home.

The former buyer does not retain the right to select, approve, contact, or otherwise participate in determining the dog's subsequent placement unless Haus of Hound chooses to involve the buyer.

7.4 Limited Exception for Direct Transfer

In extenuating circumstances, Haus of Hound may, at the breeder's sole discretion, authorize the dog to be transferred directly from the buyer to another person rather than physically returned to the breeder.

This exception is intended for circumstances in which remaining with a person already known to the dog or buyer—such as a family member or other established caregiver—is determined by Haus of Hound to be an appropriate placement.

The buyer does not have the independent right to select or arrange a new home for the dog. Any proposed direct transfer must be disclosed to and approved in writing by Haus of Hound before the dog changes possession or ownership.

Haus of Hound may require information about and communication with the proposed new owner before approving the transfer.

If a direct transfer is approved, the new owner must agree to any continuing contractual requirements established by Haus of Hound and complete all applicable AKC registration, ownership, microchip, and contractual documentation required for the transfer.

If Haus of Hound does not approve the proposed direct transfer, the dog must be returned to Haus of Hound.

7.5 Transfer of Ownership & AKC Rights Upon Return

When a dog is returned to Haus of Hound, the buyer agrees to relinquish all ownership and registration rights in the dog to Haus of Hound, including the buyer's ownership interest in the dog's American Kennel Club (AKC) registration.

The buyer agrees to promptly sign and complete any AKC forms, ownership transfers, registrations, or other documentation reasonably necessary to establish Haus of Hound as the sole registered owner of the dog.

The buyer must also provide all reasonably available records and documentation relating to the dog, including:

- Veterinary and vaccination records
- AKC registration information and documentation
- Microchip information
- Health-testing results, if applicable
- Training or behavioral records relevant to the dog's care
- Current medications and information regarding ongoing medical treatment

The buyer agrees to fully disclose any known medical, behavioral, or temperament concerns before the dog is returned.

Once the dog has been returned and ownership relinquished to Haus of Hound, the former buyer will have no continuing ownership, registration, breeding, possession, or placement rights in the dog.

7.6 Transportation & Expenses

The buyer is responsible for arranging and paying for transportation necessary to return the dog to Haus of Hound unless otherwise agreed upon in writing.

The buyer remains responsible for expenses incurred on behalf of the dog before the breeder takes possession, including veterinary care, boarding, transportation, impound fees, or other expenses resulting from the buyer's ownership or care of the dog.

Haus of Hound's willingness to assist in recovering or accepting the dog does not constitute an agreement to assume the buyer's outstanding expenses.

7.7 No Refund Upon Return

Except as specifically provided under the Puppy Adjustment Period in Section 7.8, returning the dog to Haus of Hound does not entitle the buyer to a refund, reimbursement, credit, replacement puppy, or other compensation.

The lifetime return provision exists to protect the dog and ensure responsible placement.

7.8 Puppy Adjustment Period

Haus of Hound understands that bringing home a new puppy can be an overwhelming transition and that, in rare circumstances, a buyer may determine shortly after placement that the puppy is not the appropriate fit for their household.

If the buyer contacts Haus of Hound within **fourteen (14) calendar days of taking possession of the puppy** and requests to return the puppy, the breeder may agree to accept the puppy back into her care.

Upon the puppy's safe return, Haus of Hound may, at the breeder's discretion, issue a **partial refund equal to fifty percent (50%) of the purchase price paid, excluding the non-refundable deposit.**

The original deposit remains **non-refundable**. Any optional services or additional expenses—including ear cropping, transportation, taxes, payment-processing fees, or other additional costs—are also non-refundable and are not included when calculating the partial refund.

The puppy must be returned in good health and condition, ordinary adjustment-related changes excepted, together with all veterinary records and other documentation provided or obtained since placement.

The buyer is responsible for all transportation arrangements and expenses associated with returning the puppy.

As a condition of any partial refund under this section, the buyer must relinquish all ownership and AKC registration rights in the puppy and complete all documentation required under Section 7.5. No partial refund will be issued until the puppy has been safely returned to Haus of Hound and the required ownership and AKC transfer documentation has been completed.

