



## **NW Canine Connection - Waiver of Liability**

**(PLEASE READ IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SIGN BELOW)**

**I understand that dogs sometimes exhibit behavior that cannot reasonably be anticipated by any individual – even one who is very familiar with dogs and dog behavior.**

1. Consequently, in leaving my dog in the care of NW Canine Connection I agree to hold the owner(s), officers, employees, their agents or assigns harmless if **any** injury, including a fatal injury, occurs to my dog while in the custody of any personnel affiliated with NW Canine Connection
2. The only exception to the statement made in paragraph number one would occur if such injury was determined in arbitration to have been caused by willful gross negligence on the part of NW Canine Connection or any of its owners, employees, their agents or assigns.
3. In consideration of placing my dog into the custody of NW Canine Connection I agreed that if willful gross negligence is found by an arbitrator or panel of arbitrators to have led to the death of my dog in the custody of NW Canine Connection, then the liability of NW Canine Connection shall be limited to and shall not extend beyond the expenditure necessary to replace the deceased dog with a young specimen of the same breed as soon as possible.
4. In consideration of placing my dog into the custody of NW Canine Connection I entirely and irrevocably forego any right to receive compensation in the event my dog is injured in any capacity, way or manner while in the custody of NW Canine Connection.
5. I agree to pay any and all legal fees incurred by me, my heirs, their assigns and NW Canine Connection, its owner(s), officers, employees, agents or assigns resulting from any attempt to circumvent the term of this Liability Waiver to the detriment of NW Canine Connection, its owner(s), officers, employees, agents or assigns.
6. I agree to hold the owner(s), officers, employees, agents or assigns of NW Canine Connection harmless in the event my dog is at cause in generating harm or injury to (1) any other dog in the custody of NW Canine Connection and/or (2) to any

individual who comes in contact with my dog while the dog is in the custody of NW Canine Connection.

7. In the event my dog is at cause in generating harm or injury to any other dog in the custody of NW Canine Connection or any individual who comes into contact with my dog which my dog is in the custody of NW Canine Connection I agree to hold NW Canine Connection harmless if any third party attempts to assert legal rights for compensation arising from such harm or injuries. I acknowledge that in such circumstances, I will be responsible for any financial remuneration, award, penalty, fee, tax or financial reward assessed against NW Canine Connection, its owner(s), officers, employees, agents or assigns by an arbitrator, panel of arbitrators or court of law.
  
8. As owner or authorized agent of the registered owner of the dog I hereby agree to arbitrate any and all disputes with the owner(s), officers, employees, agents or assigns of NW Canine Connection. I understand that this agreement to arbitrate constitutes a waiver of the right to seek a judicial forum. Unless otherwise agreed to, such arbitration shall be before (no more than three) arbitrators of sound reputation and conducted in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association then applicable. The award of the arbitrators or the majority of them shall be final. Upon any arbitration award rendered, a judgment may be entered in any court, state or federal, having appropriate jurisdiction.

I have read, understood and accepted the terms of this Waiver of Liability.

Signed and accepted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of 20\_\_\_\_\_

Owner (or agent of owner)

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Accepted for NW Canine Connection by \_\_\_\_\_