

NATIONAL POLICE CANINE ASSOCIATION

RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

This Document Affects Important Legal Rights. Read It Carefully.

The National Police Canine Association (“NPCA”) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the training, development and certification of law enforcement canine teams and their administration. In order to provide this training, without fear of lawsuits or liability in the event of an accident, the NPCA requires that all participants in its training programs read and sign this Release and Indemnity Agreement.

By your signature below, you as Releasor will waive your legal rights to claim, sue or attempt to hold liable the parties being released for any injury, death or property damage sustained in connection with any training programs offered by the NPCA and any law enforcement agency with whom the NPCA works in providing the training. The parties being released from claims by your signature below are **NPCA and their respective representatives, officers, directors, civilian and sworn employees, volunteers, and insurers (the “Releasees”)**.

1. I, _____ [print name], voluntarily request to participate in the Joint Agency Canine Seminar/Certification offered by the NPCA, to be conducted at various locations within the boundaries of _____ County and/or the City of _____ on or about Month _____ Day _____ Year _____.
2. I understand that my participation in the Joint Agency Canine Seminar/Certification will involve vigorous physical training and activities, and will include high risk police tactical situations, including the use and discharge of actual weapons and explosives.
3. I further understand and recognize that there is a risk that the training in which I will participate will lead to physical injury and property damage and any injuries or damages incurred may arise from any number of factors, including but not limited to, the negligence of participants, the negligence of the NPCA, mechanical failures, or misconduct of third parties. I voluntarily assume all risks and full responsibility for any bodily injury, death or property damages arising out of or related my participation in the Joint Agency Canine Seminar due to any negligence, gross negligence, or other unintentional wrongdoing of Releasees.
4. Therefore, I, on behalf of myself and my family members, heirs, beneficiaries, representatives, and assigns, hereby irrevocably release, acquit and forever discharge the Releasees from any and all claims or demands for any and all loss, injury, death or damage arising out of or related to my involvement as a participant, volunteer, or observer of the Joint Agency Canine Seminar (“the Released Claims”). This release applies whether my damages are caused by the active, passive, affirmative, sole, or concurrent negligence, gross negligence or any other unintentional wrongdoing of Releasees. I agree to hold the Releasees harmless and will defend and indemnify the Releasees from any and all liability arising from or related to the Released Claims.
5. I understand that this release is a complete release, and I intend for it to include not only all known and foreseeable claims but also unknown and unforeseen claims against all of the parties being released.
6. I know it is my right not to sign this release and to refrain from participating in the training being offered to me. I also understand that I may seek advice from legal counsel if I have any doubt about signing this release.
7. I understand that by signing this release, I am representing that I understand the language used in the release. I represent that in the event of my injury or death or any property damage, neither I nor my heirs or representatives shall claim that I did not understand the language within this release.

_____	_____
Date	Signature

	Department

Witness:

_____	_____
Date	Signature

	Printed Name