

## Miniature Australian Shepherd

### Adoption Agreement

\*Breeder can only estimate potential adult sizes  
and are not guaranteed \*



*Dam: BLINE'S AWESOME FRECKLES*  
30 lbs, 16" tall



*Sire: BLINE'S AWESOME 'MAVERICK'*  
32 lbs, 15" tall

\*\*\*\*\* Date of Birth: September 16, 2024 \*\*\*\*\*

**Sex:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Coat Color:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Eye Color:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Tail:** Natural/Long

**Full or Limited Registration:** [ ] PET ONLY - LIMITED [ ] BREEDING RIGHTS - FULL

This document transfers ownership of an Australian Shepherd puppy to the following

**ADOPTER:**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Adoption fee is \$ \_\_\_\_\_;** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ deposit received, with the balance of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ due on or before pick-up day. The following conditions apply and must be agreed to by all adopters:

- BREED:** The breeder deems the puppy identified in this contract as a premium purebred Australian Shepherd.
- YOUR PUPPY:** The breeder will estimate the size, drive/personality, coat color, eye color, etc. as accurately as possible, but because there are so many factors involved in their growth and development from puppy to adulthood, including phenotypes and other genetics, in addition to the environmental effects once puppy leaves, the breeder cannot 100% guarantee any specific traits.
- 1ST VET VISIT:** You have 4 weeks from the date of adoption (pick-up date) to take your puppy in for their first/initial vet visit, or SOONER, if vaccines are due or if you suspect a problem. If you fail to do so, your health guarantee may be void. \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial)

4. **5 YEAR HEALTH GUARANTEE:** This puppy is certified as being in good health at the time of the sale/adoption and comes with a comprehensive health guarantee. You must contact us **immediately OR with-in 7 days of diagnosis**. A written report from the vet that examined/diagnosed the puppy/adult dog must be obtained and provided. The breeders's licensed vet shall be allowed to examine the puppy if requested. A new puppy will be provided at no additional cost. The affected dog/puppy may be kept or returned to the breeder. *This Guarantee includes the six genetic conditions on page 4 of this contract.*

The Health Guarantee EXCLUDES common uncontrollable puppy issues such as parasites, worms, distemper, parvo, etc. However, if your puppy is diagnosed with Parvo in the first 2 weeks and does not survive, a replacement puppy will be provided once your home and yard areas are completely disinfected according to your veterinarian's recommended protocol. No refunds will be given. PARVO is an extremely deadly and easy to spread virus that needs emergency medical care within the first 8-10 hours of symptoms. You are expected to protect your puppy at all times. Follow this rule religiously until 16 wks old and the final set of shots are given: NO FEET ON THE GROUND IN PUBLIC LOCATIONS WITH UNKNOWN DOGS UNTIL 3rd ROUND OF VACCINATIONS ARE GIVEN. Just remember: **'Four OFF the Floor!'**

5. **VACCINES & WORMING:** Your puppy has been dewormed several times since birth. They will have received at least ONE initial COMBO 5 in 1 immunization. Veterinarians in different areas may recommend a slightly different vaccine schedule. The minimum recommended vaccine schedule, as supported by our veterinarian:

**5-way Combo** (Canine Distemper, Adenovirus Type 2 (CAV-2, CAV-1), Parainfluenza and Parvovirus Vaccine) at 6 wks, 9 wks, 12 wks & 16 wks.

**Rabies Vaccine** given at 16 wks. and 1 yr.

Additional immunizations may be recommended based on the area that you live in. Use care and know exactly what the purpose, advantage & disadvantage, of any additional immunizations. We, as the Breeders, do give our own vaccines and worming to our puppies. We are supervised by a vet that comes out to the farm for all our animals. We use Vet approved/provided vaccines and worming meds as needed. *Please refer to the specific Health Record you receive when you pick up your puppy.* \_\_\_\_\_(Initial)

6. **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:** Adopter is financially responsible for all medical care (ex. office visits, deworming, vaccines, illness and any other treatment required) once the guardian picks-up/receives the puppy/adult dog. The health and well-being of your dog depends on the quality of care it is given. It is important to take your dog to the vet on a regular basis. You are responsible for any and all medical treatment the dog requires. The best practice is to always err on the side of caution. If your dog/puppy is not eating normally, is vomiting, has diarrhea, is sleeping more than usual, or has any other sort of odd behavior, take them into the vet ASAP! Please don't wait a few days to see if they improve. Early treatment is critical to a positive outcome. Adopter agrees that they are financially secure and able to afford the proper care for this puppy/dog. \_\_\_\_\_(Initial)

