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**JALERRAN**  
Siberians

## ***Jalerran Siberian Huskies***

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Type of Contract: **Direct Sale**

Date of Sale: \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase Price: **\$1200**

### **Agreement**

*Purchaser Information:*

Purchaser: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Puppy or Dog Information:*

Registered Name: Jalerran's \_\_\_\_\_  
Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Clearances (if adult): n/a  
Sire: \_\_\_\_\_ Dam: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Bitch/Dog Intact: Yes  
Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Type: full  
Eye Color: L: \_\_\_\_\_ R: \_\_\_\_\_ Coat Color: \_\_\_\_\_  
Microchip or Tattoo: \_\_\_\_\_ Markings: \_\_\_\_\_  
Food Type: National -1 c. 3 X daily Weight: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vaccinations: DHPP/Corona Date of Shots: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parasites: strongid, 2, 4, 6, wks. Frontline: \_\_\_\_\_ Interceptor: \_\_\_\_\_

**This document verifies the following agreement between Jalerran Siberians and the Purchaser. All changes to this binding contract must be done so in writing. Failure to comply with the components of this agreement may result in legal action.**

Purchaser's responsibilities:

1. Provide lifelong care ...
2. Show the dog ...
3. Update breeder annually ...
4. Develop a 'safety plan' ...
5. OFA/CERF ...
6. Breed ethically ...

Breeders responsibilities:

1. Vet check prior to leaving
2. Provide AKC papers
3. Answer questions
4. Accept back, if necessary
5. Replacement health guarantee
6. Update Purchaser on health

**I. Health Guarantee**

**A. Initial**

The Seller guarantees that, to the best of our knowledge, said puppy/dog is in good health at the time he/she leaves, unless otherwise noted below. The Seller is not responsible for any veterinary expenses at any point in time after which the puppy leaves. No amount of any purchase price or deposit will ever be 'refunded', except in cases of replacement/refund when, **at the Seller's discretion**, a portion of the purchase price may be refunded instead of a replacement being given. If said dog is a puppy, the Seller will ensure that first vaccinations have been given and that the puppy will have been vet-checked by either **Clarion Animal Hospital or Hoof -n- Paw Veterinary Services**.

- The Purchaser is urged to schedule a veterinary visit within the first **3** days of purchase in

order to verify that the puppy is in good overall general health and to ensure that it is possible establish a record with a veterinarian who is accepting new patients.

- There should be no attempt to change the food for a period of at least one week. Any changes to diet should be done so gradually. Purchasing a bag of National Dog food (Competition Extra or Performance Plus formula) prior to the arrival of your puppy/adult is **strongly recommended** in order to be able to make the food transition easier.
- This dog/puppy is the product of a breeding program in which reasonable care has been taken to avoid inheritable defects such as hip dysplasia and eye disease (*see below*).

\*The health guarantee portion of the contract does not apply to **free** puppies or adults. Purchaser responsibilities, however, are still in effect.

### B. Hereditary Defects:

If said dog should develop any inherited condition which is life-threatening or prohibits said dog from being shown and ethically bred within 5 years of age, the dog will be replaced with one of similar \*quality (show) at the discretion of the Seller as one becomes available, provided that all Purchaser responsibilities have been fulfilled up to that point. The dog should not have been bred until OFA/CERF exams have been completed and clear results have been received.

(\***quality** – does not refer to coat color, eye color, age, or gender)

- OFA exams for hereditary hip dysplasia must be completed by **26** months of age at the expense of the Purchaser.
- First ACVO/CERF exams for hereditary eye defects should be completed between 12 and **24** months of age, and yearly thereafter, at the expense of the Purchaser.
- Exams for any other suspected hereditary problems should be completed by **59** months at the expense of the Purchaser.

#### Replacements Due to Health Issues:

If a replacement is warranted due to a confirmed hereditary defect, the Purchaser should continue to keep said dog, unless legitimately unable to do so.

**Note:** We will always accept our dogs back; however, returning said dog due to a health problem is not a *requirement* in order to obtain a replacement, unless otherwise requested by the Seller.

**Note:** This is different from an instance when the Purchaser requests to return said dog due to dissatisfaction with the ‘show-worthiness’ of the dog. In that situation, return of said dog to the Seller *may* be required in order to secure a replacement.

Purchaser will be entitled to a replacement at whatever future point the Purchaser feels ready to accommodate another dog, providing one is available at that time. In other words, the replacement can serve as a companion to the existing affected dog, or the Purchaser can wait until the affected dog passes away before requesting the replacement.

