

Our Warranty/Guarantee

We guarantee the puppy's general health at the time it is shipped, or at the time you pick it up. You should take your puppy to be examined by a veterinarian as soon as possible, preferably within 48 hours of bringing him/her home. If the puppy is found to be in poor health at this time, the dog must be returned to us immediately at the buyer's expense, for a replacement of equal value. If we do not have a replacement puppy at that time, we will provide a replacement when one is available, unless other mutually acceptable arrangements are made.

Failure to see a licensed veterinarian within 48 hours voids all warranties. There are no other implied warranties except the ones specified below.

The puppy will come with a health/vaccination record, and will have been examined by a vet before it is shipped/you pick it up.

The puppies will have their ears tattooed before they leave. (Green ink will wear off, please don't wash off!)

The male puppies are warranted for both testicles to drop, IF they are sold as breeding/show quality. If the puppy is sold as a pet, this will not matter. Testicles can drop late on some lines! IF you buy a breeding quality/show male and his testicles don't drop, we will replace the puppy up to one year of age, with one equal in value to the first puppy at time of purchase. (You will get a replacement as one comes available. We do not ALWAYS have puppies.)

You must return the first puppy to Traumahof to receive a replacement puppy. Should you choose to retain the original dog, you forfeit the replacement warranty.

For the period of one year from purchase, we warrantee the puppy against crippling hip dysplasia that would prevent the dog from living a quality life as a pet. Our hip guarantee is a puppy replacement guarantee. We breed only dogs who have their hip 'A' stamp or OFA certification.

Customers should know that despite our best efforts, a puppy we bred COULD develop hip dysplasia. German Shepherds can produce occasional bad hips, even when the parents are certified and the ZW is low. Your only way to be 100% certain your dog will have good hips is to purchase one over age two, with hip xrays already done and graded as excellent!

Further, it is now widely believed that genetics is only part of the story in development of hip dysplasia. Other causes are: diet, over feeding, too much strenuous exercise at young age. Please feed a good, high quality natural food with human quality ingredients, or a raw diet. Keep your dog thin... over weight dogs have more stress on joints/bones! (Note: Your puppy very likely is ready to switch to adult formula food by 6 months of age!)

You need to be careful not to over exert and over stress your puppy! DO NOT take your puppy jogging or running on leash next to your bike! Do not exercise him/her to the point of exhaustion. Walking around the block is fine, but do not go for three mile walks with a very young puppy! Do not have puppy jumping off tall A frames or over hurdles, either. Save these strenuous activities for after age ten months!

You must have preliminary Xrays done to determine hip dysplasia. If you do this and your vet feels the dog won't pass OFA, you need to send a copy of the xrays

to Traumhof, so we can have a vet who is an expert in hips/GSDs review the x-ray. No dog will be replaced until we see the x-rays have our vet examine them. If it is determined that bad placement made x-rays invalid, the dog will need to be have the x-rays redone at your expense. We also need to determine the degree of the hip problem, so we can decide what will happen to this dog. The proper x-rays allow us to do this.

If you breed the dog before age 2, this warranty is void.

So, if you plan to breed before age 2, you need to have your hip x-rays in place and be certain the hips are okay, because we will not replace a dog who has been bred.

Our replacement warranty is just that - replacement. There is no money back guarantee. In order to get your replacement puppy, you will pay shipping to return the first dog to Traumhof. We will replace the puppy due to crippling hip dysplasia as soon as possible.

Should the buyer prefer to retain the dog, the buyer agrees to forfeit any replacement.

Purchase price of _____ is mutually acknowledged. Buyer represents that he/she is buying this dog primarily as a personal or family companion, even though the dog may have show quality structure. Buyer understands this dog is not guaranteed for breeding or showing and Buyer has no obligation to Seller for showing or Breeding this dog.

All sales are final and down payments or deposits are not refundable.

I have read the above conditions of sale. I understand and I agree to all conditions of the sale as indicated by my signature below.

DATE: _____

BUYER SIGNATURE: _____

SELLER SIGNATURE: _____