

# Behavior Modification/Training Informed Consent

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

*By submitting this form I have read and agree to the terms and conditions below.*

I understand that my dog's behavior modification program is individually tailored to meet the goals and objectives agreed upon by my dog's behavior consultant and me.

## TWO PAWS UP DOG TRAINING, LLC. POLICIES

Our sessions are taught with a focus on positive reinforcement-based force-free training. Therefore, the use of punishment and aversive equipment, such as choke, prong, pinch, or electronic collars (whether they provide vibration or shock), is not permitted.

## PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES

I understand that it is my responsibility to 1) fully disclose any of my dog's health issues or medications that are relevant to participation in a training program. 2) have my dog cease exercise and report promptly any unusual feelings (e.g., difficulty breathing, apparent injury, lameness, refusal to eat or work) during the training. I understand that one of the most important components for a successful outcome is my participation. 3) I understand that I must consistently follow through on management, training, and behavior modification.

## CANCELLATION POLICIES

Due to the high level of service that we offer our clients, and the nature of our business, we have the following cancellation policies. We strive to offer our clients safe, private sessions and other training opportunities.

## CANCELLATION POLICIES FOR VIRTUAL CONSULTATIONS

Consultations must be canceled at least 24 hours in advance. Cancellation that occurs in less than 24 hours' time will be subject to a 50% cancellation charge. No shows will be charged for the full fee of the applicable lesson.

- You may reschedule a consultation. Please give up to 72 hours (3 days) prior to your lesson when possible.
- No refunds will be given if canceled less than 24 hours prior to your scheduled consultation.
- No refunds for unused portions of lesson packages
- No extensions to lesson packages past their expiration date.

## PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

In agreeing to this participate in my dog's training program:

- I acknowledge that my dog's participation is by my decision
- I understand the potential physical risks involved in participating in training and believe that the potential benefits outweigh those risks.
- I give consent to certain physical touching that may be necessary to ensure proper technique and body posture.
- I understand that the achievement of behavioral goals cannot be guaranteed.
- I have had a voice in planning and approving the activities selected for my dog's training program.
- I have been able to ask questions regarding any concerns I might have and have had those questions answered to my satisfaction.

## Waiver and Signature Form

- My dog is in good and healthy physical condition, has no impairment which might prevent participation in such activities, and I have been advised to consult with a veterinarian prior to beginning this program.
- I have been advised to have my dog cease activity immediately if I see that my dog is experiencing unusual discomfort and or if I feel the need to have my dog stop the program.

I have read and understand the above agreement; I have been able to ask questions regarding any concerns I might have; I have had those questions answered to my satisfaction; and I am freely acknowledging this agreement.

Dog Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Terms and Conditions

Listed below are our terms and conditions that you accept when you register for one of our services.

### WAIVER, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND AGREEMENT TO HOLD HARMLESS

I understand that no training is without inherent risks regardless of the care taken by a professional canine trainer and that my dog's personal safety cannot be guaranteed. I realize that when my dog is participating in any exercises, particularly those that induce cardio-vascular stress, there is a slight chance of serious injury (e.g., cardiovascular accident) or catastrophic incident (e.g., death, paralysis). Likewise, I know that engaging in muscular endurance, strength building, and other fitness activities sometimes results in minor injuries (e.g., bruises, musculoskeletal strains, and sprains), or less frequently, more serious injuries (e.g., muscle tears, herniated disks), and rarely, catastrophic injury (e.g., death, paralysis).

I understand that attendance at a dog training class or private lesson is not without risk to myself, members of my family or any of my guests who may attend, or to my dog. Some of the dogs that I (we) will be exposed to may be difficult to control and may be the cause of injury even when handled with the greatest of care. In consideration of, and as an inducement to, the acceptance of my registration for classes, whether online, over the phone, or in person, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless and hereby waive and release Two Paws Up Dog Training, LLC, its employees, owners, and agents from any and all liability of any nature of any damage or injury which I, my family, guests, or my dog might suffer. I expressly assume the risk of any such damage or injury while attending any training sessions or other dog related functions while at Two Paws Up Dog Training, LLC, location or any location a class is held, or any location a private lesson may be held. I also understand that the degree to which a dog is successfully trained is a function of the interest, commitment, and cooperation of the owner. I acknowledge and agree that there is no guarantee that my dog will achieve the desired level of training, despite the best efforts of the instructor or instructors.

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Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Reactivity/Aggression Release

I certify that I am the owner of the above-mentioned animal and that I have sought behavioral counseling for my pet for advice on decreasing its reactivity and/or aggressiveness.

I understand that aggression by animals can cause injury, including fatal injury, to other animals and other people and to me. I understand that treatment for reactive or aggressive behavior is not a guarantee that the reactivity and aggression will be successfully controlled, and that it is impossible to ensure that my pet will not be reactive or cause harm in the future.

I understand that it will be my responsibility to take appropriate precautions to prevent my pet's causing harm to others. These precautions may include, but are not limited to, informing persons near my pet of its tendency for reactive/aggressive behavior, keeping it on a leash, muzzling it, using a head collar, and/or keeping it restrained behind doors, gates, or fencing. I also understand that it is my responsibility to be aware of and comply with all state and local ordinances concerning aggressive animals, as well as any bylaws or acts that specifically apply to my pet. Finally, I understand that I may be held liable for such harm.

I hereby certify that I have read and understood the above and that I am signing this authorization with the full understanding that the treatment given my pet may not eliminate its reactive and/or aggressive behavior.

Dog Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Media Release

I hereby consent to use of me and/or my dog's photography, videography, likeness or voice on the internet, or on any other electronic/digital/print media. I agree to release and hold harmless Two Paws Up Dog Training, LLC., from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, complaints, suits, or other forms of liability that shall arise out of or by reason of or be caused such use of my or my dog's photograph, likeness or voice. It is further understood, and I do agree that no monies or other consideration in any form, including reimbursement for any expenses incurred by me, will become due to me, my heirs, agents, or assigns at any time because of my and/or my dog's participation in any of the above activities or the above-described use of my or my dog's photography, videography, likeness, or voice.

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