

_____ [“Owner”] hereby retains The Animal Keeper/Pet Suites [“Trainer”] to train _____ [the "Dog(s)"] under the following terms and conditions:

Training

The Trainer will work with your dog a minimum of two (2) sessions per training day.

Owner understands that during the 20 day training period the Trainer may have days off work. The total amount of training time will always be such that Trainer keeps dog on track to achieving goals. The Animal Keeper/Pet Suites offers other enrichment activities, such as individual Play Times, which you can select if you feel that your dog may need additional activity on non-training days.

Owner understands and agrees that the length of training required, and what can be accomplished, depends in part on the Dog’s prior experience and capacity to learn. Owner also understands and agrees that basic training generally requires 20 days, but may take longer in some cases.

Especially, owner understands that in most cases, 20 days of training is not adequate to ensure off-leash reliability. Owner will be required to do follow up training to reach that goal.

The skills worked on in the Board & Train will be: Loose leash walking, Sit on verbal and signal, Down on verbal and signal, Sit-Stay, Down-Stay, Come when called and Leave It. Once basic skills are in place Trainer will work to incorporate these skills into real-life scenarios, such as: Sit-stay as a door is opened; Leave It while passing another dog.

Trainer may take Dog to locations other than the Animal Keeper/Pet Suites facility as appropriate to achieve training goals.

Evaluation

The Trainer will give periodic progress reports to the owner, and at the Transfer Session scheduled for the Dog’s go-home day, will review with the owner training to be implemented at home to maintain training goals.

If Dog has not met some goals, Trainer will also review whether these goals can be met with additional training (additional cost may be required) or with follow up at home.

Maintenance

The Owner understands that the training will result in the Dog responding to the Trainer, and that the Dog may not initially respond as reliably to the Owner. To ensure Dog’s response to Owner, Owner agrees:

- To understand and apply the basic principles of training as described and demonstrated in the Transfer Session, and in the Training Handbook sent home
- To use the cues (commands) supplied by Trainer
- To practice with the Dog daily (10 minutes a day, 6 days a week)
- To integrate training into daily life (as described by Trainer and Training Handbook) so as to support behavior goals (not inadvertently punishing the good behavior and rewarding the bad.)
- To follow training and management advice as given by Trainer



Board & Train Contract



Follow-up

Included in the price of the 20 Day Board&Train:

- Transfer Session to show Owner Dog’s new skills, and to instruct owner how to practice and how to integrate those skills into daily life, and support them with positive reinforcement.
- Additionallly an Animal Keeper Training Manual and Training videos will be given at the Transfer Session

Training Payment is Not Refundable

No refunds are available on Board & Train Packages. Trainer will be available for phone calls and emails for a 3 month period after the Board & Train to help owner maintain training.

Aggression

Owner expressly represents and warrants that Owner has disclosed to the Trainer in writing (e.g. in the Intake Form and others) any aggression shown by the Dog, towards dogs or people, including but not limited to: growling, snapping, barking, hackling up, staring, lunging, chasing, and biting.

Owner understands and agrees that Aggression cannot be addressed in the Board &Train setting.

Liability

All behavioral advice and training suggestions are provided at the Owner's own risk. Use of this information is voluntary and neither The Animal Keeper/Pet Suites, its employees nor Trainer is responsible for injury to another human or animal. Owner expressly understands, acknowledges and agrees that Owner is at all times responsible for the actions of the Dog(s). Further, Owner, and not The Animal Keeper/Pet Suites, its employees nor Trainer is responsible for any injuries or expenses resulting from socialization or training of the Dog(s). Owner further understands and acknowledges that dogs participating in physical exercises may be injured by running, jumping, chasing a ball etc. Accordingly, Owner expressly hereby promises and warrants that owner shall indemnify and hold harmless the Animal Keeper/Pet Suites, its employees, and Trainer for any and all such injuries.

Photo and Video Release

Owner hereby grants The Animal Keeper/Pet Suites the absolute right and permission to copyright, use, re-use, publish, and republish videos, photographic portraits or pictures of my pets (listed above) taken during animal behavior consultations, training sessions, and in relation to other animal-behavior contexts.

The photos and videos may be used for advertising, marketing, educational, trade, or any other purposes whatsoever.

Owner Signature _____ Date _____