

trupanion® Breeder Commitment

Trupanion believes that EVERY puppy, kitten and new pet owner deserves the security that comes with pet insurance. We also believe that every pet deserves the best start possible and a long, happy and healthy life.

To realize these goals, Trupanion wants to work with responsible dog and cat breeders to provide trial certificates and encourage new pet owners to insure their pets.

By working with Trupanion and using our trial certificates you, the breeder, acknowledge you have a responsibility to the pets you breed as well as their offspring. Trupanion strives to work exclusively with breeders that live up to that responsibility. By agreeing to the following minimum standards, you declare your commitment to the well-being of the animals you are responsible for.

Section A: General Guidelines

1. The kitten or puppy receiving this certificate was bred by you, is owned by you, and is yours to sell to a new owner.
2. You will keep detailed records of the puppy or kitten including all veterinary care and exam notations, routine or preventative care and history of parentage, and will share these with the new owner.
3. You will allow interested parties to access the facility your litters are raised in and see the parents or you will provide detailed documentation if the parents and/or facility aren't available. This includes: pedigrees, photos, and vet/community member references as well as providing all medical records/documents for the new pets and disclosure of any historical veterinary issues of the parents that may impact offspring in the future.
4. Provide support to new owners, including willingness to take the pet back if the new family is no longer willing or able to care for it. If you are unable to take the pet back, you will work with the new owners to find either a suitable new home or placement with a rescue agency.
5. Maintain pet-to-human caretaker ratio that meets or exceeds appropriate licensing body minimums.
6. Provide species/breed/age/health appropriate access to exercise.
7. Provide meaningful daily socialization with humans and other appropriate pets.
8. Provide grooming sufficient to prevent matting of the coat or excessive nail growth, and enabling normal body movement and function.
9. Provide sufficient food to maintain appropriate weight and nutrition, as well as continual access to clean unfrozen food and water.
10. Demonstrate compliance with all applicable laws, including receiving and maintaining all appropriate local/federal licensing.
11. You agree to release to Trupanion, or its representatives, medical records for any pets currently or previously in your care, at your earliest convenience and no longer than within one week (seven (7) calendar days) of written or verbal request by Trupanion or its representatives.

Section B: Housing Guidelines

1. Provide housing that is clean, safe and comfortable, properly ventilated, protected from adverse weather conditions, has adequate solid flooring, and maintains a breed-appropriate temperature at all times.
2. Provide primary enclosures that allow the pet to engage in normal body movements, as well as including space away from the resting area for urination/defecation. Space should meet the PACFA minimum space requirements. You can view the PACFA guidelines [here](#).
3. There shall be an isolation area available for pets that are suspected of or are under treatment for a communicable disease, where the pets in question will be quarantined from the rest of the population. Isolation areas follow the same criteria for minimum space requirements (established in item B.2) as primary enclosures do. All surfaces in the isolation area must be water resistant and be able to be cleaned and sanitized.



Section C: Guidelines Applicable to Breeding Adults

1. Provide routine/preventative care, including: documented annual veterinary exam, vaccination and parasite control; as well as veterinary care when necessary for illness/injury. The care schedule, and specific treatments provided should be based on the attending veterinarian's recommendations.
2. A breeding plan should be prepared for the individual animal working with the attending veterinarian, and should include an appropriate age for first and last breedings, breeding frequency, maximum number of breedings per year/lifetime and recovery periods between breedings. This plan should be documented and included in veterinary records.
3. Litters are carefully planned based on the age and health of the parents, genetic qualities of both parents and the capacity to place all offspring into responsible homes.

Section D: Guidelines Applicable to Puppies/Kittens

1. Puppies/kittens should not be removed from their mothers/littermates younger than 8 weeks of age, or as advised by the attending veterinarian. They may be advertised as for sale/trade/adoption prior to reaching 8 weeks of age, so long as there is a clearly advertised "available on" date that is not earlier than 8 weeks of age, or as advised by the vet.
2. Puppies/kittens should receive documented veterinary exams and preventative care beginning at 7-8 weeks of age, and continuing every 3-4 weeks until placement. This schedule should be determined in accordance with the attending veterinarian.
3. Pets should receive vaccinations, parasite, de-worming and flea and tick treatments according to all current veterinary guidelines. The care schedule, and specific treatments provided should be based on the attending veterinarian's recommendations.
4. Any exposure to potentially contagious disease and/or parasites including (but not limited to) Distemper, Influenza, Parvovirus, Panleukopenia, Calcivirus, Feline Herpes, Feline Leukemia, Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV), Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP), Giardia, Coccidia, fleas and Kennel Cough shall be documented and provided to new pet owner PRIOR to purchase. Pets exposed to potentially contagious diseases shall not be sold unless and until they have been given clearance by a veterinarian.
5. Any illness or injury, or any clinical sign(s) of an illness or injury, which occurred prior to the date and time of collection by the puppy/kitten buyer, will be fully disclosed to the buyer before collection. Written documentation of this disclosure, as well as an outline of each party's resulting financial responsibility shall be signed and provided to all parties at the time of collection.
6. If a puppy or kitten is sold as registerable, all documentation and breeding history supports this to registration body standards.

Trupanion values veterinarians and their expertise, and understands every situation is different. Should a breeder not meet any of these requirements as a result of following a veterinarian's recommendation, the situation will be handled on an individual basis with documentation/consultation from the veterinarian being a required piece of the conversation. We encourage anyone with questions to give us a call to discuss your individual situation.

Trupanion reserves the right to investigate complaints against breeders we are working with, and to ensure the aforementioned criteria are being met according to analysis of our claims data. Should complaints be substantiated, or should claims data reveal a breeder is not in compliance with the above criteria; Trupanion reserves the right to immediate termination of any relationship with the breeder in question and withdrawal of trial certificates.

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