7. CARE OF YOUR PUPPY: This adoption agreement is to provide assurance that all Bline's Awesome Aussie Dogs will thrive in their loving home, which is intended to be their forever home. As such, the Adopter agrees to give full and proper care to this dog. The Adopter agrees to care for this puppy/dog in a responsible manner to include adherence to:

- **Microchip:** *It is recommended you have your puppy Micro-Chipped as soon as possible.* Check for a local low-cost Clinic at: [www.VIPpetcare.com](http://www.VIPpetcare.com) Please list Julie Bline as a secondary contact on your micro-chip registration.
- **Emergency Health Plan:** It is required that you activate your FREE 30 day health plan with Trupanion OR a comparable Health Plan through a company of your choice. *It is recommended you look into continuing past the 30 days with a health plan from an on-line insurance company, such as Trupanion, Pumpkin Insurance, etc, as puppies/dogs are famous for getting into things that are dangerous.* **Activate Breeder Offer #BR1BA3822** at [Trupanion.com](http://Trupanion.com) or call (855) 266-2156 **WITHIN 24HRS OF YOUR PICK UP DATE** in order to receive the **FREE 30** days offer.
- **Feeding Program:** The Adopter agrees to feed a quality meat & healthy grain based dog food. See our "[Dog Food: What is best?](#)" page. New research shows that a complete lack of grains in a dogs diet over a lifetime have been shown to have premature heart conditions in their latter years. Feed grain free or raw diets only upon the advice of your veterinarian. If you plan to feed a raw meat diet, make sure to supplement with veggies and whole grains.
- **Heartworm/Flea Treatment:** The Adopter agrees to adhere to heartworm and flea treatment monthly. **DO NOT USE Any Product Containing IVERMECTIN (Such as HeartGuard)**

We are currently using [Simparica TRIO](#), however, this is a fairly new product so we haven't been using it very long. Our puppies may leave here with a topical treatment of [Advantix](#), or a dose of Simparica TRIO, which lasts about 30 days. \_\_\_\_\_(Initial)

- **Exercise/Physical Health:** Provide adequate exercise for the dog on a regular basis.
- **Training:** Adopter agrees to train the dog to basic standards which includes Basic Obedience. They should learn to sit and 'look' (make eye contact with you.) They should have good recall, meaning they come when you call their name. They should allow you to roll them over on their backs for tummy rubs, and feet/mouth handling. They shall be properly socialized around other dogs, people and places.
- **Socialization:** The Adopter agrees and understands that the first 4-6 months are THE most crucial time to properly SOCIALIZE your puppy. The adopter understands that reading material is provided on the [PUPPY 101](#) page of our website: [www.blinefamilyfarm.com/Puppy-101](http://www.blinefamilyfarm.com/Puppy-101) \_\_\_\_\_(Initial)
- **Supervision:** The Adopter shall at all times keep their dog under close supervision and maintain under physical control at all times.
- **Grooming:** Keep the dog well-groomed at all times. The dog will need regular brushing to help keep the coat from matting. You may want to utilize a professional groomer about every 6 months to 1 year to keep the coat well maintained and healthy. Do NOT have the dog shaved unless discussing this with Breeder in advance! If a

haircut is necessary, a coat length of about 1-2 inches (the 'puppy' cut) is a manageable length for most people.

- **Adopter agrees to read, review and APPLY all information provided in this agreement and on our Website.** \_\_\_\_\_(Initial)

8. SPAY/NEUTER: Adopter agrees to spay or neuter this puppy by, or before, 15 months of age, and absolutely no earlier than 6 months of age. Prime time for neutering males is between 7-10mo. Prime time for spaying females is between 9-13 mo. This does not apply if Breeding Rights are Granted.