The purpose of this provision is to allow Haus of Hound to welcome a puppy back promptly and responsibly determine an appropriate future placement when an initial placement does not work out.

Section 8: Care & Welfare Agreement

8.1 Veterinary Care

The buyer agrees to provide appropriate veterinary care for the dog throughout its lifetime, including routine wellness examinations and prompt veterinary attention in the event of illness, injury, or other significant health concerns.

Veterinary decisions ultimately remain the responsibility of the buyer in consultation with their chosen licensed veterinarian.

The buyer agrees to maintain any vaccinations required by applicable law, including rabies vaccination, and to provide reasonable preventative care and screening appropriate for the dog's age, lifestyle, geographic location, and individual health needs.

Nothing in this agreement requires the buyer to follow a specific vaccination, medication, diet, or preventative-care protocol when the buyer and their veterinarian determine that another medically appropriate approach is preferable.

8.2 General Care & Living Conditions

The buyer agrees to provide the dog with a **safe, clean, humane, and appropriate home environment** and to meet the dog's physical and emotional needs throughout its lifetime.

The buyer agrees to provide appropriate nutrition and fresh water, maintain the dog at a healthy body condition, provide appropriate exercise and mental stimulation, protect the dog from extreme temperatures and unsafe conditions, and provide adequate companionship and interaction.

Doberman Pinschers are intelligent, active, highly social working dogs. They require meaningful interaction with their people and should not be routinely isolated or maintained primarily as outdoor dogs.

The dog may not be subjected to neglect, abuse, abandonment, or living conditions that unreasonably jeopardize the dog's health or welfare.

8.3 Puppy Training & Socialization Requirement

Doberman Pinschers are intelligent, highly trainable working dogs that benefit from early structure, socialization, and consistent engagement with their owners. Early training also provides an important opportunity for the buyer and puppy to **build a strong working relationship and bond while establishing appropriate household manners and communication.**

The buyer agrees to **enroll the puppy in an age-appropriate, instructor-led puppy training class before the puppy reaches four (4) months of age** and to make reasonable efforts to attend and successfully complete the course.

Upon completion, the buyer agrees to provide Haus of Hound with a **certificate of completion or other reasonable documentation confirming completion of the course.**

The class may be offered through a professional dog-training facility, local kennel club, AKC-affiliated club, or another reputable training organization. Haus of Hound is happy to assist the buyer in locating an appropriate puppy class in their area.

Haus of Hound particularly encourages families to explore their **local kennel club** and opportunities to participate in the **AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy program**, with the goal of continuing training toward the **AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC)** certification when appropriate.

Local kennel clubs can also introduce owners and their dogs to a wide variety of activities beyond basic puppy training, including **obedience, rally, scent work, agility, conformation, and other dog sports and activities.** Participation in these additional activities is encouraged but is not required under this agreement.

Beyond the required puppy class, the buyer agrees to make reasonable ongoing efforts to provide appropriate training and socialization throughout the dog's development, including age-appropriate exposure to people, animals, environments, surfaces, sounds, and everyday experiences.

If significant training, behavioral, or temperament concerns arise, the buyer agrees to contact Haus of Hound and make reasonable efforts to address the concern, including seeking assistance from a qualified professional trainer or veterinary professional when appropriate.

Haus of Hound remains available as a lifelong resource and encourages buyers to reach out early with training questions or concerns.

8.4 Age-Appropriate Exercise & Development

The buyer understands that the puppy's joints and skeletal system will continue developing as the dog grows.

During growth and development, the buyer agrees to provide age-appropriate exercise and to avoid unreasonable repetitive impact, excessive forced exercise, or other physical activity inappropriate for a developing large-breed puppy.

Normal puppy play, exploration, training, and self-directed activity are encouraged. The purpose of this provision is not to restrict normal activity, but to encourage thoughtful management during

physical development.

8.5 Financial Preparedness & Pet Insurance

The buyer understands that ownership of a Doberman Pinscher carries ongoing financial responsibility and that unexpected illness, injury, emergency veterinary treatment, specialty care, or chronic medical conditions may result in significant expenses.

