

# **Contract of Ownership**

**This contract states that the puppy described below was bred by:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**This puppy is being adopted with \_\_\_\_\_ registration.**

**Color/Description \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Whelped \_\_\_\_\_**

**Dam: \_\_\_\_\_ Reg# \_\_\_\_\_**

**Sire: \_\_\_\_\_ Reg# \_\_\_\_\_**

**The adoption of this pure-bred Shih Tzu is made upon the following terms and conditions.**

- 1. The total transfer price of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ with a first deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, a second deposit (if applicable) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and a balance of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be paid before the transfer of the puppy to the adopters' possession, or as agreed upon by both parties as noted below. (above price does not include shipping) The buyer is responsible for any bank charges on deposit checks that do not clear. Any puppy being put on hold after 4 weeks of age requires a 50% deposit. Any puppy being put on hold prior to 4 weeks of age, requires a \$100 deposit at that time and an additional deposit to equal 50% of the adoption price by 4 weeks of age. All deposits placed after the birth of the puppies are non-refundable. Advance deposits are refunded if at the time of birth, there is not a puppy to the adoptor's liking. Final payments are to be made in cash at time of pick up or 8 weeks of age if they puppy is being held past that age. If paying balance by check, it must arrive 2 weeks before due date so that is has time to clear the bank.**
- 2. To the best of the breeder's knowledge, this puppy is in good health, free from symptoms of contagious or infectious disease, and**

**absent of any signs of genetic defect at the time of adoption. It has been checked by a veterinarian. It has been dewormed and received its first shot. (See health records provided)**

**3. If the buyer believes this puppy to be sick, the animal can be taken to a veterinarian of the buyer's choice within 10 days of adoption. (It is understood that animals 6 months of age must not be exposed to other animals that may not have been fully immunized.) The puppy is guaranteed to be free from hereditary crippling defects for up to 1 year. Documented proof of such defect will be provided to the breeder within 2 days of your veterinary's certification of illness, at which time the puppy may be returned to the breeder along with its signed registration papers. The new owner will receive a full refund or a replacement puppy mutually agreed upon by both parties or you may choose to retain the puppy and receive reimbursement for reasonable veterinary fees, not exceeding the purchase price. No treatment is authorized. (Hernias and stenotic nares are not considered crippling hereditary defects. In addition, no guarantee is made against ailments or environmental disease. (i.e. parvo, kennel cough, aspergillus's, candida, etc.) The new owner understands that the breeder will not guarantee against sickness due to exposure, inadequate care, accidents, negligence, or abuse. The contract will be null and void if the puppy is given the leptospirosis vaccine. The safety and well being of the animal is the responsibility of the new owner from the time of transfer. This guarantee is made for the protection of both parties.**

**4. If it is stated above that you are adopting the puppy with limited registration, you are committing to having the puppy spayed or neutered at an appropriate age. (commonly by 6 months) The puppy will not be eligible for breeding, and doing so will nullify the contract and require you to surrender the puppy to the breeder void of any refund. You are required to provide the breeder a copy of the vet's report after spay/neuter is completed.**

**5. If it is stated above that you are adopting the puppy with full registration, then and only then, will you get AKC registration**

**papers. The puppy will be checked by the vet to assure there are not any conditions apparent at that time that will affect breeding. At no time is reproduction guaranteed. Any conditions that may arise after the transfer of this puppy that affect breeding, is not the responsibility of the breeder. This puppy is to be kept in your home as a forever pet. Trade agreements will be additionally signed if that applies.**

**6. *Transfer of this puppy is only permissible under extreme conditions and agreed upon by Debra Freeman. This puppy can only be transferred to a pet home. \_\_\_\_\_ adopter initial***

**7. The breeder assumes no responsibility for medical expenses, mortality, landlord's disapproval, allergy, or any other undesirable circumstances beyond the breeder's control once the dog has left the breeder's premises. In addition, the breeder reserves the right to be contacted in the event the new owner is for some reason unable or unwilling to care for the said puppy. The ownership of this puppy is not to be transferred to another party without the consent of the breeder.**

**8. *The breeder reserves the right to cancel this agreement anytime before the final transfer of the puppy. Only under these circumstances will a refund be given. \_\_\_\_\_ adopter initial***

**The breeder is available to answer any questions the new owner may have in helping the puppy adjust to its new environment. It is the breeder's intent to make the transition to its new family as smooth as possible.**

**Buyer: I hereby accept the above terms and conditions of the adoption and certify that I have read a copy of the Pa Puppy lemons laws which was available at the breeder's residence.**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Breeder:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Website:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_