9. RE-HOMING: If for any reason the Adopter is no longer willing, or able, to properly care for this puppy/dog, then the breeder requests that Bline's Awesome Aussies be notified immediately, whereby they may either keep take back the dog and/or help to find the dog a new family. *No refund will be given for any fees paid.* Adopter agrees that under NO circumstances will the puppy be placed in a pound, shelter, or given to a rescue without first contacting the Breeder. \_\_\_\_\_(Initial)

10. UPDATED PHOTOS TO BREEDER: It is requested that you send updates & pics periodically: At least on their (a) first days at home, at (b) 6 mo. (c) 1 year through Text, E-mail, Facebook or Instagram so that we can be assured that all is well and we truly LOVE to see how your baby matures! Positive review posts are always appreciated: [Google](#), [Facebook](#), [Yelp](#) or [GoodDog](#)

11. ADOPTION AGREEMENT: If the adopter breaches any part of this contract, then the breeder can repossess the puppy without reimbursement to any others involved.

**This contract shall be signed and adhered to by both adopter and breeder for the well-being of this puppy.**

Breeder: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Adopter: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Cleared Genetic DNA by Parentage - 5 Year Genetic Health Guarantee

If a licensed veterinarian diagnoses a life threatening congenital health problem OR your dog is found to be AFFECTED (*carrier of 2 copies of the same gene*) on any of the genetic tests below, the adopter has the following options after following the Breeders Verified Proof of Testing Requirements:

1. The puppy/adult dog may be returned to the seller and replaced with a new puppy (within 5 years of age).
2. Puppy/Dog may be kept and a new puppy will be provided at no additional cost.

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### Cone Degeneration

Aliases: Achromatopsia, Day blindness, Hemeralopia, Rod monochromacy, CD

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### Degenerative Myelopathy

Aliases: Canine degenerative myelopathy, DM

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### Hereditary Cataracts (Australian Shepherd Type)

Aliases: Early onset cataracts, Juvenile cataracts, HC, HSF4, JC

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### Multifocal Retinopathy 1

Aliases: Canine multifocal retinopathy 1, CMR1

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### Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis 6

Aliases: Amaurotic idiocy, Batten disease, NCL, NCL6

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### Progressive Retinal Atrophy, Progressive Rod-Cone Degeneration

Aliases: PRA-PRCD, PRCD

**\* MDR1 (Multidrug Resistance Mutation) Applies to purebred Aussies.\* See information provided on MDR1 pre-cautions.** Your puppy SHOULD test **Negative OR Carrier/Not Affected** for this gene, HOWEVER, they could STILL have unknown severe allergic reactions to certain medications, such as IVERMECTIN (or HeartGuard). **It is recommended that you and your veterinarian maintain this caution and be vigilant at all times with your Australian Shepherds in regards to what medications are the safest for your fur baby, even with a negative test result, they may still be at risk.**

Anaphylactic shock happens quickly and can be lethal if emergency veterinary care is not provided immediately.

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## Multidrug Sensitivity in Herding Breeds: MDR1 Gene Mutation

**MDR1 Gene Mutation:** The MDR1 gene encodes P-glycoprotein, a drug transport pump that plays an important role in limiting drug absorption and distribution (particularly to the brain), as well as enhancing the excretion of many drugs used in dogs. Some dogs, particularly herding breeds, have a mutation in the MDR1 gene, leaving them defective in their ability to limit drug absorption and distribution. These dogs also have delayed excretion of drugs that are normally transported by P-glycoprotein.

### Drugs Affected by the MDR1 Gene Mutation:

Acepromazine  
 Butorphanol  
 Doxorubicin  
 Erythromycin

Ivermectin  
 Loperamide  
 Milbemycin  
 Moxidectin

Rifampin  
 Selamectin  
 Vinblastine  
 Vincristine

### [AKC Vaccination Guide \(click link for more information\)](#)

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Puppy's Age	Recommended Vaccinations	Optional Vaccinations
6 – 8 weeks	Distemper, parvovirus	Bordetella
10 – 12 weeks	DHPP (vaccines for distemper, adenovirus [hepatitis], parainfluenza, and parvovirus)	Influenza, Leptospirosis, Bordetella, Lyme disease per lifestyle as recommended by veterinarian
16 – 18 weeks	DHPP, rabies	Influenza, Lyme disease, Leptospirosis, Bordetella per lifestyle
12 – 16 months	DHPP, rabies	Coronavirus, Leptospirosis, Bordetella, Lyme disease
Every 1 – 2 years	DHPP	Influenza, Coronavirus, Leptospirosis, Bordetella, Lyme disease per lifestyle
Every 1 – 3 years	Rabies (as required by law)	none