

WAGGING WITH WISDOM PRESENTS



JUNIOR CANINE ADVOCATE PROGRAM - PLEDGE

I PROMISE to be a *kind, respectful, and responsible* friend to dogs both in my home and community.

I WILL continue learning to “speak dog” by paying close attention to dog body language and better understand what those around me may be feeling.

I will always follow the P.A.W.S. Protocol whenever I meet a dog by:

Pausing to assess the dog’s body language

Asking the owner for permission to interact

Waiting for the dog to come to me confidently

& Safely Interacting with adult supervision.

I UNDERSTAND that dogs are animals and that any animal, including my own pets, have the ability to hurt me if I am not choosing to interact with them safely.

I WILL always let dogs choose if they want to interact with me and never force myself into their space.

I WILL respect every dog’s boundaries and always follow the safety rules set by both their owners and my own adults.

I UNDERSTAND that *responsible care is kindness* and that dog ownership is a lot of responsibility to provide them with food, water, exercise, healthcare, love, and protection in exchange for their dedicated companionship.

I WILL help advocate for dogs by treating them with compassion as I have been taught today, and encouraging others to do the same.

By signing this pledge, I promise to use what I have learned to help make my home, school, and community safer and happier for both people and dogs.

I am proud to be a Wag Whisperer!

Student Name: _____

Date: _____ Taught by; Sage Rainier (IACP-AKC)

"Kindness, Respect, and Understanding: Languages We All Share."

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Today your child participated in our **Junior Canine Advocate** program, where they learned how to *safely and respectfully* interact with dogs in both their own homes and communities.

Through hands-on demonstrations with live therapy dogs, your student learned:

- How to "speak dog" by recognizing canine body language cues
- The **P.A.W.S. Protocol** (Pause, Ask, Wait, & Safe interactions) for engaging with dogs safely
 - The importance of patience and allowing dogs to choose interactions too
 - How and when to respect a dog's boundaries and personal space
 - Why ethical pet care, responsibility, and advocacy are so important

In addition to dog safety, these lessons help reinforce important **social and emotional skills**. By learning to observe body language, respect boundaries, practice patience, and seek consent before interacting, your student practiced skills that support positive relationships with both animals and people.

Our goal is to help children build safe, positive connections to dogs while developing stronger empathy, respect, communication, and individual decision-making skills.

We encourage you to ask your child about what they learned and have them teach you the P.A.W.S. Protocol!

Thank you for helping us create safer, kinder communities for both dogs and people alike.

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Sincerely,

Sage Rainier (IACP-AKC)