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## Agreement about mating (See the guidance on page 3)

The agreement covers the mating of the female (pedigree registration number):

With the male (pedigree registration number):

Does the agreement include one or more matings within the same period of heat (e.g. two matings with a few days' interval or several matings if it proves difficult to determine the period of heat)?

Must the female board with the owner of the male during the mating?

If so, must the board be paid for (please state the amount)?

Who is responsible for the female, while it boards with the owner of the male?

The mating fee is paid in one of the following modes:

- A. Payment in cash after the mating (amount)  after which the owner of the male is bound to sign the puppy registration form without delay. If the mating does not lead to pregnancy, does the owner of the bitch have the right to a re-mating of the same dogs?

☐ Yes ☐ No (applies only if the male is still alive and is still owned by the same person).

- B. Payment in cash after the mating (amount)  plus (amount)  per living born puppy. The payment per puppy must be disbursed no later than  days after the birth, after which the owner of the male is bound to sign the puppy registration form without delay.

- C. Payment (amount)  per living born puppy is disbursed no later than  days after the birth, after which the owner of the male is bound to sign the puppy registration form without delay.

D. A mating puppy of the litter in question

1. In that case please state whether it should be a male, a female or liberty of choice?
2. Is the mating puppy the first choice of the owner of the male?
3. At which time does the owner of the male have to choose the mating puppy (please state the puppy's age)
4. If the deadline in point 3. has been exceeded, can the owner of the female choose the mating puppy or pay an amount instead? (if necessary, please state amount)
5. At which time must the owner of the male collect the mating puppy? (please state the puppy's age)
6. If the deadline in point 5. has been exceeded, does the owner of the male still have the right to the puppy or should he/she receive an amount instead? (if necessary, please state amount)
7. How is the agreement, if only one puppy is born?
8. How is the agreement, if the chosen mating puppy dies before being collected?

Other agreements:

This agreement has been drawn up in two copies, of which each party keeps one copy.

Agreed on (date)

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signature owner of the male

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signature owner of the female

## **Guidance regarding agreements about mating**

### **General information**

Before the mating, the parties should make sure that both the male and the female meet the conditions for registration of puppies of that particular breed. Within a number of breeds the parents have to be approved for breeding and this has to be cleared up with the Dansk Kennel Klub or the breed club in question.

### **The mating**

The owner of the female must, as far as possible, accompany the female to the residence of the owner of the male. If it becomes necessary to leave the female with the owner of the male, the latter must take care of the mating as agreed. It should be agreed whether the owner of the female should pay for the board of the female, but in Denmark this is normally a service provided by the owner of the male free of charge.

### **Liability**

If one is very unlucky, problems can arise in connection with the female's stay with the owner of the male. Accidents seldom happen and it is not possible to take all situations into account, but some have to be mentioned: 1. The female runs away from the owner of the male and is away for so long that one cannot know whether she has been mated with another dog. 2. The female becomes ill - or dies – during the stay with the owner of the male. 3. The female causes damage to the owner of the male's property (kennel). In all cases the owner of the male should at once inform this to the owner of the female, but the conditions of liability should be agreed in advance.

### **The mating fee**

Cash payment of the entire mating fee as soon as the mating has been carried through? In this case the owner of the male signs the puppy registration form at once. Cash payment of an amount at the mating plus an amount per puppy? In this case the puppy registration form is not signed until the final settlement, which should take place immediately after the birth.

### **Mating puppy**

If the mating fee consists of a puppy, the following should be agreed in advance in writing: Who has the right to choose first? Which is the latest time for the owner of the male to choose a puppy, if the right to choose should not be forfeited? Which is the latest time for the owner of the male to collect/take over the puppy, if the right to the puppy should not be forfeited? How is the agreement, if the female has only one puppy, or if the selected puppy dies before it has been collected?

### **If the mating does not lead to pregnancy**

It is common that the female gets the opportunity for a re-mating without extra payment, if she does not become pregnant. This custom, however, is not a legal right and it would be wise to make an agreement about this possible situation in advance.

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### The litter

The owner of the female at the time of the birth is considered the breeder of the litter. Apart from a possible mating puppy, the owner of the male has no rights in relation to the puppies and cannot e.g. refuse to sign the puppy registration form, merely because he/she is displeased with the owner of the female's arrangements as regards the puppies.