



## Training Agreement/Terms for Fosters & Adopters:

At Dark Horse Dogs (DHD), we believe the bond and trust you build with your new dog are paramount for long term, future success.

Training methods and tools used during training can either strengthen or weaken your bond over time. We want our adoptive and foster families to be successful, now and for the remainder of your dog's life!

Dark Horse Dogs, NFP does not condone or promote any use of aversive training methods or tools. We do not allow any dogs that are fostered or adopted through Dark Horse Dogs to be subjected to them. This includes trainers that may call themselves "balanced" trainers, the use of choke collars, prong collars and electric (shock) collars. We want to promote and enforce "force free" training. We do not believe dogs can have long term success and trust when using fear or painful methods of training. Let's train our dogs by teaching them what we want them to do, not punishing what we don't want them to do.

For your convenience, we have provide a list of trainers force free trainers. If these recommendations do not work for your family or location, please reach out and we will be more than happy to find something closer to you, that science has proven to be the most humane and effective training. Let's set our families and dogs up for success. We want to see you all do well!

By choosing to foster or adopt with DHD, you understand our views on training and use of aversive methods.

By choosing to foster or adopt with DHD, you agree to not use any tools that may be uncomfortable or painful.

This includes but is not limited to, choke collars, prong/pinch collars, or electric (shock) collars. You agree to work with a trainer or facility that chooses a "force free" approach and does not use punishment as a training method. You agree to contact a Dark Horse Dogs volunteer, if at any time you are unsure about a training technique or tool.

By choosing to foster or adopt with DHD, you understand, that if at any time you are found to be using aversive training or tools in your home, or you have hired trainers who use aversive methods or tools, DHD has the right to take the dog back into our possession.

By choosing to adopt from, or foster with DHD, you understand and agree to our training beliefs and methods.

Use this link to pull up recommendations: [Force Free Training Recommendations](#)

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