The buyer agrees to be financially prepared to provide appropriate veterinary care when needed.

Haus of Hound recommends maintaining comprehensive pet insurance or a sufficient emergency veterinary fund throughout the dog's life.

Any complimentary insurance coverage provided at placement is temporary, and it is the buyer's responsibility to activate, continue, replace, or obtain future coverage as desired.

8.6 Doberman-Specific Health & Preventative Care

Haus of Hound encourages buyers to become familiar with health conditions known to occur within the Doberman Pinscher breed and to maintain an ongoing relationship with a veterinarian familiar with large-breed dogs.

In particular, Haus of Hound strongly recommends that Doberman Pinschers receive **routine cardiac screening beginning at approximately two (2) years of age and continuing annually thereafter**, including both an **echocardiogram and 24-hour Holter monitor**, whenever reasonably available.

The breeder also recommends maintaining a lean, healthy body condition; providing age-appropriate exercise during growth; monitoring for changes in exercise tolerance, breathing, heart rate or rhythm, fainting, weakness, or other concerning symptoms; and seeking veterinary attention when significant changes are observed.

Because Doberman Pinschers are a deep-chested breed, buyers should familiarize themselves with **gastric dilatation-volvulus (GDV/bloat)**, recognize its signs as a veterinary emergency, and discuss appropriate prevention strategies with their veterinarian.

These breed-specific recommendations are provided for **educational and preventative purposes** and do not constitute a guarantee that following them will prevent hereditary or acquired disease.

8.7 Breeder Health Philosophy & Recommendations

Haus of Hound may provide ongoing guidance regarding nutrition, vaccination, parasite prevention, exercise, reproductive health, cardiac screening, and other aspects of Doberman care based on breeder experience and available veterinary research.

Recommendations may include approaches such as antibody titer testing when appropriate, parasite testing and targeted treatment, thoughtful vaccination protocols, maintaining an appropriate large-breed diet and body condition, and breed-specific preventative screening.

These recommendations are intended as **educational guidance** and should be discussed with the buyer's veterinarian when determining the most appropriate care for the individual dog.

A buyer's reasonable decision, made in consultation with a licensed veterinarian, to follow a different medically appropriate care protocol **does not by itself constitute a breach of this agreement.**

8.8 Health Guarantee & Buyer Care

The health guarantee contained in Section 3 assumes that the dog receives reasonable and appropriate care throughout the applicable guarantee period.

The health guarantee does not cover illness, injury, or other conditions caused or materially worsened by neglect, abuse, preventable trauma, inappropriate nutrition, severe obesity, failure to obtain reasonably necessary veterinary treatment, or other circumstances attributable to inadequate care after the dog leaves Haus of Hound.

A failure to follow a **breeder recommendation alone** does not automatically void the health guarantee unless this agreement specifically states otherwise, including the early spay and neuter provisions contained in Section 6.

8.9 Serious Welfare Concerns

If Haus of Hound receives credible information indicating that the dog is being subjected to **serious neglect, abuse, abandonment, unsafe living conditions, or a substantial and ongoing failure to provide necessary veterinary care**, the breeder may contact the buyer regarding the dog's welfare and request documentation or other reasonable information necessary to understand the circumstances.

When reasonably possible, Haus of Hound will provide the buyer an opportunity to address a correctable welfare concern.

If the circumstances present a serious or continuing threat to the dog's health or safety and are not reasonably corrected, **Haus of Hound may request the immediate return of the dog pursuant to Section 7 of this agreement.**

Nothing in this provision prevents emergency veterinary care or intervention by appropriate authorities when required for the immediate health or safety of the dog.

Section 9: Ear Cropping or Natural Ears Disclosure

9.1 Natural Ears

Doberman Pinschers are naturally born with uncropped ears. Ear cropping is an **optional cosmetic procedure** and is not required by Haus of Hound.

Puppies will be placed with natural ears unless the buyer elects Haus of Hound's optional ear-cropping service within the required timeframe.

