**Happy Halloween to ALL!**

**31 Oct. 2017**

Dear XANADU Pack ‘o Guardians:

November means organizing XANADU'S Breeding Schedule for 2017 Litters. Breeding for April-ready-for-new-homes puppies and subsequent litters begins in December (possibly Nov.) and will extend through June.

XANADU has hired a new Traveler & XANADU Rep., Linda Danskin—a fellow Guardian of two pups and one retired Guardian female. It is likely that in the course of puppy-making, you will get to know Linda. For those special times when Guardians cannot easily get breeding dogs together—or if Guardians cannot take breeding dogs to see Dr. Richard Wheeler (our reproductive specialist, at the CSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Ft. Collins) when Dr. Wheeler’s intervention is necessary for inseminations, Linda can help us out with transportation. Linda is quite a lady; I think you’ll enjoy getting to know her. All of you XANADU Guardian partners are people I’d love to better as time goes by; I’ve been very impressed!

As described in our Guardian information, Guardianship is a win-win situation for the human Guardians, for the Guardian pup, and for me, in that I get to see your dog’s great characteristics passed down to new generations. Linda will facilitate smoother win-win-ness for XANADU. (THANKS, LINDA!)

This is also the time of year that Guardian Home Records are updated. Below is a list of items XANADU needs in order to keep communication flowing easily between us and help me do a good job with selecting breeding pairs. Most of you already know if your Guardian dog will be scheduled for breeding, but even if your pup is young and unlikely to have a litter in 2017, please answer this email with complete answers.

Please copy and paste these items in a NEW EMAIL REPLY, then answer each item, and send. Email replies from many senders tend to get lost when sent through the original email.

With this information to compare with XANADU’S on-file records, I can begin working on XANADU'S New Breeding Schedule. If I find conflicting data, e.g., a heat season for a female or perhaps a big difference in expected weight, I'll get in touch with you for clarification. And of course, everyone is anxious to see our new Breeding Schedule. Questions follow:

1. XANADU Name of Guardian Dog, and the **CALL NAME** your dog knows

2. Your Name and Contact Information

A. Address

B. Phone numbers

C. Email addresses

(If there are no changes, please indicate, "No Changes")

3. What is the level of obedience-training completed by your Guardian dog?

4. Five words that best describe your Guardian

5. What do you like the best about your Guardian (physical characteristics or personality)?

6. What do you regard as a problem (either physical characteristics or personality)?

7. What does your Guardian weigh now?

8. Has s/he had any recent illnesses / injuries that we have not discussed?

9. Is your Guardian up-to-date on required vaccinations, including Rabies and Bordetella (Kennel Cough)?

10. Males Only: Has your male Guardian needed to take antibiotics recently? Date? (Antibiotics will render a male temporarily sterile. Please let me know throughout the breeding season if antibiotics are perscribed)

10. Females Only: Date or (or month of) your Female Guardian's last heat?

12. Please attach New Photos of your Guardian Female or Male (Some of you have sent photos within the last **two months;** those are good--no more needed. Guardian Information and Breeding Contract request new photos every 3 months).

13. Is there anything else I should know about the Guardian dog that will help me make good decisions about mate selection?

And finally, thank you for your help. Please respond as soon as you can, so I can get started on XANADU’S Breeding Schedule. It’s quiet a job and takes a while, but it’s also fun. I’ll be back with you just as soon as possible.

My best to each one of you,

Sheron and XANADU of the Rockies