

_____ [“Owner”] hereby retains Bridee Manning [“Dog Trainer”] of Dog Mechanics to coach in training _____ [“The Dog(s)”] under the following terms and conditions:

Location. The lessons will take place at the _____.

Sessions. Sessions last approximately one hour. Lateness on the client’s part does not prolong the session.

Cancellation or Rescheduling. 48 hours notice is required to cancel or reschedule a lesson. A voice message or e-mail message may be sent to do this, and I will confirm that I have received the message during that day. If the client does not cancel as required, and is not present at the lesson location, they will either lose that lesson or need to pay for additional ones at the end. However, if the trainer feels that the client is acting irresponsibly, the trainer retains the right to cancel and refund any additional lessons that were due the owner, excepting for the ones where the trainer showed up, but the client did not.

Maintenance of Goals. The owner recognizes that this training session does not train the dog, but instead coaches the owners to train their dog according to skills conveyed and homework provided. In order for the dog to obey the owner, the following must occur:

The owner must understand the basic principles of training (this will be explained and provided by the trainer).

The owner must apply the basic principles of training.

The owner must not interact with the dog in a way that rewards bad behaviour and/or punishes good behaviour.

The owner must regularly train the dog at least an hour a day (not in one block but as will be explained different points of the day), six days a week to convey and fine tune command performance (as will be explained by the trainer).

The owner must not give commands that they are not ready to reinforce if the dog does not perform.

Some dogs can accept a great deal of training in 8 weeks, others are just getting started. The average adult dog needs 6 months of intensive training to be a well trained dog. If I train my dog for less time, I do not expect a fully trained dog. Obedience training may take less time dependent upon what I, the owner, expect to get done and upon how diligent I am with the follow up at home.

Guarantee. Dog Mechanics does not guarantee training in this arrangement. Much of the training is going to be done by the client. The trainer cannot control whether the client follows the advice, does the homework, is consistent outside of training time, and many other factors. However, if the following is documented for the trainer, but there is not satisfactory improvement in the dog as agreed by the client and trainer, a refund of some sort will be considered:

Communication in between lessons of any difficulties or problems that were arising.

Proof that homework was accomplished by the ability of the client to produce results of exercises as will be outlined.

Bounced Check Fee. If a check bounces, the fee is to be reimbursed to Dog Mechanics or Bridee Manning immediately in the form of cash. The training fee is also to be provided to Dog Mechanics Immediately in the form of cash.

Aggressive Dogs. The owner warrants that he/she has disclosed to the trainer in writing (client interview form & other) any behaviour that may indicate that the dog may be aggressive to other dogs or people, included but not limited to growling, forceful barking, snapping, raising of hackles, lowering of head and staring, chasing, attempting to bite, and biting. The trainer reserves the right to refuse or discontinue services for an aggressive dog, in which case the trainer will have no further obligation to the owner. All dogs will remain on a leash when out of the owner's car.

Liability. All behavioural advice and training suggestions are provided at the Client's own risk. Use of this information is voluntary and Dog Mechanics is not responsible for injury to another human or animal. The client is at all times responsible for the actions of their dog. Dog Mechanics and Bridee Manning (The Trainer) is not responsible for any injuries or expenses resulting from socialization or training. Dogs participating in physical exercises may be injured by running, jumping, chasing a ball et. Client hereby indemnifies and holds harmless Dog Mechanics and Bridee Manning(The Trainer) for injury, death, or loss of the dog.

SIGNATURES BELOW WILL REPRESENT AGREEMENT OF THE ABOVE MENTIONS TERMS OF AGREEMENT AND EXPECTATIONS.

Date:

Owner's Signature (printed and signed):

Trainer

Bridee Manning

Dog Mechanics

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