Or, instead of providing a replacement, the **Seller** has the option to provide a refund to the Purchaser in the amount of the difference between pet and show price (**\$400**) and no replacement will be made.

- All veterinary expenses related to the treatment of any health problems will be the responsibility of the Purchaser.
- Any related transportation expenses for the replacement will be the responsibility of the Purchaser.
- Assuming that all precursory Purchaser responsibilities have been met, the guarantee period will span **5** years, except in the case of life-threatening defect for which diagnosis is required before **60** months, and life-expectancy must be less than **5** years.
- In cases involving a verified health problem prohibiting said dog from being ethically shown and/or bred, said dog must be spayed/neutered before replacement or refund will be made.
- The health guarantee is non-transferrable.

The health replacement & show guarantee portion of this contract will be null and void if any of the following occur:

1. Said dog has not been shown in AKC recognized conformation competition by 28 months of age (unless written permission to extend the time frame at which said dog will have begun showing has been provided by the Seller).
2. Annual updates have not been provided to the Seller regarding the puppy/dog's health and behavior.
3. CERF/OFA results have not been provided to the Seller by the designated ages above.
4. Said dog has whelped/sired puppies prior to OFA/CERF results being provided to the Seller.

**Eyes:** The Purchaser agrees to have said dog examined by a canine ophthalmologist (**ACVO**) between **one and two** years of age, and submit the results to CERF (Canine Eye Registry Foundation). A copy of the certification will be provided to the Seller, whether results are 'clear' or 'affected'. The Seller reserves the right to require a second opinion from another certified ophthalmologist. This test must be repeated annually until said dog reaches **5** years of age, with the results being provided to the Seller, in order to help us evaluate our breeding program. Additionally, we kindly request that during routine annual veterinary exams, the Purchaser should ask their attending veterinary to also carefully screen the eyes for signs of any possible problems that may require confirmation by a canine ophthalmologist. This information should

be provided to the Seller, as well.

### **For Informational Purposes:**

#### **EYE DISEASES**

Eye diseases are common in Siberians. The most frequently diagnosed eye defect is Cataracts. Research has yet to produce information verifying the mode of genetic inheritance for every eye disorder, and in some cases they may be environmentally influenced. However, they are still of great concern to reputable breeders. Many backyard breeders are unaware that their dogs are affected because there are no apparent signs that the diseases are present. They usually have to be diagnosed by a Canine Ophthalmologist. Below is a list of eye defects with information about each. They do not **all** cause blindness.

**Corneal Dystrophy: (epithelial/stomal)** This condition affects the cornea of the eye. A cloudy ring will develop around the center of the eye. It usually shows up between 7 months and 3 years of age. It is presumed to be autosomal recessive in mode of inheritance. In the Siberian Husky, the opacities are bilaterally symmetrical, round to oval and ring shaped. They may progress to cause significant vision loss. Dogs with this defect should not be bred.

**Hereditary Cataracts:** Cataracts are the most common eye problem for the breed. The lens of the eye becomes 'cloudy' - a partial or complete opacity of the lens and/or its capsule. It will usually show up between 9 months and 2 years of age (juvenile); however, age of onset can be well into adulthood. For this breed, cataracts begin in the axial posterior cortex. In some cases, if serious, cataracts can be progressive. If they are complete and affect both eyes, blindness can result. In cases with rapid progression, secondary lens-induced uveitis impairment and glaucoma may be associated with partial cataract resorption. Unless there is a known case of trauma, ocular inflammation, specific metabolic disease, persistent pupillary membrane, persistent hyaloid, or nutritional deficiencies, breeders should automatically assume that cataracts are hereditary in nature. Even in cases where such a problem is known to have existed, the reputable approach is to breed only dogs who rate 'clear' on a CERF examination. The mode of inheritance is still unclear, but research suggests that it is polygenic (influenced by several genes).

**Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA):** Progressive retinal atrophy is characterized by deterioration of the retina. It can cause blindness, dilation of the pupil, loss of visual cells, and other retinal abnormalities. It is passed along through autosomal recessive modes of inheritance, and in the Siberian Husky, one form of PRA is inherited as a sex-linked trait. It may be detected by electroretinogram (not part of a routine eye screening examination) before it is apparent clinically.

**Distichiasis:** Eye lashes abnormally located on the eyelid margin which may cause irritation. Distichiasis may occur at any time in the life of a dog. It is difficult to make a strong recommendation with regard to breeding dogs with this disorder. The hereditary basis has not been established, although it seems probable due to the high incidence in some specific breeds. Reducing the incidence is a logical goal. When diagnosed, distichiasis should be recorded. Breeding discretion is advised.

