

## **PAINT RIVER SETTERS HEALTH GUARANTEE**

There are many variables that go into a puppy growing up to be strong and healthy, in both genetics and environment. *Nurture* has as much or more to do with your puppy being healthy as *nature* does.

Only a small percentage of hip dysplasia is genetic. Research shows that how the puppy is raised has the greatest influence. Whelping box surface traction, quality & quantity of food, and quantity & type of exercise all are significant factors in your puppy's long-term joint health.

PRS wants both you and your new puppy to thrive as a team both in the home and in the pursuit of upland game birds. In order for that to happen we need to give your puppy the best possible start we can to life throughout its development—physically, mentally, emotionally and physiologically. Please follow these guidelines and have the confidence that you have done everything you can to grow your pup into a sound healthy adult setter.

The guidelines listed below must be followed in caring for your Paint River Setter puppy for PRS to honor our three-year health guarantee.

### **OWNER REQUIREMENTS**

- All puppy vaccines will be spaced at least two weeks apart and only given a single vaccine at a time.
- Puppy will receive a total of (3-4) distemper/parvo vaccines including what was given by PRS. Vaccines will be given two to four weeks apart. Given one year later then once every 3 years or titers starting at 4 years of age.
- Puppy will receive Lyme vaccine, if living or traveling to areas known for disease exposure. Two vaccinations four weeks apart then administered annually.
- Puppy will receive its Rabies vaccine after all other puppy vaccinations have been completed in appropriate manner.
- Puppy will be fed a kibble and/or raw diet. Kibble should not have corn, wheat, or soy in the ingredients. The kibble diet must have no more than 30% protein and the no less than 15% fat. Inushuk Marine 16, which is a 26/16 is what the diet has been since 21 days old.
- Puppy will not be allowed to use stairs/steps of any kind until five months of age. Puppy will not be walked more than 20 minutes a day on hard surfaces (pavement, concrete, brick roads) until 5 months of age. Puppy will not be taken on hikes exceeding 15 minutes between 2-4 months of age. Hikes will not exceed 40 minutes between 4-6 months of age. Hikes will not exceed 1.5 hours between 6-12 months of age. Hikes will not exceed 2 hours between 12-24 months of age. Over 24 months of age there is no exercise restrictions. Keep in mind the importance of conditioning the dog for the labor that is demanded of it. Yard time from the time you bring your pup home is totally fine, as your pup can choose to rest whenever it needs to.
- Veterinary care must be current: vaccines, heartworm prevention and wellness exams.
- Puppy must live indoors with family.
- Male puppies must be a minimum of 18 months old when neutering and females must have at least one heat cycle and be spayed no sooner than 3 months from the conclusion of its last heat cycle.
- If this puppy becomes visibly defective due to a congenital defect you, the owner, must continue to provide for this puppy as a loved family member in order to receive another puppy from PRS for us to honor this health guarantee contract. PRS may take up to two years to honor the replacement pup from the time defect is discovered. Owners are responsible for picking up their replacement pup at PRS in person.

In signing this contract below, you acknowledge and accept the terms of PRS's health guarantee and will do your best as this puppy's new owner to follow these guidelines.

**NEW OWNER SIGN & DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BREEDER SIGN & DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_