The buyer understands that choosing natural ears does not affect the puppy's purchase price, registration, health guarantee, or standing with Haus of Hound.

9.2 Optional Ear-Cropping Service

Haus of Hound offers buyers the option to have their puppy's ears professionally cropped before placement.

Ear-Cropping Fee: \$800

The ear-cropping fee is separate from the puppy purchase price and must be paid in full by the deadline established by Haus of Hound.

The procedure is currently performed by **Dr. Wright at Brown Deer Animal Hospital in Brown Deer, Wisconsin**, under general anesthesia and with appropriate veterinary pain management.

Haus of Hound coordinates scheduling and transportation associated with the procedure when the puppy is cropped through the breeder.

The ear-cropping fee is **non-refundable once the procedure has been scheduled or performed**, including if the puppy is subsequently returned to Haus of Hound.

9.3 Timing of Election

The buyer must elect and pay for the optional ear-cropping service **no later than four (4) weeks of age or at the time of reservation if the puppy is reserved after four weeks of age**, subject to scheduling availability.

If the buyer does not elect the service within the required timeframe, Haus of Hound cannot guarantee that breeder-coordinated cropping will remain available.

9.4 Crop Style

Haus of Hound generally recommends a **medium working crop** that complements the Doberman Pinscher's head, structure, and overall appearance.

The buyer may discuss reasonable crop preferences with Haus of Hound before the procedure; however, the buyer understands that the final crop is performed according to the veterinarian's professional judgment and the individual puppy's ear shape, ear leather, head structure, and anatomy.

No specific finished ear length, shape, bell, position, or appearance is guaranteed.

9.5 Post-Operative Care & Pickup

Following surgery, the puppy will receive appropriate immediate post-operative veterinary care and prescribed medication as directed by the veterinarian.

Depending on the buyer's experience, the puppy's healing, and the breeder's assessment of the individual situation, the puppy may:

- Go home approximately **two (2) days following the procedure**, with the buyer assuming responsibility for continued aftercare; or
- Remain with Haus of Hound through the initial healing period and/or suture removal before going home.

Haus of Hound generally recommends that **first-time owners allow the puppy to remain with the breeder through the initial healing period** so that the ears can be appropriately monitored before posting begins.

The puppy's exact go-home date may therefore vary based upon cropping, healing, veterinary recommendations, and the individual puppy.

9.6 Ear Posting

Ear cropping is only the surgical portion of the process. **Consistent posting and aftercare are necessary for cropped ears to have the opportunity to stand properly.**

Once the puppy is in the buyer's possession, the buyer assumes responsibility for all ongoing ear care and posting unless another arrangement has been made with Haus of Hound.

Haus of Hound will provide education and reasonable guidance regarding posting and is available to help buyers learn the process.

The buyer understands that posting may be required for **several months or longer**, depending on the individual dog, crop, ear leather, teething, consistency of posting, and other factors.

9.7 No Guarantee of Final Ear Carriage

Haus of Hound **does not guarantee that cropped ears will ultimately stand or achieve a particular cosmetic appearance.**

Final results may be affected by anatomy, healing, genetics, crop style, posting technique, consistency, duration of posting, injury, infection, scar tissue, and other factors outside the breeder's control.

Once the puppy leaves Haus of Hound, the buyer is responsible for following appropriate aftercare and posting instructions.

Dissatisfaction with the cosmetic appearance or final carriage of cropped ears does not constitute a health defect and is **not covered by the Health Guarantee in Section 3.**

9.8 Risks & Complications

The buyer understands that ear cropping is an elective surgical procedure involving general anesthesia and carries risks associated with surgery, anesthesia, healing, and post-operative care.

Possible complications may include bleeding, swelling, infection, delayed healing, suture complications, scarring, irritation, injury to the ears, or an undesirable cosmetic result.

Any known complication occurring while the puppy remains in Haus of Hound's care will be appropriately addressed and disclosed to the buyer.

After the puppy leaves the breeder's possession, the buyer is responsible for obtaining appropriate veterinary care for any complication or concern that develops.

