

Board and Train Agreement

This Agreement is entered into by and between Leash Drop Canine Academy (referred to herein as "LDCA") and _____, residing at _____ (referred to herein as "Owner").

1. **Board & Train Summary.** Owner has requested that LDCA provide Board and Train services for the Owner's dog (insert dog's name and breed: _____). The Owner represents that he/she is the lawful owner of the dog and has the sole right to enter into this Agreement. LDCA will work daily with Owner's dog on training items. Board and train focuses on assisting the Owner with various training areas which may include any one or more of the following: (a) beginner and puppy foundation training; (b) leash pressure; (c) off-leash training; (d) behavior modification; (e) dog/human aggression; (f) fear and anxiety; (g) personal protection foundation; (h) eliminating bad habits and behaviors. However, the specific items of what will be focused on during this board and train will be set forth in detail below. This Agreement in no way guarantees or promises that all items discussed by the Owner will be resolved or that all items addressed in the Board and Train will be successful. LDCA will, however, discuss with the Owner which training areas will be needed and worked on. By initialing where indicated at the end of this paragraph, the Owner expressly acknowledges that there are **no guarantees** as to what is accomplished in training since there are so many factors for each dog when it comes to training successes including the length of time the dog is in the board and train program, whether the dog has any prior training, genetics, prior bad experiences, age and health of the dog. ****Even more important is the Owner's understanding that continued training MUST REGULARLY HAPPEN AT HOME BETWEEN DOG AND OWNER** after the Board & Train has been completed. Following the Board & Train, it is the Owner's responsibility to contact LDCA to discuss and schedule follow up training sessions, as needed. The specific commands, training style and recommended tools used and recommended by LDCA must be carried over in the Owner's training and the Owner acknowledges the importance of this by initialing here: _____.

In addition to training, your dog(s) may participate in our doggy daycare for exercise and socialization, if permitted. LDCA personalizes each board and train stay depending on the dog. Depending on the needs of the dog, Owner understands that the dog will enjoy individual attention and, if permitted, pack-oriented experiences as well. Initial here, if you specifically do **NOT** want your dog to participate in doggy daycare for exercise and socialization: _____

Upon the scheduled pickup of the dog, the Owner will be provided with a one-on-one private training session to ensure that the Owner is educated on the training to date and so the Owner goes home with the proper techniques and knowledge to continue the dog's training success.

The Owner acknowledges that following the Board & Train, the dog and Owner may schedule free 30 minute (or 60 minutes if traveling from afar) training sessions to clean up and refresh the training skills specifically worked on during the Board & Train. It is the Owner's responsibility to reach out to LDCA and schedule these sessions. The Owner acknowledges that if he/she schedules one of these follow-up sessions, there will be no charge to the Owner UNLESS the Owner cancels with less than 24 hours notice or fails to show at all. In that case, the Owner will be charged \$95.00 for the session.

The Owner has selected the following Board and Train Package and Pricing option:

_____ 3 week package (21 days) – \$1,418

_____ 5 week package (35 days) – \$2,580

_____ 10 week package (70 days) – \$5,450

2. Schedule & Payment. LDCA acknowledges that a non-refundable \$200.00 deposit was paid by the Owner upon scheduling the Board & Train. Full payment for board and train services is required when the dog is dropped off. In addition, the Owner acknowledges that for each day that the dog remains at LDCA past the pickup date shown above (or any other date mutually agreed upon by LDCA), will be an additional \$175.00 per day charge due when the dog is picked up. If agreed to by LDCA and the Owner, the Owner may seek additional time at Board & Train. In that event, the Owner will be charged the difference between what he/she has already paid and the additional time. This additional cost will be paid immediately at the time the dog is picked up. All board and train prices are subject to Illinois State sales tax. LDCA accepts cash, check or major credit cards. The Owner acknowledges that there are no refunds. Owner agrees to pay in full for any and all services rendered by LDCA and that remaining balances for board and train services must be paid at the time of drop off. Owner understands that LDCA does not give refunds for services rendered or services purchased and not used. The prices agreed to herein do not include recommended training equipment such as special collars, leashes, e-collars, etc. Should such equipment be recommended, the Owner can purchase them directly from LDCA should the Owner choose to. Please again refer to paragraph 1 above and note that payment of the Board & Train program will not be refunded. Continued, free training, following the Board & Train is offered for those issues addressed in Board & Train. The Board & Train costs cover the boarding and the trainer's time. It does not cover a guaranteed outcome as there are no guaranteed outcomes.

