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Boarding Training Agreement

Thank you for asking about our Boarding Training program. This program is an excellent way to fast-track obedience fundamentals and good family dog behaviors. Candidates accepted into the program come to daycare each day for exercise and socialization, and work with our trainers each day. The dogs go home with a trainer every night. The cost for 1 week (7 days, 6 nights, usually Tuesday morning through Monday afternoon) is \$350. Shorter or longer periods may be considered at a daily rate of \$50. Skills are learned quickly and reliably, and proofed with a variety of settings and distractions. However, it's important to understand that training must be maintained in order to keep up the level of accomplishment.

To be accepted into the program, dogs must meet our daycare requirements: fully inoculated against rabies, distemper, parvovirus, and bordatella, spayed or neutered after 7 months, tested and negative for worms, and on a regular flea, tick, and worm-prevention program such as Frontline/Heartguard or Advantix/Sentinal. Acceptable candidates cannot be aggressive toward dogs or people.

To get started, please complete (1) the information sheet below and evaluate your dog on the behaviors listed on Page 2. Read the [Boarding Training Contract](#) and sign on the last page. We also need (2) a completed and signed copy of the [PDX Daycare and Boarding Application](#) and (3) a current copy of your shot records. Mail or fax (866-370-7821) all three documents to us. We will call to set up the preliminary meeting, during which final arrangements will be made.

INFORMATION

Please complete and attach the PDX Daycare & Boarding Application and shot records

Owner/Handler

Name					
Home Phone		Cell		Email	

Dog

Name				Breed		
Color:			Birthdate			Age
Sex	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog <input type="checkbox"/> Bitch	Neuter/spay?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Weight	
Vet Practice				Vet's Name		

PDX Use Only:

Dates scheduled: _____

Notes: _____

EVALUATION

S= satisfactory, no additional training required.

U= unsatisfactory, additional training required.

Owner: please complete your evaluation of your dog's initial status by putting a check mark in the appropriate column. This will be used to discuss the training objectives and outcomes during your preliminary and exit interviews.

Behavior	<u>BEFORE</u>		Comments
	S	U	
House-breaking			
Sit			
Down			
Stay			
Walk on loose leash			
Come when called			
Jumping up on people			
Jumping on furniture			
Charging through doors			
Barking			
Chewing			
Counter-surfing			
Growls or snarls at other dogs			
Growls or snarls at people			
Permits brushing			
Permits nail trimming			
Crate-training			
Begs at table			
Other:			
Other:			
Other:			
Other:			

Background information: Where acquired, at what age, prior training, prior experiences:

List people and animals in the household: _____

Food: _____

Medications: _____

Special health problems: _____

DOG TRAINING CONTRACT

_____ ("Owner") hereby retains Nancy Miller of Play Dog Excellent ("Trainer"), to train _____ (the "Dog") under the following terms and conditions:

1. Location. The Dog will stay with the Trainer during training, and the Trainer will take reasonable steps to keep the Dog safe, comfortable, appropriately exercised, and happy. The Owner may visit at agreed times. The Trainer may take the Dog to locations other than Trainer's home for socialization, training, and veterinary care.
2. Training. The Trainer will train the Dog at least six days a week, for several short, intense obedience sessions per day. In addition, the Dog will have periodic house privileges to learn house manners and to interact with other dogs. The length of training required depends upon the dog's capability to learn and its prior experiences, both good and bad. Training generally requires one to four weeks, but may be longer in some cases. The Trainer will give periodic progress reports to the Owner and will update the Owner on the anticipated length of training required to reach the agreed goals.
3. Evaluation and Goals. The Trainer and the Owner will evaluate the Dog's current skill levels and identify unsatisfactory areas needing improvement. Training will focus on the areas identified as unsatisfactory during the initial evaluation. In general, the goals for the Dog are:
 - a. to be reliably house-broken,
 - b. to interact safely with other dogs and people, if not seriously dog aggressive or people aggressive,
 - c. to perform basic pet obedience upon command: sit, down, stay, walk on loose leash, come when called,
 - d. to cooperate with basic pet management (grooming, crating, house manners), and
 - e. to extinguish identified bad habits that may exist, such as chewing, barking, jumping on people, rushing through doorways, counter-surfing, and begging for food at the table.
4. Re-Evaluation. At the conclusion of the in-house training, the Owner and the Trainer will re-evaluate the Dog and identify whether the Dog has met all the goals. If the Dog has not met some goals, the Owner and Trainer will discuss whether these goals can be achieved by the Dog with additional training and will consider additional training.
5. Expectations. It may not be possible in some cases to achieve all goals. For example, a dog may have a medical condition that prevents the dog from being reliably house-broken, or the dog's temperament may be aggressive by nature and not amenable to behavior modification. The Trainer will notify the Owner if any areas are identified where goals need to be modified. In most cases, however, all goals should be achievable.
6. Maintenance of Goals. The Owner recognizes that this training will result in the Dog obeying the Trainer, and that this will not train the Dog to obey the Owner. In order for the Dog to obey the Owner, the following must occur:
 - a. The Owner must understand the basic principles of training.
 - b. The Owner must apply the basic principles of training.
 - c. The Owner must not interact with the Dog in a way that rewards bad behavior or punishes good behavior.
 - d. The Owner must regularly train the dog at least ten minutes a day, six days a week to maintain the level of training achieved.

