

DOG SHOW HANDLING AGREEMENT

This Dog Show Handling Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into as of [Effective Date] by and between:

Handler: [Handler / Business Name], Contact: [phone / email / address] ("Handler")
and

Owner: [Owner Name], Contact: [phone / email / address] ("Owner")

1. SERVICES

Handler agrees to provide dog handling, grooming, boarding, transportation coordination, show entry assistance, and related services for the dog(s) listed below per the terms of this Agreement.

Dog(s): [Dog name / breed / registration / call name / DOB / color]

2. TERM

This Agreement begins on the Effective Date and will continue until terminated by either party pursuant to section 11.

3. RATES & FEES (Rates are per show unless otherwise noted)

- Handling Fee — All-Breed Show: \$200
- Handling Fee — Specialty Show: \$300
- Handling Fee — Independent National Specialties: \$750
- All-Breed Ringside Pickup Handling Fee: \$250
- Specialty Ringside Pickup Handling Fee: \$350
- Ringside Handling Fee — Prestige Shows (Hatboro, Devon, Montgomery County, Morris & Essex, AKC Invitational, Westminster): \$1,000
- Pre-Show Grooming (per show): \$150
- Boarding: \$22 per day

4. TRAVEL, LODGING & OTHER EXPENSES

Expenses to and from dog shows (including but not limited to hotel, rental car, parking, gas, oil, flights, show entry fees, meals, and other show-related expenses) will be estimated and prorated among the dogs attending the same show when applicable. Handler will provide estimates when feasible and a final itemized accounting after each event.

5. RETAINER; PAYMENT; INVOICING

- Retainer: Owner shall pay a retainer in the amount of \$1,500 to Handler due upon execution of this Agreement. The retainer will be applied against Handler's invoices for fees and expenses. Any unused portion of the retainer will be returned to Owner within 30 days of final accounting for the applicable show(s).
- Invoicing: Handler will invoice Owner for fees, expenses, and any additional charges. Handler may invoice periodically (e.g., monthly) or after each show.

- Payment Due: Payment is due within fifteen (15) days of the invoice date unless otherwise agreed in writing.
- Late Fee: Past-due balances shall accrue interest at 1.5% per month (18% APR) or the maximum rate permitted by law, whichever is lower.
- Returned Check Fee: A returned check fee of \$35 will be charged for any check returned for insufficient funds or otherwise dishonored.
- Accepted Payment Methods: [cash, check, bank transfer, credit card — specify if card fee applies].

6. CANCELLATION & SHOW ENTRY FEES

- Owner is responsible for all show entry fees and related expenses for any entries made on Owner's behalf. If entries are made and Owner later cancels participation, Owner remains responsible for any nonrefundable fees or costs unless refunded by the show organizer.
- If Handler cancels handling for any reason, Handler will promptly return any unused portion of the retainer and shall provide reasonable assistance in transitioning handling to another handler, if practical.

7. PRIZE MONEY AND AWARDS

Handler shall retain 100% of all prize money, trophies, ribbons, and awards earned while Handler is handling the dog(s) under this Agreement, unless otherwise agreed in writing by Owner and Handler.

8. GROOMING / BOARDING / ROUTINE CARE

- Pre-Show Grooming is \$150 per show as listed above. Day-of touch-ups and consumable grooming products will be charged at actual cost unless otherwise agreed.
- Boarding is \$22 per day unless different boarding arrangements are agreed in writing.
- Special diets, supplements, or medications: Owner shall reimburse Handler for the actual cost of special diets, supplements, or medications and any reasonable handling fees for administering.

9. VETERINARY CARE; EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION

- Owner is responsible for all veterinary expenses. Handler may obtain emergency veterinary care as reasonably required. Handler is authorized to obtain veterinary care up to \$500 without prior Owner approval. For veterinary care estimated to exceed \$500, Handler will attempt to contact Owner for authorization. If Owner cannot be reached and treatment is urgently needed to prevent harm to the dog, Handler may proceed with reasonable emergency treatment; Owner will be responsible for all costs incurred.

10. ESTIMATES, ACCOUNTING & RECEIPTS

Handler will provide estimates for travel and show-related expenses when feasible and will provide a final, itemized accounting (including receipts for significant expenses) after each show or upon Owner request.

11. TERMINATION

Either party may terminate this Agreement upon [ten (10)] days' written notice to the other party. Owner remains responsible for costs incurred and nonrefundable fees committed prior to termination, and Handler will account for fees and expenses incurred through the termination date.

12. INSURANCE & LIABILITY

Owner is responsible for maintaining any desired insurance for the dog(s). Handler will exercise reasonable care in performance of services but shall not be liable for loss, injury, or death of any dog except to the extent caused by Handler's gross negligence or willful misconduct. Handler is not responsible for damage caused by a dog to persons or property; Owner shall indemnify and hold Handler harmless for claims arising from Owner's dog(s), except where such claims are caused by Handler's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

13. MISCELLANEOUS

- Independent Contractor: Handler is an independent contractor. Nothing in this Agreement creates an employment relationship.
- Assignment: Owner may not assign this Agreement without Handler's prior written consent.
- Entire Agreement: This Agreement (and any attachments or addenda) constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes prior agreements or understandings.
- Amendments: Any amendment must be in writing and signed by both parties.
- Governing Law: This Agreement is governed by the laws of the state of [State].

14. ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Owner acknowledges that Handler is not an attorney and that Owner may seek legal counsel regarding the terms of this Agreement.

15. SIGNATURES

By signing below, Owner and Handler accept and agree to the terms and rates set forth in this Agreement.

Handler: _____ Date: _____
Name (print): _____

Owner: _____ Date: _____
Name (print): _____

Rate Summary (for quick reference)

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- Boarding: \$22 / day
- Retainer: \$1,500 due at signing; applied to invoices; unused portion returned within 30 days of final accounting.
- Late Fee: 1.5% per month on past-due balances.
- Returned Check Fee: \$35.
- Prize Money / Awards: retained by Handler (100%).