**Depot Dachsies Guardianship Application**

 Thank you for your interest in our guardianship program. This is a program where we place a puppy/dog with you that is on contract to come back to us for breeding. We pay all breeding related expenses. Benefits of the program for you include a reduced purchase price, our pick dog/puppy, a monetary payment for each litter produced, possibly a reduced wait time and the option to buy a puppy from a future litter at a reduced price. It is great for the puppy/dog because they have a forever home from the time they are born or from a young age. It helps up by allowing us to keep the number of dogs in our home to a number that we are comfortable with but allows us to expand our breeding program. Details are specific for each puppy/dog. Please note, you must live within 65 minutes of Easton, MA.

 When it comes to placing a dog/puppy with a new family, it is very important to us that potential new guardians have the knowledge, ability, facilities, time and resources to provide an excellent home where each dog/puppy will receive the love, care and attention it needs in order to live a long, happy and healthy life. To assist us in choosing suitable guardians for one of our dogs or puppies, we ask that you fill in the following application form. We greatly appreciate your cooperation in providing this information to us, and hope that you understand that we have the best interest of both our puppies/dogs and our potential guardians at heart in requesting it.

First Name:

Last Name:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address (no P.O. Box) :

Do you live within 45-65 minutes of South Easton, MA?

**Previous Experience**

1. Have you previously owned dogs? If so, what breeds?
2. Did your previous dogs live out their entire lives with you? If no, please describe.
3. If you previously owned a dachshund and it passed away, what was the cause of death?
4. Have you ever had to return, re-home, or surrender any of your pets? If yes, please describe.
5. Are there other animals in your home? If yes, how many, what kind and/or breed?

**Family Dynamics**

1. How many adults reside in the home?
2. Do children reside in your home? If yes, what are their ages?
3. Do you own or rent? If you rent, please provide your lease showing where dogs are allowed or landlord’s contact information. What will you do if you must move and cannot find a home that allows dogs?
4. Does anyone in your household have allergies to pets or other animals?
5. Please describe a typical work/school day in your household and the occupations of the adults.
6. When you’re out of town for business or a vacation, what do you plan to do with your dog/puppy?

**Puppy Dynamics**

1. Where will this dog/puppy reside primarily? What about times when it will be alone? How many hours will it be alone during the day?
2. Please describe how you will keep your dog/puppy contained both indoors and outdoors?
3. What is the name, address, and telephone number of your vet? (Even if you currently have no pets please list the vet you have used in the past if there was a time you did have pets. We may contact them as a reference.)
4. Do you realize that dog parks, pet stores or anywhere other dogs traverse frequently are dangerous to your puppy’s health until after his/her last puppy shot?
5. Do you plan on using a groomer?
6. Do you plan on using a dog walker or taking your dog/puppy to daycare?
7. Do you have a private yard (a yard that only you and your family and pets can access)?

**History with Dachshunds**

1. What draws you to miniature dachshunds?
2. Are you familiar with the potential health risks of this breed?
3. Do you have a particular dog/puppy that you’re interested in? If this is for a future guardianship puppy; Do you prefer a long or short hair pup (or either)? Do you have a sex preference?
4. Have you researched the dachshund breed and general dog/puppy care?

**Additional Questions**

1. If for some reason you are unable to keep this dog/puppy are you willing to give them back to us so we can find a good home for them? Under no circumstances should this dog/puppy ever be surrendered to a shelter or a rescue.
2. Have you or anyone in the home ever had an animal removed by local or state authorities or have you or anyone in the home been investigated, arrested or convicted of a crime involving animals?
3. Are you willing to send us pictures frequently? We want to see how our baby is growing and what they look like. We want to share on facebook and our website.
4. Are you willing to transport the dog/puppy to us for health testing and when needed for breeding and whelping?
5. Do you agree to spay/neuter your dog at the end of the guardianship contract AND not before?
6. How did you hear about us? Also, where did you look to find a puppy? We want to make sure we’re advertising where our customers are looking!
7. Are you on Facebook? If so, what is your name on facebook? We do most of our communication through facebook so we recommend that you friend us at Becca Depot Dachsies (set up as a person). We also have a page that is called Depot Dachsies.
8. Do you have any questions for us?

Completing this application is the first step in the process of joining our guardianship program. It does **not** guarantee you'll get a puppy from this or any future litter. We really want a loving and responsible home for our puppy and great partner for us. There is no obligation to buy a puppy from us until you’ve placed a deposit. Filling out the application shows your interest and gives us an idea about the kind of home you can provide.

**APPROVAL AND DEPOSIT:** We will review applications within 3 days of receipt. (We have kids and dogs and are very busy but try to get back to you as soon as possible.) If you don’t hear back from us, please reach out! We respond quickest to text and facebook messages. Applications are processed in the order they are received. You will be notified if you are approved or not. We use the date the application is received and not approved to be added to the waitlist so you won’t be penalized by our delay. Once approved, we will contact you. Please respond when we contact you! We do require a $300 deposit to hold your dog/puppy.  All deposits and fees are non-refundable. We accept Zelle, Pay-Pal or Venmo for dog/puppy deposits. The deposit serves as a fee to hold the dog/puppy making him/her unavailable to other customers. Your deposit will be placed toward the balance of the dog/puppy. If something happens to the dog/puppy while in our care we will refund the deposit. We do ask for the remainder of the balance in cash on pick-up day.

**GOING HOME:** We will not hold a puppy for longer than pickup weekend. It is critical for their social development that the litter departs within a reasonable timeframe. If you have a big vacation planned or have events that would conflict with a young puppy, please know puppies cannot be boarded in a kennel until they have received their full immunizations and their rabies vaccination which cannot be done until 3 months of age.

**CONTRACT:**We have a contract and will not place a puppy without a signed contract. We believe it's the professional thing to do to memorialize our obligations to each other on paper so there are no questions later, and for that reason it's a bit lengthy. If you have questions about specific terms, you need to contact us prior to picking up your puppy. We do need a copy of your license for our guardianship program. This is so we are 100% sure that you are who you say you are.

**SPAY/NEUTER:** The guardian is required to spay/neuter the dog/puppy at the end of the guardianship contract. Once complete, the paperwork must be sent to us.

**REGISTRATION PAPERS:** Once proof of spay/neuter has been provided (at the end of the guardianship contract) we will transfer the akc papers and microchip over to the guardian.