3. Dog Food & Other Items for the Dog. Owner acknowledges that the dog's food and any needed medication for the duration of the stay is the Owner's responsibility and should be dropped off with the dog. The Owner acknowledges that he/she may also drop off toys, a dog bed or blankets from home to assist in making the dog as comfortable as possible. However, the Owner acknowledges that there is a chance these items can be damaged or lost. As such, the Owner agrees that LDCA will not be held responsible or liable for any lost, stolen or damaged personal property belonging to Owner or his or her dog.

4. Socialization & Doggy Daycare Attendance. Owner acknowledges and agrees that the Owner's dog is permitted to interact and play with other dogs and with LDCA staff members. Owner further acknowledges and agrees that his/her dog will, in most cases, be socialized with other dogs while at LDCA. Like children on a playground, dogs can get scratches, nicks or bites as they interact and play with other dogs. Owner acknowledges that animals are unpredictable and there is possibility of injury to his or her dog, or another dog during such controlled socialized activities. In fact, while the dogs are carefully monitored by LDCA staff, to prevent injury, it is still possible that during the course of normal canine play, the Owner's dog may get injured. The Owner, however, agrees that the benefits of socialization outweigh the risks and accepts the risk. The Owner understands that Doggy Daycare services are included in the board and train program and that LDCA may, at its sole discretion, remove Owner's dog from the doggy daycare services if it is necessary to protect the health and well-being of the Owner's dog, other dogs or staff of LDCA without providing the Owner with a prorated refund of any kind.

5. Owner's Release & Indemnification to LDCA. Owner agrees to release, indemnify, and hold harmless LDCA from any and all manner of damages, claims, loss, liabilities, costs or expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees and related costs, arising out of or related to LDCA's services, except which may arise from the gross negligence or intentional and willful misconduct of LDCA, including, without limitation, (i) any inaccuracy in any statement made by the Owner or information provided by the Owner to LDCA; (ii) the Owner's dog, including but not limited to destruction of property, dog bites, injury, and transmission of disease, and (iii) any action by the Owner which is in breach of the terms and conditions of this agreement. LDCA reserves the right to immediately change his or her dog's boarding or doggie daycare schedule if LDCA believes it is necessary to protect the health and well-being of the Owner's dog, other dogs or LDCA staff.

6. Vaccinations & Documentation. Owner is aware that kennel cough (a/k/a "Bordetella") is a common problem in facilities where there are groups of dogs that intermingle. All of the dogs at LDCA are vaccinated against Bordetella, however there are a number of viruses that can cause the cough and no vaccination will prevent all cases. Owner confirms his/her dog is current on all vaccinations as required by LDCA and understands that complete documentation confirming such vaccination requirements including, but not limited to, Bordetella, rabies and distemper vaccinations shall be required prior to entry at the LDCA facility. In the event that the Owner does not wish to have his/her dog vaccinated against Bordetella, the Owner must complete a waiver provided by LDCA. There will be no other exceptions regarding the other required vaccinations.

7. Flea & Tick Preventative. Owner confirms his/her dog is free of fleas, ticks, worms and other insects and parasites and that his/her dog is on a flea and tick preventative. LDCA reserves the right to reschedule the board and train if it determines, at its sole discretion, that the dog is not free of fleas, ticks, worms or other parasites since this poses significant risks to other dogs and LDCA staff.

