



## Dog Boarding and Daycare Health Disclosure and Release of Liability

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by and between The Ruff Ranch, Inc., and the dog owner.

Dog owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog(s) name and breed(s) \_\_\_\_\_

I (Owner) represent that I am the legal owner of the above-named dog(s) and I assume all risks, dangers, and responsibility for injuries to the named dog(s). Owner understands and agrees that Owner is solely responsible for any harm that may impact Owner's dog(s) while attending Daycare, Boarding, and /or Training provided by The Ruff Ranch.

- 1) **DOG'S GENERAL HEALTH:** Owner further understands and agrees that Owner's dog(s) are healthy and while attending The Ruff Ranch will always maintain current vaccinations for Rabies, Distemper, Parvo and Bordetella. Owner is not enrolling any dog that has any condition that could potentially jeopardize the health of other dogs or people and has not had any potentially communicable condition within 30 days prior to enrollment. Owner further understands that even if Owner(s) dog is vaccinated for Bordetella (Kennel Cough) there is a chance that the Owner's dog can still contract Kennel Cough. Owner agrees that Owner will not hold The Ruff Ranch responsible if Owner's dog(s) contracts Kennel Cough or other dog-dog transmitted ailments.
- 2) **GROUP PLAY:** All dogs must pass a general behavior assessment to attend dog group play. The Ruff Ranch may accept or decline any dog it deems not be a good fit for group play. Owner further understands and agrees that in admitting Owner's dog(s) to dog-dog group play, Owner is representing to The Ruff Ranch that Owner's dog(s) is/are in good health. Any dog demonstrating aggression or other behavior deemed unacceptable by The Ruff Ranch staff may be required to leave daycare/boarding.
- 3) **FOOD/MEDS:** When boarding overnight, Owner agrees that it is the Owner's responsibility to leave adequate supply of food and medications for Owner's dog(s) during the entire time Owner's dog is cared for by The Ruff Ranch. Should the food/medication supply need replacement, Owner authorizes The Ruff Ranch to purchase replacement and Owner will reimburse The Ruff Ranch for the actual food and medication costs plus up to \$50.00 time/distance trip fee (per occurrence).
- 4) **VETERINARIAN LIABILITY AND CARE:** Owner agrees to The Ruff Ranch to obtain medical treatment for Owner's dog(s) if he/she appears ill, injured, or exhibits any other behavior that would reasonably suggest that dog(s) may need medical treatment including anesthesia. Owner agrees to be fully responsible for the cost of any such medical treatment and for the cost of any transportation for the purposes of such treatment.

Owner gives permission to The Ruff Ranch to use Owner's vet, vet nearest The Ruff Ranch or 24-hour vet hospital for required treatment.

- 5) **WEAKENED IMMUNE SYSTEM:** Owner understands special-needs dogs, young puppies, and senior dogs naturally have a higher risk of injury, stress-related illnesses, weakened immune system, or exacerbation of any pre-existing condition. As such, by using our facility for daycare or boarding the Owner is waiving any claim for injury or illness experienced by Owner's dog while in our care.
- 6) **ELDERLY DOGS:** Owners of elderly dogs (approaching the end of life) need to know if in the event Owner's dog passes on while in our care, our policy is to transport Owner's dog to Owner's vet (within Santa Barbara County) where he/she will be held until Owner can be reached by the Vet for further instructions. If Owner's vet is closed or outside of our transport distance, then we will transport to nearest 24-hour facility. Trip charge will be based on time/distance.
- 7) **RIGHT OF REFUSAL:** The Ruff Ranch reserves the right to refuse admittance to any dog or dismiss any dog that does not meet or maintain the health, temperament, or other daycare/boarding standards. The determination shall be made at the sole discretion of The Ruff Ranch.
- 8) **RELEASE OF LIABILITY:** Owner understands and agrees that during normal dog play, Owner's dog may sustain injuries. Dog play is monitored by The Ruff Ranch staff to best avoid injury, but scratches, punctures, torn ligaments, and other injuries may occur despite the best supervision. Owner further understands and agrees that neither daycare/boarding nor any of its employees, staff, or volunteers will be liable for any illness, injury, death, and/or escape of Owner's dog(s) provided that reasonable care and precautions are followed, and Owner hereby releases The Ruff Ranch staff or volunteers of any liability of any kind whatsoever arising from or because of Owner's dog(s) attending The Ruff Ranch. Owner has been made aware California's dog bite law, section 3342 of the Civil Code, states that the owner of any dog is liable for damages if: the damages were caused by a dog bite, and the person or dog was bitten was in a public place or lawfully in a private place.
- 9) **FULL FORCE AND EFFECT:** Owner further understands and expressly agrees that each of the foregoing provisions contained in paragraphs 1-9 shall be in force and effect and shall apply to every occasion on which Owner's dog(s) stays with The Ruff Ranch for daycare, extended boarding, or other services, as the case may be. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect as between the parties until and unless otherwise cancelled or superseded by a writing signed by the parties. Owner hereby certifies that Owner has read and understands this Waiver and Release of Liability and the regulations set forth above. By signing this agreement, Owner agrees to be bound by its terms and conditions.