**Guardian Home Agreement-**

**Between StarFire Shepherds (Breeder) and [Guardian Name]**

*For a German Shepherd Puppy from Venus’s Retirement Litter*

**1. Purpose-**

This agreement outlines the terms under which the Guardian will care for a German Shepherd puppy from Venus’s retirement litter, while StarFire Shepherds retains full breeding rights until the dog is retired.

**2. Puppy Information-**

* **Name:** To be determined
* **Breed:** German Shepherd
* **Sex:** Undetermined
* **Date of Birth:** [Insert DOB]
* **Microchip #:** [Insert once assigned]
* **Registration #:** [Insert once assigned]

**3. Ownership & Breeding Rights-**

* The Breeder retains full ownership and breeding rights until the dog is retired.
* The Guardian agrees not to spay/neuter the dog unless authorized in writing by the Breeder.
* Upon retirement, full ownership will transfer to the Guardian. At that time, **spay/neuter is optional and may be completed at the Guardian’s discretion.**

**4. Guardian Responsibilities-**

* Provide a safe, loving, and structured home environment.
* Ensure proper nutrition, daily exercise, and regular veterinary care.
* Maintain open communication with the Breeder regarding health, temperament, and behavior.
* Notify the Breeder promptly of any illness, injury, or behavioral concerns.
* Allow the Breeder access to the dog for health testing, evaluations, and breeding.
* Coordinate transportation or availability for breeding-related needs.

**5. Breeder Responsibilities**

* Cover all breeding-related expenses, including health testing (e.g., OFAs, genetic panels) and reproductive care.
* Provide guidance and support throughout the dog’s time in the Guardian Home.
* Ensure the dog’s well-being during breeding periods and return the dog promptly after.

**6. Breeding Schedule**

* **If female:** The dog may be required for up to **six (6) litters**, spaced appropriately to ensure her physical and emotional well-being.
* **If male:** The number of stud services will be **undetermined**, based on StarFire Shepherds’ program needs, health testing outcomes, and temperament evaluations.
* All breeding will be conducted ethically, with consideration for the dog’s comfort, health, and maturity.
* The Breeder will provide advance notice for any breeding-related needs and coordinate logistics with the Guardian.

**7. Termination**

This agreement may be terminated if:

* The Guardian fails to meet responsibilities outlined above.
* The dog’s health or temperament makes breeding unsuitable.
* Both parties mutually agree to terminate the arrangement.

**8. Transfer of Ownership**

Upon retirement, full ownership will transfer to the Guardian.

Spay/neuter may be performed at the Guardian’s discretion.

**10. Socialization & Training Expectations**

The Guardian agrees to provide age-appropriate socialization, basic obedience training, and enrichment activities to support the dog’s development.

The Breeder may offer guidance, resources, or referrals to assist in this process.

This ensures the dog matures into a well-balanced companion and potential breeding candidate.

**11. Photo & Update Agreement**

The Guardian agrees to provide periodic photo updates and temperament notes, especially during key developmental stages (e.g., 8 weeks, 6 months, 1 year).

These updates may be used for program records, promotional materials, or social media with Guardian consent.

This helps the Breeder maintain connection and transparency with the dog’s progress.

**12. Successor Clause-**

Should the Guardian become unable to continue care due to relocation, health, or personal circumstances, they agree to notify the Breeder immediately.

The Breeder will assist in finding a suitable alternative home or may reclaim the dog to ensure continuity of care and breeding plans.

**13. Breeding Preparation & Support-**

The Breeder will provide the Guardian with advance notice of planned breedings, including estimated dates and duration of care.

The Guardian agrees to make the dog available for transport or drop-off as needed.

The Breeder will cover all breeding-related expenses and provide updates during the dog’s stay.

**14. Health & Wellness Check-Ins-**

The Guardian agrees to maintain regular veterinary care, including annual wellness exams, vaccinations, and parasite prevention.

The Breeder may request updates on health status to ensure the dog remains a viable candidate for breeding.

**15. Breeder’s Right to Retire Early-**

The Breeder reserves the right to retire the dog from the breeding program early if health, temperament, or other factors arise.

In such cases, the dog will be spayed/neutered and full ownership will transfer to the Guardian.

**16. Signatures**

**Breeder:**
Business: StarFire Shepherds
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Guardian:**
Name:
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_