8. Emergency Care of Dog. LDCA will make every attempt to call and contact the Owner and/or Emergency Contact (as previously provided by the Owner) in the event of an emergency situation. The Owner authorizes LDCA to take actions they deem reasonably necessary to ensure the health, well-being, and safety of the Owner's dog and to take reasonable action to resolve any medical problems that may arise while the dog is in its care. The Owner agrees to assume full financial responsibility for any and all expenses incurred as a result of LDCA's actions. The Owner understands that LDCA staff is expected to make a reasonable attempt to contact the Owner and/or the emergency contact before incurring such expenses, that they may need to incur such expenses if they can't reach me, and that an emergency could arise where it would not be feasible for them to contact me before the expense is incurred. In all scenarios, the Owner agrees to take full financial responsibility of the expenses incurred on its dog's behalf.

9. LDCA's Limit of Liability. It is expressly agreed by Owner and LDCA that LDCA's liability shall not exceed the lesser of the current chattel value of the dog of the same species or the sum of \$200.00, whichever is less.

10. Dog's Picture, Name and Other Likeness. Owner acknowledges that pictures and videos may be taken of the Owner's dog for media, marketing and advertising purposes. Owner agrees to allow LDCA to use the Owner's dog's name and any images, in any form or format, for use, at any time, in any form of media, marketing, print or advertising without providing the Owner prior notice or fees for same.

11. Training Techniques Used by LDCA. By participating in our board and train program Owner acknowledges and fully understands that LDCA will employ training tools and techniques that are used to train and modify the behavior of dogs. Furthermore, Owner is aware that dog training at the Leash Drop Canine Academy can include training tools such as prong collars and e-collars. Owner engages LDCA to provide services for his/her dog as is deemed necessary in the sole discretion of LDCA.

12. Natural Disaster/Emergency Policy. In the event of a natural disaster including, but not limited to tornado, flooding, earthquake, etc., or other emergency that makes the LDCA facility unusable (i.e., fire, flooding), the Owner understands it is his/her responsibility to pick up the dog (or make arrangements for pick up) in a timely manner and in accordance with any mandatory evacuations, etc. The Owner understands that LDCA will do everything reasonably possible to secure the safety of the dog during a natural disaster and the Owner agrees to indemnify, release, and hold LDCA harmless of any and all liability related to any natural disaster of any sort.

13. Governing Law. This Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Illinois without regard to conflicts of law principles. LDCA and the Owner agree that all actions or proceedings arising directly, indirectly or otherwise in connection with, out of, or related to or from this Agreement shall be litigated only in courts located in Cook County, Illinois.

14. **Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be unenforceable, such provision will be deemed severed and the remaining provisions of this Agreement will continue in full force and effect. LDCA will be deemed to have accepted this Agreement, without execution, upon the acceptance of a reservation or payment for services to be provided hereunder or the commencement of the services.

15. **Abandoned Dog.** Owner understands and agrees that if his/her dog is not picked up on the scheduled pick up date, in accordance with the law, LDCA shall provide the Owner with a notice that requires the dog to be picked up within ten (10) days (“notice period”) or the dog shall be deemed to be abandoned. In any event, additional boarding charges as set forth in paragraph “2” above shall apply. In the event that the dog is not picked up within the notice period, LDCA shall gain legal custody and ownership of the pet and retain the right to keep the pet, or place the pet in a shelter or with animal control, or place the pet in a new home with a new owner, with no recourse by Owner against LDCA or its employees, agents, and affiliates. OWNER FULLY UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES THAT IF OWNER ABANDONS HIS/HER DOG AT THE LDCA FACILITY, OWNER MAY BE UNABLE TO RETRIEVE POSSESSION OF HIS/HER DOG AND WILL HAVE NO RECOURSE AGAINST ANY LDCA EMPLOYEE, OFFICER, OWNER, AFFILIATE OR AGENTS.

Owner agrees to all terms and conditions of this agreement, which shall be binding between Owner and LDCA.

PET OWNER AGREES AND ACKNOWLEDGES TO THE ABOVE:

Print Owner Name

Owner Signature and Date

Office Use Only:

Total Amount Due: \$ _____

Payment Type: _____

Remaining balance due at drop off: \$ _____