

LIABILITY WAIVER AND RELEASE AGREEMENT

I, _____, acknowledge that I am voluntarily participating in dog training classes conducted on the property of **Animal Welfare Society of Howard County dba CHARM Rescue** (hereinafter referred to as the "CHARM Rescue or Rescue"). I understand that participation in these classes involves inherent risks, including but not limited to injury to myself, my dog, or others, property damage, illness, or unforeseen incidents arising from interacting with animals.

By signing this waiver, I expressly agree to the following:

1. **Assumption of Risk**

I understand and assume all risks associated with my participation in dog training classes, including risks of bites, scratches, falls, and any other injuries that may occur as a result of my interaction with dogs or other participants.

2. **Release of Liability**

I hereby release, discharge, and hold harmless **CHARM Rescue**, its officers, directors, employees, trainers, volunteers, agents, and affiliates (collectively referred to as "Released Parties") from any and all claims, liabilities, damages, or causes of action, whether known or unknown, arising from my participation in the dog training classes.

3. **Indemnification**

I agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Released Parties from any claims, damages, or expenses, including attorney's fees, resulting from my actions, my dog's actions, or any claims brought against the Released Parties by third parties arising out of my participation.

4. **Dog Behavior and Responsibility**

I acknowledge that I am responsible for the behavior and actions of my dog at all times. I affirm that my dog is up to date on vaccinations and does not have a history of aggression or dangerous behavior.

5. **Medical Treatment Authorization**

In the event of an injury to myself or my dog, I authorize the Rescue to seek emergency medical or veterinary care at my expense. I understand that the Rescue is not responsible for providing or covering medical or veterinary treatment.

6. **Property and Facility Use**

I understand that I am responsible for any damages caused by me or my dog to the property, training equipment, or other participants' belongings.

7. **Photographic Release (Optional)**

I grant permission for **CHARM Rescue** to take photographs or videos of me and my dog for promotional, educational, or marketing purposes without compensation.

I certify that I have read this waiver, understand its contents, and voluntarily agree to its terms. I understand that by signing this document, I am waiving certain legal rights.

Participant's Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Dog's Name: _____

Date: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Phone: _____