

# **Training Waiver**

**Neika Smessaert, RVT - Vet Tech Coach, LLC  
LIABILITY WAIVER**

**I only use non-aggressive, force free training methods based upon the science of behavior and behavior change. These force free methods are recommended by educated Veterinarians and Veterinary Behaviorists, American Animal Hospital Association, American Veterinary Medical Association, American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior, and modern dog trainers like myself.**

**As such, I do not permit the use of choke, prong, shock or bark collars or an electric fence when I am training your dog. I also do not permit the use of dominance based training of dogs, including knee jabs, scruff shakes, side kicks, alpha rolls, spray bottles or any other forceful, painful or aggressive training methods. Shock devices and other forms of aversive 'training' tools are never recommended and those using them are encourage to discontinue their use before effective behavior change and modification can take place.**

**If you feel the need to use or continue to use these types of training techniques or tools, I will not act as your trainer.**

**Safety and setting up success for you and your dog is of utmost importance. Please follow common sense and recommended guidelines.**

**The more time you dedicate to working with your dog, the more successful you and your dog will be. I can teach and advise, BUT I CANNOT DO THE TRAINING FOR YOU. Success in training your dog will reflect the time and effort you put into the process.**

**Cancellation policy: Lessons may be cancelled and rescheduled with a 24 hour notice. After that time, client will be charged full price for the lesson missed.**

**I, the dog owner, understand that training never has an end and that my dog needs my guidance for the remainder of his or her life. I also understand that if I stop practicing what I have learned my dog WILL regress back to old behaviors.**

**Due to the unpredictable nature of dogs and dog training, the customer agrees not to hold Neika Smessaert, RVT - Vet Tech Coach, LLC liable, and further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless those parties, for any loss, damage, or injuries caused by the dog's actions, whether during or outside of training sessions. Customer also releases and holds harmless Neika Smessaert, RVT - Vet Tech Coach, LLC, from any liability for damages or injuries the Customer or its dog(s) sustain before, during and after training sessions. Neika Smessaert, RVT - Vet Tech Coach, LLC make no Warranty, express or implied, that its dog training services will improve an individual dog's behavior.**

## **Liability Waiver Continued**

\_\_\_\_\_ Client/Owner agrees to payment in full at time of service. Current pricing can be found on [www.vettechcoach.com](http://www.vettechcoach.com) or by asking Neika Smessaert, RVT - Vet Tech Coach, LLC. If the distance to the home is more than 20 miles from the trainers residence, a mileage fee will apply at the rate of \$1 per mile. There are no refunds on services. Unused sessions expire 60 days from date of purchase.

Type of appointment necessary to meet the needs of the client/owner and pet will be determined by Neika Smessaert, RVT - Vet Tech Coach, LLC.

Client/Owner agrees to use training and management to prevent the dog(s) from biting or attacking another person, adult or child and other animals. Client/Owner understands **NO DOGS** should ever be left alone with a child. Full Awake Adult Supervision is required for children and dogs.

Understand that once a dog has bitten, it must **ALWAYS** be supervised.  
Understand that no dog can be 100% cured of aggression.

\_\_\_\_\_ Client/Owner understands that if aversive training devices or techniques are used during our contracted working relationship, no further sessions will be scheduled, all training with Neika Smessaert, RVT - Vet Tech Coach, LLC will cease immediately and no refunds will be made.

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Client/Owner Signature

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Date