9.9 Independent Ear Cropping

If the buyer chooses natural ears at placement and later elects to have the dog's ears cropped independently, all scheduling, veterinary selection, expenses, aftercare, and results are solely the buyer's responsibility.

Haus of Hound makes **no guarantee regarding the availability or appropriateness of ear cropping after the puppy leaves the breeder's care**, as veterinarians who perform the procedure may have their own age limitations and requirements.

Any independently arranged ear crop is not included in the puppy purchase price or Haus of Hound's optional cropping service.

9.10 Buyer Acknowledgement

The buyer acknowledges that they have been given the choice between **natural ears and optional ear cropping** and understand that ear cropping is an elective procedure.

Ear Selection:

- ☐ **Natural Ears**
- ☐ **Haus of Hound Optional Ear-Cropping Service — \$800**

If ear cropping is selected, the buyer acknowledges responsibility for learning and maintaining appropriate posting and aftercare once that responsibility transfers from Haus of Hound.

Section 10: Transfer of Possession & Transportation

10.1 Puppy Readiness & Go-Home Date

Haus of Hound will determine when the puppy is ready to leave the breeder's care based on the puppy's age, health, development, veterinary care, and any optional procedures such as ear cropping.

Puppies will not be released before the minimum age permitted by applicable law.

Puppies are generally expected to go home between approximately **seven (7) and nine (9) weeks of age**, although the individual puppy's circumstances, veterinary recommendations, ear-cropping schedule, healing, or other factors may affect the actual go-home date.

The buyer agrees to coordinate a pickup or transportation date with Haus of Hound in advance and comply with the pickup timeframe established in **Section 2**.

10.2 Transfer of Possession & Responsibility

Responsibility for the puppy transfers from Haus of Hound to the buyer when the puppy is physically transferred to:

- The buyer;
- A representative specifically designated by the buyer; or
- A professional transportation provider arranged or approved for delivery of the puppy.

Once possession has transferred, the buyer assumes responsibility for the puppy's supervision, care, safety, transportation, and expenses except as otherwise expressly provided under this agreement.

Transfer of physical possession does not alter or terminate Haus of Hound's AKC co-ownership or other contractual rights established elsewhere in this agreement.

10.3 Buyer Pickup

Whenever reasonably possible, Haus of Hound welcomes buyers to pick up their puppy personally.

At pickup, the buyer will receive the puppy together with applicable veterinary records, registration information, microchip information, and other go-home materials provided by Haus of Hound.

The buyer is responsible for arriving with an appropriate and safe method of transporting the puppy home.

10.4 Designated Representative

If the buyer is unable to pick up the puppy personally, the buyer may designate a trusted adult representative to take possession of the puppy on the buyer's behalf with advance approval from Haus of Hound.

Transfer of the puppy to the buyer's approved representative constitutes transfer of possession to the buyer for purposes of this agreement.

The buyer remains bound by all provisions of this agreement regardless of whether the puppy is personally collected by the buyer or by a designated representative.

10.5 Professional Transportation

Professional puppy transportation may be arranged when appropriate and agreed upon in advance.

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the buyer is responsible for all costs associated with transportation, including transportation fees and any required travel documentation, veterinary certificates, crates, or other expenses associated with delivery.

Haus of Hound may decline a proposed transportation method or provider if the breeder reasonably believes the arrangement would compromise the puppy's health, safety, or welfare.

10.6 Travel Risk

Once the puppy has been transferred to the buyer, the buyer's designated representative, or the agreed-upon transportation provider, the buyer assumes responsibility for risks associated with transportation and travel.

Haus of Hound is not responsible for injury, illness, delay, loss, escape, accident, environmental exposure, or other events occurring during transportation after possession has transferred, except to the extent otherwise expressly provided by this agreement or required by applicable law.

10.7 Health & Records at Transfer

The puppy's health, veterinary records, disclosures, and required post-transfer veterinary examination are governed by Section 3 of this agreement.

Section 11: Communication & Additional Terms

11.1 Ongoing Communication

Haus of Hound values an ongoing relationship with every family and welcomes communication throughout the dog's lifetime.