**Entropion:** A conformational defect resulting in an 'in-rolling' of one or both of the eyelids which may cause irritation. It is likely that entropion is influenced by several genes (polygenic), defining the skin and other structures with make up the eyelids, the amount and weight of the skin covering the head and face, the orbital contents, and the conformation of the skull. The mode of inheritance is not defined, and breeder discretion and documentation is recommended.

**Glaucoma:** An elevation of intraocular pressure (IOP) which, when sustained, causes damage resulting in blindness. This occurs because the fluid cannot leave through the iridocorneal angle. Diagnosis and classification of glaucoma requires measurement of the IOP and examination of the iridocorneal angle (gonioscopy). Neither of these tests is part of a routine breed eye screening exam.

**Uveodermatologic Syndrome:** In Siberian Huskies, this syndrome is similar to a condition found in people called Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada (VKH) syndrome. It is an immune-mediated disease in which pigmented cells in the eye

and in the skin are destroyed by white blood cells. The first signs are typically inflammation in both eyes. Many additional eye problems will quickly begin to develop. It is very difficult to control medically and ultimately results in blindness in most affected dogs. The genetics of this condition are not clear; however, since there are more cases of it in some breeds as compared to others, it is reasonable to suggest that there is a genetic predisposition. Affected dogs are generally young, ranging in age between 1 1/2 to 4 years. Breeding dogs with this eye defect is not recommended.

**Uveitis (without vitiligo or poliosis):** An inflammation of the uveal tract (iris, ciliary body, choroid). May be caused by infectious agents or may be immune-mediated. With any form of uveitis, adhesions may develop between the iris and lens, and the peripheral iris and cornea. Other complications include secondary cataract and glaucoma. It is suggested in the literature that uveitis without skin or hair depigmentation may occur with greater frequency in Siberian Huskies than most other breeds. At this time, further substantiating documentation is needed. Breeding dogs with this defect is at the discretion of the breeder.

**Persistent hyperplastic primary vitreous (PHPV):** A congenital defect resulting from abnormalities in the development and regression of artery/blood vessel interactions that occurs during embryogenesis. This condition is often associated with other related eye problems. It is not recommended that dogs exhibiting this defect be bred.

Source - American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists

Others may include: *Pannus* (corneal problem), *Lens Luxation*, *Persistent Pupillary Membrane* (problem occurs during fetal development – the iris does not come together properly). Further information is available upon request.

**Hips:** The Purchaser agrees to have said dog's hips x-rayed at **2** years of age and receive a certification from the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, Inc. (**OFA**). A copy of the certification should be provided to the Seller by 26 months of age. The Purchaser reserves the right to require a second opinion.

### **For Informational Purposes:**

#### **HIP DYSPLASIA**

The term hip dysplasia is common in many medium to large breed dogs. In short, the ball of the hip does not fit properly into the socket. Early detection can occur between 4-9 months of age if noticeably irregular gait begins to occur. The OFA will rate X-rays obtained by a veterinarian on a scale ranging from Excellent down to Dysplastic. Only dogs that have received a rating of Excellent or Good should be used for breeding. Environmental factors, such as injury and a lack of proper nutrition can affect this defect. The incidence rate in Siberians is relatively low comparatively, especially for those dogs descending from lines where hip screenings have been performed over generations. Surgeries are available for affected dogs, but with proper care, they may lead a complete and full life.

**Other:** Said dog is guaranteed for **60** months, as outlined above, for any life-threatening hereditary defect. Diagnosis of such defect must be obtained by **59** months of age, and life expectancy must be less than **5** years.

**\*\*The vast majority of dogs of all breeds (as well as mixed breeds) can live, long healthy lives if given proper care and routine veterinary attention. Nevertheless, any dog can fall victim to a wide range of acquired problems. The same is true of any creature. They range from acne and viral diseases to allergies and cancer, and so on. In addition, each**

**pure breed of dog has its own particular hereditary problems, some minor, some impairing, and some possibly fatal. The Siberian Husky is no exception and unfortunately, the problems multiply with indiscriminate breeding. Failure to screen for hereditary problems before breeding often results in the ‘doubling up’ of unfavorable genes, and the results are distressing for the buyer and dog alike. Reasonable effort has been taken to ensure that such disorders are avoided; however, the buyer has been advised that it is still entirely possible that such problems can occur in any dog. Our guarantee is designed to account for the most serious and most common hereditary defects, specifically those that would be detrimental to any breeding program that seeks to maintain the integrity of the breed. The following, while not all inclusive, are some of the more common problems that may be encountered in Siberians – not all warranting replacement/spaying/neutering. Purchasers are asked to be aware of them and monitor their dogs in the event that one should develop.**

