



## **Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter**

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### **Waiver of Liability and Informed Consent Release**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the Releasing Party and the undersigned, have enrolled myself and my dog in dog training classes, private consultations, workshops or other related activities (Classes) offered by the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter(SCCAS) and Dogs in Good Hands LLC, collectively referred to in this document as The Released Parties.

By signing this Waiver of Liability and Informed Consent Release, I certify that I have been informed and understand that there is risk of injury involved when interacting with animals, especially animals with behavioral issues. I acknowledge and agree that dogs can be difficult to control and that not all dogs will be under control at all times during the Classes, resulting in possible injury, permanent disability, or death to me, my dog, my family members, or third parties. I have had full opportunity to discuss all concerns I have about the foregoing risks with SCCAS and its authorized representatives. I have made all inquiries and investigations to my satisfaction related to such risks, including, but not limited to, an examining the training area (if applicable). I hereby accept and assume, without reservation, all risks associated with my participation in the provided by the Released Parties, including, but not limited to, the risks of injuries to me, my dog and my family members or third parties who may attend, and the risk that my dog may cause injury to other persons or dogs while training.

I assume the risk of injury by animals on the premises including injury to me, injury to persons, injuries to my animal, injuries from other animals on the premises, injuries from bites, injuries from other actions of an animal on the premises including aggressive and non-aggressive behavior, injuries from tripping on a leash or lead, and other factors. I understand I may be injured or my dog may injure another person or animal when my dog or another dog jumps up on a person, mouths, trips, pulls, runs into, plays roughly, fights, or behaves another ways that causes injury. I also recognize that such risks include injuries or illness from contagious diseases and/or unwanted dog pregnancies. I understand that any time dogs are exposed to other dogs or are in an area other dogs frequent, such as an animal shelter or dog training class, there is a potential for disease transmission.

I understand and agree that the Released Parties, their representatives and independent contractors assume no responsibility for personal injuries, property damage, or loss of personal items during or around the time of training.

For myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors and assigns, I hereby waive, release, discharge and agree not to sue, and further agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Released Parties and their members, managers, agents, employees, volunteers, and independent contractors, from any and all injuries, losses, claims and damages to any person or persons of any nature whatsoever, including claims arising from the Released Parties' own negligence, and all related costs, including attorney's fees, court costs and consultant fees, arising as a result of my participation in the Classes.

I agree that I am responsible for my dog's safety, other animals' safety from my dog, and the public's safety from my dog, and I assume 100% responsibility for my dog and my dog's actions at all times. I understand the Released Parties, their representatives and independent contractors, make no guarantees about my dog's behavior during and after the Classes, including any aggressive or injurious behavior by my dog, or my dog's reliability in following cues taught in the Classes.

The SCCAS may use photographs of me, people accompanying me during the Classes, or my dog for publicity or promotional purposes without liability or obligation of any kind to me. If I do not want my photo taken or used, I will notify the training instructor prior to the Classes in writing via letter or e-mail.

This Waiver of Liability and Informed Consent Release shall be legally binding on the Releasing Party. Should the Releasing Party assert a claim contrary to the Releasing Party's agreements in this Waiver of Liability and Informed Consent Release, the Releasing Party shall be liable for all expenses (including attorney's fees, court costs and consultant fees) incurred by both the Releasing Party and the Released Parties. No waiver or modification of any provision shall be valid unless expressly agreed to in writing by both the Released Party and the Releasing Parties. Every provision herein is intended to be severable. If any one or more of these provisions is found to be unenforceable or invalid, that shall not affect the other terms and provisions hereof, which shall remain binding and enforceable.

The Releasing Party has submitted a "Dog Registration Form" that is incorporated and made a part of this agreement.

I have read, understand, and will adhere to the private or class training policies of the SCCAS.

Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Handler Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name\_\_\_\_\_

Parent or guardian signature of attending  
child/children\_\_\_\_\_

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Date\_\_\_\_\_