

HANDLER-CLIENT CONTRACT

Duties of Handler

I, Katelyn Ford, hereinafter referred to as the handler, agree to abide by the rules of the AKC, and will conduct herself in a professional manner, appearance and with good sportsmanship.

The handler agrees to present your show dog(s) well-groomed, trained and enthusiastic.

For dogs being boarded with the handler; she agrees to provide quality care, proper exercise, coat maintenance and housing for dog(s) including clean kennels, proper watering, and feeding.

The handler will provide a safe travel, secure crating, good air flow, and temperature controls with all dogs travelling in her care.

Duties of Dog Owner

I, _____, hereinafter referred to as the owner, agree to bring a well socialized and lead broken dog(s) to handler for exhibition.

The owner agrees to keep dog(s) current on all vaccinations. Bordetella vaccination is required every six months. It is the responsibility of the owner to inform handler that vaccinations have become due. All dogs are required to be on Heartworm preventative and Flea and Tick preventative.

The owner is responsible for discussing show entries with the handler and entering the dog(s) themselves unless other negotiated.

Conflicts

All dogs are taken on a first come basis. Champions or Specials dogs will have priority over class dogs. Dogs living and traveling with handler will have priority over ringside dogs. Should a conflict arise, my assistant or another experienced handler will either start or show your dog. If help is unable to be found, your dog will be marked absent. This decision will be based on the judge, your dog, and all the situations surrounding the particular circumstances. **Handler will never use anyone who is harsh or exhibits unkind techniques with dogs.**

Cancellations

Cancellations must be by the client before the close of entries. Handling fees will be invoiced unless the handler withdraws the entry before the entries close or the dog is physically unable to show due to injury, illness or lameness. Owner's inability to deliver dog to handler or show by ring time shall not be considered valid reason not to invoice for handling fees.

Liability

Owner agrees to hold Handler harmless for any damage to the dog while in Handler’s care, such as disease, theft, escape, or injury from other animals. Owner agrees to indemnify Handler for any and all loss, damage, or liability caused by the dog while in Handler’s care, custody or control. This includes but is not limited to injury inflicted by the dog on property, other animals, or on persons (including Handler). Handler is not legally liable or responsible to Owner or any other person for any damage caused by the dog, regardless of circumstance. Owner agrees to indemnify Handler for any damage caused by the dog.

Fees

The undersigned owner or responsible party agrees to pay the handler all fees as set forth in the enclosed schedule of fees. It is also agreed and understood that the undersigned owner or responsible party will pay all entry fees and veterinarian fees. A \$500 deposit is required for any handling services that will be applied to future bills.

Veterinary Care

Your signature below is also an authorization for any emergency care needed and/or provided while in care of the handler. All veterinary services fees will be the responsibility of the owner.

I understand that the above is a legal and binding contract in San Bernadino County, California.

If payment is in default over 180 days, attorney and collection fees will apply.

I understand and agree to abide by the above terms.

Name of Owner/Responsible Party: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Handler: _____

Date: _____