The buyer agrees to notify the breeder of any **significant health, temperament, behavioral, reproductive, or welfare concern** that may be relevant to the dog or the Haus of Hound breeding program.

Haus of Hound also appreciates occasional photos, videos, milestones, and updates as the dog grows. These informal updates are encouraged but are not required under this agreement.

Information regarding significant health conditions may be retained by Haus of Hound for the purpose of monitoring the long-term health of dogs produced by the breeding program and making informed future breeding decisions.

11.2 Lifelong Breeder Support

Haus of Hound is committed to remaining a **lifelong resource** for the buyer and welcomes questions regarding the dog's care, training, health, development, ear posting, breed-specific needs, and general ownership.

There is no such thing as a “stupid question.” Buyers are encouraged to reach out early when questions or concerns arise rather than waiting for a problem to become more difficult to address.

The breeder will make reasonable efforts to provide guidance, education, resources, and referrals when appropriate.

Breeder guidance is based on experience and available information and is not a substitute for professional veterinary, behavioral, training, or legal advice when such professional assistance is appropriate.

11.3 Respectful Communication & Resolution of Concerns

If a concern or disagreement arises regarding the puppy, this agreement, or the Haus of Hound breeding program, both parties agree to make reasonable efforts to communicate directly and respectfully and attempt to resolve the matter in good faith.

The buyer is encouraged to bring concerns directly to Haus of Hound so the breeder has a reasonable opportunity to understand and respond to the situation.

Nothing in this section prevents either party from sharing **truthful information, personal experiences, or opinions**, seeking professional advice, reporting legitimate animal-welfare or legal concerns, or exercising any right available under applicable law.

Neither party agrees to knowingly publish or communicate materially false statements of fact about the other.

11.4 Placement Prior to Transfer

Haus of Hound reserves the right to cancel a puppy placement **at any time before the puppy is transferred to the buyer** if the breeder reasonably determines that completing the placement would not be in the puppy's best interest.

If Haus of Hound cancels the placement under this provision for reasons not caused by a material breach or misrepresentation by the buyer, payments made toward the puppy purchase price will be refunded.

Cancellation of a placement under this provision does not entitle the prospective buyer to additional compensation for travel arrangements, supplies, lost time, emotional distress, or other incidental expenses.

11.5 No Guarantee of Adult Characteristics

Haus of Hound carefully considers pedigree, health, structure, temperament, development, and individual puppy characteristics when planning litters and assisting families with puppy selection.

However, the breeder cannot guarantee the dog's eventual:

- Adult size or weight
- Final color, coat, or physical appearance
- Temperament or personality
- Working or performance ability
- Show or conformation success
- Fertility or reproductive ability
- Breeding suitability
- Ear carriage or cosmetic outcome
- Achievement of any particular title, certification, or performance level

Puppies continue to develop physically and behaviorally as they mature, and adult characteristics may be influenced by genetics, environment, training, health, nutrition, management, and other factors.

Nothing in this section limits the specific health protections expressly provided under **Section 3**.

11.6 Non-Transferability of Agreement

This agreement is between Haus of Hound and the buyer(s) identified in Section 1 and may not be assigned or transferred to another person without the breeder's written approval.

A puppy may not be purchased on behalf of another person without Haus of Hound's prior knowledge and approval.

Any transfer of the dog itself remains subject to the Lifetime Return & Transfer of Ownership provisions contained in Section 7.

If Haus of Hound approves a direct transfer of the dog under Section 7.4, the breeder may require the new owner to execute a new agreement or other documentation governing their ownership of the dog.

11.7 Unforeseen Circumstances

Haus of Hound will make reasonable efforts to meet anticipated breeding, veterinary, pickup, and placement timelines; however, dates involving living animals cannot always be guaranteed.

The breeder will not be responsible for reasonable delays, schedule changes, or cancellations resulting from circumstances outside the breeder's reasonable control, including veterinary emergencies, illness, reproductive complications, litter size or composition, puppy health or development, natural disasters, severe weather, transportation disruptions, or other unforeseen circumstances affecting the breeder, dam, litter, or puppy.

The health and welfare of the dogs and puppies will take priority over anticipated timelines.

