



# MIDDLETOWN DOG TRAINING CENTER

## RELEASE OF LIABILITY

### Puppy Classes / Obedience Classes / Rally / Canine Good Citizen / and all Other Classes

I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied for the services of The Middletown Dog Training Center for one of the classes listed above.

As lawful consideration for being permitted to participate in one in of the programs, I hereby agree that I, my heirs, distributes, guardians, legal representative, and assigns will not make a claim against, sue, attach the property of or prosecute The Middletown Dog Training Center and/or any of its members for any injuries or damage resulting to me, my animal(s), or my property from the negligence, or other acts, however caused, by any member, agent, employee, or contractor of The Middletown Dog Training Center as the result of my participation in this activity.

In addition, I hereby release and discharge The Middletown Dog Training Center and/or its members from all actions, claims, or demands, I, my heirs, distributes, guardians, legal representative, and or assigns now have or may in the future have for injury or damage resulting in my participation in this activity.

**Refunds will be given for cancellations made more than 7 days before Orientation. However, a \$10.00 cancellation fee will be deducted from the refund. Dogs unable to attend class due to health reasons (verified by a veterinarian) will be rescheduled for a future class. Any other situation will be discussed by the board of MDTC.**

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MIDDLETOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB AND ITS MEMBERS AND / OR MYSELF AND I HAVE SIGNED IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

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

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(Need signature of parent or /guardian if participant is less than 18 years of age)

# Welcome To Middletown Dog Training Center

## Items to Remember:

- You can use a buckle/flat collar, martingale, prong, or chain/nylon choker
- No flexi-leads are to be used in class, please use a 4-6 ft lead made of leather, cotton, or nylon.
- Please do not feed your dog prior on class day, hungry dogs pay more attention to you.
- Bring soft treats, such as hot dogs, pupperoni, sting cheese, etc. cut to the size of your pinky fingernail. No hard treats. Have a pocket, bait bag, or fanny pack to hold your treats, you will need to keep both hands free. If your dog has a favorite toy, and you want to use that instead of treats, that is fine.
- Potty and give your dog some exercise before class. Accidents can and do happen. We have supplies for you to use to clean up.
- The potty area is out the back door to the left of the building. PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG. Bags are available for clean up. Outside, there is a can in which to put your waste.
- Arrive a few minutes early to give you and your dog time to relax.
- Keep your dog close, and watch to make sure your dog doesn't have any eye/physical contact with other dogs, some can take this as a threat and act out.
- Please turn off cell phones during class and hold your private conversations until after the instructor is done speaking.
- Please speak up if you are having issues with your dog, or if you cannot hear the instructor.
- We ask that only one person (in a family) be in the ring with the dog at a time.
- Wear comfortable shoes and clothing. Heels and flip flops can be a safety hazard.
- Most importantly come with a sense of humor, and don't judge your dog's behavior or be embarrassed by it. Hang in there with the classes and don't compare your dog to another. Training can be trying at times.
- We are here to help you in every way we can to make your dog a great family member.

# Aggressive Dog Policy

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### DEFINITION OF “AGGRESSIVE DOG”

An aggressive dog is one who, on MDTC premises or at MDTC activities, makes – or repeatedly attempts to make – negative physical contact with any person or any animal. “Negative physical contact” is that which is potentially harmful or dangerous to persons or pets. Some examples might be but are not limited to, the following:

- Snapping
- Growling
- Baring Teeth
- Charging or Lunging
- Raising Hackles
- Biting

Any person who believes s/he experienced or witnessed an act of dog aggression may fill out a written report, which must be signed, dated, and presented to the Class Instructor, Training Director or Club President.

## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1. All Obedience class participants and Club members will receive a copy of the Aggressive Dog Policy.
2. Any dog that exhibits an overt act of aggression is to be excused immediately and taken from the premises. The instructor will request the owner/handler remain to discuss the incident, review Club policies and determine options for further classes.
3. If a person believes a dog is exhibiting aggressive behavior, a report (*See Aggressive Dog Report Form below*) must be filed.
  - The Instructor **always** has the right to request that a handler remove a dog from class for the evening or the remainder of the classes OR muzzle the dog in classes OR may recommend other appropriate action; in such instances, the Instructor will file a written report with the Training Director and Board.
  - Full or partial refunds in cases where a dog is not allowed to return to class are subject to Board review.

4. Written reports of dog aggression will be forwarded to the Instructor or Training Director who will request an assessment of the situation from the Instructor.
5. The Training Director and/or Training Committee will determine what further steps, if any, should be taken. If further steps are deemed necessary, the Training Director will contact the President so that a Board Meeting can be called if necessary.

## **REVIEW PROCESS**

The owner/handler may request a formal review in six (6) months by the MDTC Board, of actions taken by the Training Director and/or Assessment Team following any change in the dog's circumstances:

1. Neutering
2. Private Training
3. Environmental Circumstances Changed
4. Other Extenuating Circumstances

The Board will accept written requests for review after 6 months and will act upon such requests in writing within 30 days of receipt.

## **AGGRESSIVE DOG REPORT FORM**

Copies of the form are available by the entrance door. Any person who wishes to complete an Aggressive Dog Report is free to take as many of these blanks as s/he may require.