

# GC MINI POODLES 🐾 GUARDIAN PROGRAM

## INFORMATION SHEET

Sincere thanks for taking the time to learn a bit about our Guardian Program, what we do, what we stand for, and what we aim to achieve in our mission to produce healthy, good quality, GC Mini Poodles pups.

Breeding dogs is an amazing and rewarding experience, but it isn't for the faint of heart. A lot of hard work goes into raising confident well-adjusted fur-babies that their future forever-families would be proud of, and we take it all very seriously. Our guardianship program is based on a moral dedication to the welfare of all the dogs in our breeding program, and working alongside fellow breeders and Specialist Veterinarians, to ensure that our dogs are bred for temperament, form and to maintain a high standard.

The aim of this program is to ensure we have access to a wide range of high quality bloodlines to keep in our gene pool as breeders, without the need for keeping dogs in a kennel environment. Most council regulations stipulate that in a normal suburban yard a maximum of 2-4 dogs are to be kept on any property at one time. For rural properties the number can be higher, but depending on the zoning, a higher number can require permits, and kennel facilities are required by law to keep any larger number of dogs in one home. As genuine and dedicated dog lovers, this is what we are trying to avoid. We firmly believe that ANY dog is always best to spend its life in its forever home. Sadly, due to council regulations, we can only keep so many dogs at home and many breeders are faced with the harsh reality of having to re-home breeding dams (who are much loved family members) to bring on younger breeding dams to continue raising quality, healthy puppies that go on to be much loved family members all over Australia.

This is where our wonderful Guardian Program comes into play. We send pups, that are adopted at a very special reduced rate, out to their forever homes, where they get to live full and happy lives, but they stay on with GC Mini Poodles as a part of our breeding program.

No need for concrete kennels and steel cages. Just warm fluffy beds and a loving family to spend their days with ... and at the expiration of the Guardian Contract, you are fully refunded your adoption fee.

All of our guardian contracts have been tailored specifically to meet both the guardian family and the breeder's requirements. Our aim is to ensure that the guardian puppy is happily homed with all negotiations being kept warm and personal.

### **The Nitty Gritty**

Every Dam matures at a different rate and this is always taken into consideration when we assess a Dam's suitability for our breeding program.

A guardian contract is drawn up between GC Mini Poodles and the forever family (guardians) of the puppy in question, in regards to the number of litters she will have through GC Mini Poodles (usually three or four).

GC Mini Poodles will incur all costs in relation to litters as per the guardian contract.

The guardian of the Dam is required to keep in touch with us so we can keep track of her cycle, keep up to date with her health and fitness and plan upcoming litters.

No Dams in our guardianship program are to be kept with an entire male dog at home, and due caution is to be taken when out and about, especially when she's in season.

Dams are to be available when requested (with reasonable notice and at the convenience of both parties, of course) for things such as DNA testing, progesterone tests, vet visits and so on. .../3

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Dams are to me made available to us for breeding (either natural or AI) and all relevant vet work, and then will be returned to your family until they are close to whelping (giving birth).

The Dam will need to come back to GC Mini Poodles approximately 1 week before she's due. She will whelp in my home, in our comfy whelping pen. The puppies will be raised in our home, and then usually weaned at around 5-6 weeks old and will spend their last few weeks with GC Mini Poodles to receive all of their relevant vet work and meet their new families.

This part of the Contract is the area that I like to spend the most time on ... I realise around 7 weeks without a dog at home is a long time! So I like to make sure that all parties are comfortable about where the Dam whelps, how long she'll be away from home for and where the puppies will be raised. A guardianship is a legally binding Contract, but it needs to be one that everyone is comfortable with, dedicated to, and most importantly, enjoy!

So, YES, you are welcome to come and visit the new pups when the time is right.

Once the guardian contract is fulfilled, GC Mini Poodles will pay for the desexing / sterilisation of the Dam, she will be signed over to you the guardian, and the guardian adoption fee of the Dam, \$1000.00 will be refunded to you, in full.

We will also pay our guardian \$200.00 per pup in each litter, as a sincere "thank you".

Thank you for taking the time to learn about our Guardianship Program and what we stand for !

If you have any questions or concerns, I'm only a call away, so please feel free to get in touch. .../4

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We look forward to welcoming new guardian families into the GC Mini Poodles family as we strive to breed confident, content, happy and healthy Poodles.

Warm regards,

Skye.xx