1. **Epilepsy:** Seizure disorders are on the rise in Siberians. In some cases, they can be influenced by environmental factors such as a severe allergic reaction, viral infection, or trauma. The mode of inheritance is not yet clear. A couple of isolated seizures, though not pleasant, may not be enough to warrant medication, depending on the severity. However, medical treatment should be sought for a dog experiencing frequent attacks. Normally, a dog can live a relatively normal life with proper medication. Dogs exhibiting this disorder should not be bred.
2. **Zinc Deficiency:** Siberians have a tendency to be zinc-deficient that may cause skin problems, in which case supplements may be in order. Breeder discretion and documentation is advised.
3. **Hemophilia:** a blood clotting problem - do not breed.
4. **Abnormal Liver Functioning:** additional data would be needed to determine the hereditary nature of this problem
5. **Hypothyroidism:** A low level of thyroid functioning is becoming an increasingly common problem in the breed. The parent club has recommended that breeders perform thyroid screenings before breeding. Medication administered on a regular schedule will offset the affects of this disorder. The hereditary type of thyroid problem is called Lymphocytic Thyroiditis. In this case, the immune system attacks the thyroid gland. Other forms of thyroid problems may or may not be hereditary in nature. Replacements for this problem would be considered on a case-by-case basis.
6. **Cartilage and joint problems:** additional data would be needed to determine the hereditary nature of this problem
7. **Vitiligo:** pigmentation lacking in the skin
8. **von Willebrand's disease:** blood disorder, do not breed.

Health Concerns Note (if any):

**II. Residence:** Said dog will reside with the Purchaser. All related expenses pertaining to care, maintenance, and transportation will be the responsibility of the Purchaser.

**Care:** The Purchaser agrees to take *good care* of said dog. The Purchaser will provide adequate nutrition, exercise, shelter, and medical care in an effort to ensure the physical and psychological safety and well-being of the dog. This dog will be....

1 A house dog and treated like a true family companion.

2 Never tied outside.

3 Kept on a leash and never trusted off lead unless in a securely enclosed area

- (agility courses indoors only).
- 4 Maintained in an adequately enclosed area, or on leash, and under no circumstances allowed to roam free.
  - 5 Given proper veterinary care including vaccinations, parasite prevention, and any other care required. Heartworm/parasite preventative is **strongly recommended**.
  - 6 Provided with a nutritious diet. Seller recommends National or Eukanuba/Iams brand dog foods. Daily NuVet supplements are **strongly recommended** for all dogs/puppies in order to promote good health.
  - 7 Provided with proper socialization. Handling or Obedience classes are **strongly recommended** in an effort to ensure that the dog will be comfortable and well behaved, especially in new situations. **Note:** Proof of the attendance of at least 8 weekly obedience/handling classes is required for any puppy/dog exhibiting behaviors beyond the control of the Purchaser if any consideration for replacement is to be given (should the behaviors also be deemed by the Seller to be as a result of a hereditarily-based temperament issue).
  - 8 Properly exercised. Walks, jogging, puppy play-groups, and other opportunities will be provided for the dog to release energy, remain fit, and at an appropriate weight.
  - 9 Properly groomed in an attempt to maintain the integrity of the breed. Special precautions should be taken to avoid excessive coat stains and discoloration due to over-exposure to the sun. Cholesterol or other coat conditioners are recommended in order to maintain softness and manageability. Proper coat care is an integral aspect of successful showing practices.
  - 10 Exhibited towards obtaining an AKC championship by 28 months of age (unless written permission to extend the age at which said dog will have begun showing has been provided by the Seller.)
  - 11 **\*The Purchaser will update the Seller on the dog's well being (health and behavior) at least once per year, preferably with pictures. The full length of the health guarantee is contingent upon fulfillment of this buyer responsibility!**

**Temperament:** The behavior and ultimate management of the disposition of said dog is the responsibility of the Purchaser. The Seller is not responsible for any aggressive acts, or any other problems, associated with said dog. The Seller is not responsible for any lawsuits or criminal charges occurring after the sale or placement of said dog, nor anyone else charged with his/her care.

If the Purchaser, at any time, feels that there is a legitimate hereditarily-based temperament problem with said dog, he/she should return the dog to the Seller. Most true temperament problems will be apparent within the first few months, depending on age and amount of socialization. Replacements may be given at the discretion of the Seller if the temperament issue is not thought to be due to environmental conditions or incidents, if proof that the puppy/dog has attended at least 8 structured obedience or handling classes.