11.8 Photographs, Updates & Media

The buyer may voluntarily provide Haus of Hound with photographs, videos, updates, testimonials, or other media relating to the dog.

Unless the buyer requests otherwise, the buyer grants Haus of Hound permission to **share media voluntarily provided to the breeder** for purposes related to the breeding program, including the Haus of Hound website, social media, educational materials, litter-history pages, and alumni features.

Haus of Hound will make reasonable efforts not to publish the buyer's private contact information or other sensitive personal information without permission.

The buyer may request that future use of personally submitted media be discontinued by notifying Haus of Hound in writing. Such a request will apply prospectively and does not require removal of materials already printed, published, distributed, or incorporated into existing content.

11.9 Governing Law & Jurisdiction

This agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the **laws of the State of Wisconsin**, without regard to conflict-of-law principles.

Any dispute arising from or relating to this agreement shall be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction in the State of Wisconsin, subject to any rights or venue requirements that cannot lawfully be waived.

11.10 Entire Agreement

This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between Haus of Hound and the buyer regarding the purchase and placement of the dog and supersedes prior oral or written representations regarding the terms addressed herein.

Any amendment or modification to this agreement must be made in writing and agreed to by both parties.

No waiver of a provision on one occasion constitutes a continuing waiver of that provision or any other provision.

11.11 Severability

If any provision of this agreement is determined to be invalid, unlawful, or unenforceable, that provision shall be interpreted or limited to the extent permitted by law, and the remaining provisions of the agreement shall remain in effect to the extent legally permissible.

11.12 Electronic Signatures & Copies

The parties agree that this agreement may be executed electronically and that electronic signatures and electronically transmitted copies may be treated as originals to the extent permitted by applicable law.

Each party should retain a completed copy of the agreement for their records.

Bill of Sale

On this date, the breeder, **Sophia McLees** of **Haus of Hound**, has received payment in the amount of:

- **\$5,000.00 USD**
- Paid via:
 - ☐ Cash
 - ☐ Cashier's Check
 - ☐ Zelle
 - ☐ Venmo
 - ☐ Apple Pay
 - ☐ Good Dog Payment
- Payment Breakdown:
 - Puppy Purchase Price: \$5,000.00
- For one **Doberman Pinscher puppy**, as described above.

Physical possession and primary ownership of the puppy are hereby transferred to the buyer identified in this agreement.

The buyer acknowledges receipt of the puppy and all applicable accompanying documents and materials, including veterinary and vaccination records, AKC registration information, microchip information, and go-home materials provided by Haus of Hound.

The buyer understands that this transfer of possession and primary ownership does not terminate Haus of Hound's AKC co-ownership. The puppy will initially remain registered with the American Kennel Club (AKC) in the names of both the buyer and Haus of Hound (Sophia McLees) as co-owners in accordance with Section 4 of this agreement.

Haus of Hound will release its AKC co-ownership interest when the applicable requirements contained in Section 4 have been satisfactorily completed.

This Bill of Sale is incorporated into and subject to the Haus of Hound Puppy Purchase Agreement 2027. All health guarantees, co-ownership requirements, breeding provisions, return requirements, care obligations, and other terms of the Puppy Purchase Agreement remain in effect following transfer.

Agreement Confirmation & Signatures

By signing below, the buyer and co-buyer (if applicable) acknowledge that they have read, understand, and agree to all terms and conditions outlined in this Puppy Purchase Agreement.

The buyer and co-buyer acknowledge that they have had the opportunity to ask questions regarding this agreement prior to signing and voluntarily accept the responsibilities and obligations contained herein.

Both the buyer and co-buyer (if applicable) agree to be jointly responsible for the health, care, and well-being of the puppy and for compliance with all terms of this agreement.

Buyer Name (Printed): _____

Buyer Signature:

Date: _____

Co-Buyer Name (if applicable): _____

Co-Buyer Signature:

Date: _____

Breeder Information

Name: Sophia McLees

Kennel Name: Haus of Hound

Phone: (414) 902-0766

Breeder Signature:

Date: _____