

**Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Attending Training Class/Private Lessons & Coronavirus/COVID-19  
Class Cancellation Policy**

Agreement to Hold-Harmless Waiver, Assumption of Risk, from 2012 to present. I understand that attendance of a Dog Obedience Training Class is not without risk to myself, members of my family or guests who may attend, or my dog, because some of the dogs to which I will be exposed may be difficult to control and may be the cause of injury even when handled with the greatest amount of care. I hereby waive and release Sterling Canine Academy, Inc., Trish Gautier and their agents from any and all liability of any nature, for injury or damage which I or my dog may suffer, including specifically, but without limitation to, any injury or damage resulting from the action of any dog, and I expressly assume the risk of such damage or injury while attending any training session or while on the training grounds or the surrounding area thereto.

In consideration of and as inducement to the acceptance of my application for Dog Obedience Training with Sterling Canine Academy, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless Sterling Canine Academy and their agents from any and all claims, or claims by any member of any family or any other person accompanying me to any training session or while on the grounds or the surrounding area thereto as a result of any action by any dog, including my own.

Class Cancellation Weather Policy Sterling Canine Academy, Inc. reserves the right to cancel a class due to weather or sickness but when possible, that class will be added to the end of the session so dog and handlers get 8 weeks of instruction. On days where Putnam County Schools close due to road conditions we will not have day time classes and I will evaluate conditions to determine if evening classes will be held. I will post all cancellations on Sterling Canine Academy, Inc. Facebook page as well as my personal page.

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of large groups of people

Sterling Canine Academy, Inc. has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, we cannot guarantee that you or your family will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending classes or private lessons could increase your risk and your family's risk of contracting COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my family and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending classes or private lessons and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the Academy may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, volunteers, and program participants and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my family or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my family may experience or incur in connection with my family's attendance at the Academy or participation in Academy training ("Claims"). On my behalf, and on behalf of my family, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless the Academy, its volunteers, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the Academy, its volunteers, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any Academy class or lesson.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