7. Owner Training. At the conclusion of in-house training, the Trainer will instruct the Owner in the basics of training. Instruction will consist of the following:

- a. Providing the Owner with a concise dog-training manual geared to pet manners.
- b. One exit conference to show the Owner the Dog's new skills and to instruct the Owner on how to give the proper commands, how to properly reward the Dog for correct performance, and how to properly correct the Dog for disobedience.
- c. Two additional follow-up visits, one each week for two weeks, of one-half hour duration each, at the Trainer's facility, to provide additional instruction and feed-back on how to train the Dog.

8. Retraining. If the Owner complies with the requirements of Section 6, and the Dog fails to maintain the goals achieved at the end of in-house training, the Trainer will, at no additional charge, provide additional training of up to one week at any time during the first six months following completion of in-house training. In order to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of Section 6, the Owner must document regular training sessions of at least ten minutes per day and must demonstrate an understanding of the principles contained in the dog training manual provided by the Trainer.

9. Fee. The fee for the training described in this contract is \$350 per week of in-house training (pro rated for partial weeks). The follow-up sessions described are included in this weekly fee. Fees are payable at the end of each week of training. If the Owner fails to pay when due, the Trainer may return the Dog to the Owner before training is completed and goals are reached, and the Trainer will have no further obligation to the Owner.

10. Vaccinations and Medications. The Owner must provide the Trainer with proof that the Dog has been vaccinated within the past six months for bordatella and within the past eleven months for rabies, distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus, and parainfluenza. The Dog must be heartworm negative and on heartworm preventive, and on monthly flea/tick preventive. Any medications to be administered to the Dog during training will be provided by the Owner and administered by the Trainer as instructed by the Owner.

11. Veterinary Care. If the Dog requires non-emergency veterinary care during the training period, the Trainer will make a reasonable attempt to contact the Owner so that the Owner can obtain veterinary care for the Dog. If the Owner cannot be reached or is unable to tend to the Dog's need for veterinary care, or in the case of an emergency, the Trainer will arrange on behalf of the Owner for veterinary care to which the Owner consents as set forth below. All veterinary fees are the responsibility of the Owner. If convenient, the Trainer will take the Dog to the Dog's veterinarian, but the Trainer reserves the right to take the Dog to a veterinarian selected by the Trainer, using reasonable care in the selection of a veterinarian. Owner hereby consents to the following veterinary care for the Dog (check appropriate blank or blanks), and gives the Trainer full authority to consent to such treatment as the agent of the Owner:

___ Emergency care reasonably required to save the dog's life, to preserve the use of organs or limbs, or to alleviate severe pain.

___ Euthanasia, only if (a) recommended by the veterinarian, (b) the Owner cannot be reached after reasonable attempts, (c) treatment is not likely to be successful, and (d) the Dog may be suffering or the expense of continued treatment may be unreasonable in light of the likely outcome.

All other veterinary care must be arranged by the Owner.

12. Aggressive Dogs. The Owner warrants that he has disclosed to the Trainer in writing any behavior that may indicate that the Dog may be aggressive to other dogs or to people, including but not limited to growling, forceful barking, snapping, raising of hackles, lowering of head and staring, chasing, attempting to bite, and biting. The Owner understands that, while the Trainer may be able to address some forms of aggression, many aggressive dogs require long-term treatment following a specific plan of action. The Owner further understands that some forms of aggression cannot be addressed with behavior modification and may require medication or euthanasia, both of which are outside the scope of this contract. The Trainer reserves the right to refuse or discontinue services for an aggressive dog, in which case the Trainer will have no further obligation to the Owner.

Date: _____

OWNER:

TRAINER
Nancy Miller, Play Dog Excellent