**NOTE: A temperament issue/problem is not to be confused with behaviors that**

**result from poor training, improper maintenance, or negligence on the part of the Purchaser. Siberians are high maintenance! The Purchaser is expected to take the puppy/dog to obedience classes at any time during the puppy/dog's life when negative behaviors are persistent.**

The Purchaser is advised that Siberians can have a tendency to be dominant, predatory, shy, possessive, and high-maintenance. The Purchaser agrees that the breed traits have been adequately explained. The Purchaser agrees that he/she **must** take appropriate training measures to establish dominance and ensure that the dog is taught proper manners with respect to 'sharing' of possessions and food, socialization, and leash-work. The Purchaser agrees that he/she **will** give the dog adequate time and attention, and monitor the dog's disposition and behavior closely. Do not expect the puppy/dog to train him/herself!! Puppies are temperament tested before leaving, and any concerns will be noted.

**Socialization is a key component to preparing a dog for show.**

Temperament Concerns Note (if any):

**III.Showing:** Said dog is being sold as a show prospect. The Purchaser agrees to exhibit the dog towards attaining his/her AKC championship. Exhibition at AKC recognized conformation events should have begun by 28 months of age (unless written permission to extend the age at which said dog will have begun showing has been granted by the Seller.) It is expected that said dog is in competitive coat, weight, and level of physical conditioning at the time exhibition occurs.

The Purchaser has been made aware that all dogs develop and mature at different rates, and that numerous factors besides the merit of a dog can influence the outcome of a dog show (judges' type preferences, handling ability, politics, etc.).

Should both Seller and Purchaser agree that the dog has not matured into the quality deemed show-worthy and competitive, or if the dog develops a breed disqualification, the Seller will replace the dog, (provided that the lack of quality is not due to poor management), **or** refund the difference between pet and show price (**\$400**) and make no replacement - at the Seller's discretion.

\*The Purchaser encumbers all related replacement expenses, and said dog must be either spayed/neutered, **or returned (prior to spay/neuter) at breeder/Seller's request**, before replacement or refund will be issued.

**IV.Breeding:** Said dog/bitch should pass all health screenings outlined above before being used for breeding purposes.

**Registration:** Said dog is being sold with full AKC registration privileges. Offspring would be

eligible for registration. Said dog will not be bred until he/she is 2 years of age, and appropriate screenings have been completed. Any registered name will begin with "Jalerran's".

**Stud Selection/Brood Selection:** Any mates chosen for potential breedings should be selected to complement this dog/bitch's temperament, health, and conformation characteristics according to the AKC breed standard. Mates should be approved according to the same health and conformation standards as said dog/bitch, and should have had a veterinary screening for sexually transmitted diseases prior to breeding. Stud fees are the responsibility of the Purchaser.

**Puppies:** The Purchaser agrees to carefully screen people who are inquiring about puppies from said dog/bitch. Any pet quality puppies should be sold on a spay/neuter contract on limited registration. At no time shall offspring of said dog/bitch be sold to dog dealers, pet shops, laboratories or their agents, nor placed in any type of Humane Society, Shelter, or Rescue situation. Show homes for offspring should be selected on the basis of proper maintenance and care standards, as well as similar ethical breeding practices.

**V.Changes:** Any mutually agreed upon changes to the contract must be done so in writing.

**Return:** If at any time the Purchaser should decide to dispose of his/her interest in said dog for any reason, the Purchaser must **first** offer the return of said dog to the Seller at no more than the original purchase price; however return accommodations are the responsibility of the Purchaser. This notification must be sent to the Seller via registered mail.

- All veterinary records and vaccine verifications should accompany any dog/puppy being returned.
- Permission from the Purchaser must be granted, should the Purchaser wish to *give* said dog to friend or family, or sell said dog to another party.
- Said dog should never be surrendered to any animal shelter, rescue organization, or humane society.
- The Purchaser will develop a 'safety plan' which outlines what will happen in the event of an emergency that explains how the puppy/dog would be returned to the Seller (if need arises).

**VI.Enforcement:** If any suit or action shall be instituted to enforce or interpret this agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the losing party, in addition to statutory costs, such sums as all courts may adjudge as reasonable for the prevailing party's attorney fees in such suits, actions, or an appeal thereof in Clarion County, Clarion, PA, USA. In signing below, the purchaser attests that all family members are also in agreement with the terms of this contract.

- If the contract is violated by the Purchaser, said dog/bitch will be returned to the Seller at the expense of the Purchaser!

**Signature Page**

Signature of the Seller: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Purchaser(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Payment Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments: