



Contract Of Agreement Between Client and SSD

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AGREE TO

- To obey all applicable laws and By Laws relating to dogs.
 - To abide by all leash laws
- Provide a stable and secure living environment.
- To ensure my dog wears identification in public with a minimum of your surname, house number/name, postcode and a telephone number on, even if my dog is micro-chipped.
- Communicate with my dog in an appropriate manner such as food, praise, touch, treat my dog with appreciation and respect and to avoid shouting, growling or hitting my dog.
- To use the agreed upon equipment whilst my dog is working and off duty.
 - Body harness
 - Flat collar
 - Flat lead or guide harness
- Ensure my dog's emotional needs are met through ongoing companionship, mental stimulation, positive handling both physically, verbally, and mentally.
- Give my dog the opportunity for daily exercise in various environments including off lead, if safe, (in emergencies and ill health this may take place in the garden).
- Ensure my dog is fed a good nutritional diet and is fed at least once daily plus treats for training and will seek advice from an appropriate canine authority if unsure about the nutritional value of any diet.

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- Ensure my dog has constant access to water.
- Ensure my dog is kept in an environment with a suitable temperature at all times; neither too hot or too cold, and not to work my dog in extreme heat conditions.
- Ensure my dog has regular opportunities to toilet throughout the day in an appropriate place.
- Ensure that my dog is at an ideal weight for a healthy dog and that I will maintain this weight as per my vet's guidance.
- Ensure my dog is adequately groomed and regularly washed, including ears, eyes, nails skin and coat; I will carry out regular checks on eyes, nails, ears and exposed skin; I will groom my dog's coat and check covered skin a minimum of once a week if my dog is a short coated breed & daily if a longer coated breed.
- Worm my dog as per my vet's guidance.
- Practice preventative health care for my dog, in particular to prevent flea and bacteriological infestation and to seek treatment immediately such occurs as per my vet's guidance.
- Ensure my dog visits the vet at minimum of once a year for a health check, and in any case of illness or injury; to report any veterinary treatment of my dog to the SSD.
- Ensure my dog is regularly inoculated or titre tested as per my veterinary practices' guidance.
- Give my dog regular rest periods from training and/or working throughout the day.
- Give my dog the opportunity to just be a dog each day, keeping a balance between this and my dog working for me.
- Transport my dog safely when using a car, by using a special dog guard, dog cage or dog harness & seatbelt restraint.
- To arrange for the prompt clean-up of my dog's waste after toileting.



Handlers

I AGREE

- Conduct themselves professionally, and in a manner that does not bring SSD or the assistance dog training discipline and profession into disrepute.
- Act responsibly, and demonstrate integrity, respect and impartiality to their trainer, assessor, the public, veterinary personnel, and other canine professionals.
- Refrain from giving advice and acting in a way that would knowingly cause harm, psychological and/or physical distress, damage, or injury.
- Comply with their legal obligations as a dog owner and the interest, welfare, and safety of their dog(s), will be paramount at all times.
- Not conduct their behaviour in any way likely to negatively affect, harm or discredit the reputation of the SSD.
- Comply with the findings and suggestions of the SSD following a risk assessment before the public access assessment.
- Follow the SSD ethics and equipment guidelines which prohibits the use of: Slip Lead, Prong Collars, Half Checks or Martingale Collars, Choke Chains, E Collars, Flexi Leads, Spray Collars, Head Collars and aversive techniques and will only use science-based training methods.
- Ensure that I have a person/s who will take care of my dog should I be unable to do so for any reason.
- Teams should not enter the space of another handler and assistance dog team in a public access setting, this includes if the team is known.
In situations where the other team is unknown then the same should apply.

If the team are unable to avoid this situation the responsibility is that to ensure the safety and welfare of the qualified dog and team.



Statement

All SSD logo property remains the property of SSD, if you leave or are removed from SSD these must be returned to SSD, if these are not returned you will be held liable for a R1250 fee.

- ***Lead slips***
- ***Dog Vests***
- ***ID Cards***
- ***AADSA Pet Id Booklet***

If during your term with SSD your SSD equipment becomes damaged, please return to SSD to be issued with a replacement.

I have read and agree to abide by the aforementioned and understand that if I fail to keep to any part of this agreement, it will break the contract between myself and SSD, and will result in the termination of my membership with SSD.

Print name

Signed Date

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