



SEBTUS POODLES

GUARDIAN HOME INFORMATION PACK



A CLEAR GUIDE FOR FAMILIES
CONSIDERING BECOMING PART OF
OUR PROGRAM.

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WELCOME



Thank you for considering becoming a Sebtus guardian home. Our guardian program supports ethical, small-scale breeding by giving each dog the chance to grow up in a real family, not a kennel. It's designed for people who want a quality poodle, value animal welfare, and are happy to work in partnership with us. We keep breeding numbers low, and every guardian home plays a crucial role in producing dogs with stable temperaments, strong emotional resilience and excellent health.



WHY WE USE GUARDIAN HOMES



A SAFE SPACE

Guardian homes allow us to raise dogs in the environment where they thrive most: a safe, loving family home. Poodles are intelligent, people-centred dogs who develop their best qualities through daily life, not isolated breeding environments.

BETTER TEMPERAMENT

Living in a family produces calmer, more emotionally balanced dogs. This is essential because Sebtus poodles aren't just pets—they are used in:

- Schools
- Disability programs
- Headspace Bendigo wellbeing programs
- Youth workshops
- NDIS skill-building sessions
- Gentle grooming and wellness classes for all ages

CREATING A SAFE SPACE



BETTER WELFARE

We don't run large kennels or housing blocks.

Every dog gets:

- individual attention
- predictable routines
- a stable environment
- consistent handling and grooming
- real-life socialisation



Guardian programs help ethical breeders reduce:

- overcrowding
- stress on dogs
- breeding intensity
- "factory" style environments

You get a beautiful dog to love.

We get a well-adjusted, confident adult dog suitable for producing the next generation of stable, healthy poodles.



BETTER ETHICAL STANDARDS





WHAT A GUARDIAN HOME RECEIVES



SUPPORT



You receive a top-quality poodle
Raised from puppyhood, living in your home as part of your family.

You pay little or no upfront cost
Because you are providing the dog's daily home life.

Full support from Sebtus

We provide:

- all breeding-related vet care
- all reproductive planning and costs
- ongoing guidance
- grooming support
- behaviour advice
- help with any challenges

A dog raised with purpose

Many Sebtus poodles go on to support:

- autistic and ADHD young people
- LGBTQ+ youth
- people experiencing anxiety or emotional overwhelm
- families involved in disability support

Clear pathway to full ownership

When the dog's breeding career is complete (details in contract), ownership is transferred to you.

What Guardian Homes Do



Ensuring the health and temperament of
your puppy



GUARDIAN
FAMILIES PROVIDE
THE DOG'S
EVERYDAY LIFE:

- Love, routine, feeding, safety
- Regular grooming
- Standard vet care (checkups, vaccines, parasite protection)
- A stable, engaged household
- Healthy exercise and affection



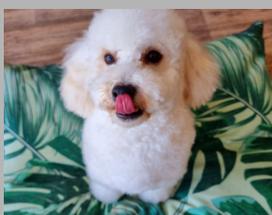
AND WHEN
NEEDED, THEY:

- Make the dog available for breeding
- Attend vet visits we organise
- Bring the dog back to us for stud work or whelping
- Keep open communication



FEMALES

- Usually 1–3 litters depending on health and temperament
- Stay with us for whelping and puppy raising
- Spend 6–8 weeks with us during litters



MALES

- Occasionally required for stud duties
- Short visits
- We discuss timelines clearly and respectfully.
- Nothing is sprung on you last-minute.



WHAT SEBTUS COVERS

Emotional Support through Authentic Companionship



UNDERSTANDING OUR OBLIGATIONS



We pay for:

- reproductive vet care
- stud fees
- pregnancy-related x-rays and ultrasounds
- progesterone testing
- whelping supplies
- caesareans if needed
- DNA testing
- microchipping
- registration costs for litters

You will never pay breeding costs.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES



You cover:

- daily food
- vaccinations
- grooming
- general vet care (non-breeding-related)

You agree to:

- keep the dog safe and healthy
- maintain a stable environment
- follow basic instructions to protect the dog's health before breeding
- keep in touch
- ensure safe fencing
- communicate changes (moving, major schedule changes, emergencies)



THE EMOTIONAL SIDE

Some guardians worry about handing their dog back.

It's completely normal to feel this.

We support you through it.

Your dog is always treated gently, respectfully and returned home as soon as possible.

Many families enjoy being part of the process:

- meeting puppies
- watching their dog become a parent
- being involved in updates

But if you prefer not to be hands-on, that's fine too.

There is no pressure.





WHAT IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG?



COMMUNICATION



Life happens.

Jobs change, families move, situations shift.

We work with guardians, not against them.

If circumstances change:

- talk to us early
- we look at options
- we make decisions that protect the dog and your wellbeing

Your dog's welfare and your stability come first.



THE PATH TO FULL OWNERSHIP



OWNERSHIP

When the breeding agreement is completed:

- your dog is desexed (your cost)
- paperwork transferred
- and the dog becomes yours permanently

Many guardians tell us this is one of the best decisions they ever made—raising a well-bred poodle from puppyhood and eventually owning them forever.



GUARDIAN APPLICATION PROCESS

- Submit the guardian application
- Phone call or meeting
- Home suitability
- Review contract together
- Pick-up or placement day
- Regular check-ins
- Breeding years (minimal disruption)
- Desexing + full ownership



WHO MAKES A GREAT GUARDIAN FAMILY

- Caring, stable home
- Fenced yard
- Time for daily interaction
- Willing to learn basic grooming
- Respectful communication
- Emotionally steady and reliable
- Families or individuals wanting a companion, not a status symbol
- People wanting to be part of something meaningful

This program is great for:

- families with neurodivergent children
- adults wanting emotional support
- LGBTQ+ individuals looking for a safe sense of community
- retirees looking for connection
- young adults who love grooming and routine
- school staff wanting gentle dogs around their environment

☀ BECAUSE YOUR DOG WILL BE RAISED WITH PURPOSE,
WELFARE, AND HEART.



WHY CHOOSE US



- Our background includes:
- 15+ years breeding and exhibiting poodles
- Work with Headspace Bendigo
- Poodles used in schools, classrooms and wellbeing programs
- Teaching grooming to young people with disabilities
- Group wellness classes for all ages
- Advocacy for Autism, ADHD and LGBTQ+ inclusion in regional Victoria
- Strong behaviour-reading and temperament selection
- Guardian placements already active,
- This is not a high-volume kennel.
- It's a purpose-driven program focused on building better dogs and stronger communities.



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