

Pork Chop's Way

Training Service Contract

(Client) _____ retains Elisette Rivera (Dog Trainer) of
Pork Chop's Way: A Method for Training Dogs LLC to coach in training
_____ (Dog(s) name) under the following terms and conditions:

1. Training program (**circle one**): Private individual / Group / Board and Train

Location: The lessons will occur at (**circle one**): Clients home or Pork Chops Way

Client address: _____

2. Sessions. Sessions last approximately one hour. If more help is needed, that will be provided at no additional charge for as long as the trainer feels is necessary. However, lateness on the client's part does not prolong the session. Basic obedience training generally requires five weeks, but may be longer in some cases. In other cases where a dog may have had some experience, it may be shorter.
3. Cancellation or Rescheduling. 48 hours notice is required to cancel or reschedule a lesson. A voice or e-mail message or text 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 the package without any refund due to the client.
4. Maintenance of Goals. The owner recognizes that basic 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:
 - a. The owner must understand the basic principles of training (this will be explained and provided by the trainer).
 - b. The owner must apply the basic principles of training.
 - c. The owner must not interact with the dog in a way that rewards bad behavior and/or punishes good behavior.
 - d. 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).
 - e. The owner must not give commands that they are not ready to reinforce if the dog does not perform.
 - f. There will be a weekly test given after the first lesson is completed to determine whether the client has completed their assignments properly. If the client does not pass the test, a catch up period will be allowed to complete their homework, and try again. The lessons will be cancelled if the client can not demonstrate that they have done the homework (assuming no special problems), and no refund will be forwarded to the client for this.
 - g. There will also be a test after 5 sessions to determine if the client is due a certificate of completion.

5. **Guarantee.** Pork Chop's Way: A Method for Training Dogs LLC does not guarantee training for the basic program. 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:
 - a. Communication in between lessons of any difficulties or problems that were arising.
 - b. Proof that homework was accomplished by the ability of the client to produce results of exercises as will be outlined.

6. **Fee.** The fee for the training described in this contract, _____ is \$_____.00 prepaid (Pork Chop's Way: A Method for Training Dogs LLC). The client understands if only a single consulting or evaluation session is purchased, the cost for that is \$95.00 for a one-session unit. The fee does not include any additional training equipment, which is the responsibility of the client to purchase.

7. **Bounced Check Fee.** If a check bounces, a \$30 returned check fee is to be reimbursed to Pork Chop's Way: A Method for Training Dogs LLC or Elisette Rivera immediately in the form of cash. The training fee is also to be provided to Pork Chop's Way: A Method for Training Dogs LLC immediately in the form of cash.

8. **Vaccinations and Medications.** The owner is responsible that the dog has been vaccinated for rabies, distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus, and Para influenza. If at Pork Chop's Way: A Method for Training Dogs LLC, proof of vaccination must be submitted and bordatella is required.

9. **Aggressive Dogs.** The owner warrants that he/she has disclosed to the trainer in writing (client interview form & other) any behavior 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.

10. **Liability.** All behavioral advice and training suggestions are provided at the client's own risk. Use of this information is voluntary and Pork Chop's Way: A Method for Training Dogs LLC is not responsible for injury to another human or animal. The client is at all times responsible for the actions of their dog. Pork Chop's Way: A Method for Training Dogs LLC and Elisette Rivera (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 etc. Client hereby indemnifies and holds harmless Pork Chop's Way: A Method for Training Dogs LLC and Elisette Rivera (The Trainer).

Training issues to be addressed: _____

Client (printed and signed)

Date

