SIT HAPPENS CANINE SERVICES

DOG WALKING SERVICE AGREEMENT, LIABILITY WAIVER, AND RELEASE

Tailored for Behaviourally Challenged & Reactive Canines (Courtenay, BC)

1. Owner & Canine Information

Owner Full Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Email Address: _____ **Emergency Contact:** _____

Dog's Name: _____ **Breed & Age:** _____

2. Mandatory Behavioural History & Trigger Disclosure

The Owner confirms that they have fully disclosed all known behavioural traits, medical issues, triggers, and reactivity profiles of the dog. This includes, but is not limited to, a history of human or animal aggression, fear reactivity, resource guarding, leash reactivity, or previous bite incidents.

Please initial below to verify disclosures:

- Has this dog ever bitten a human or another animal? [ ] YES [ ] NO Initials: _____
- Is this dog fearful/reactive to specific stimuli (e.g., bikes, men, large dogs, noises)? Initials: _____

3. Specialized Equipment & Handling Protocols

Due to the behavioural challenges of the canine demographic served by **Sit Happens Canine Services**, the Owner agrees to provide legally safe, functional, and secure equipment. This includes a properly fitted basket muzzle, secure harness, or head halter as mutually agreed upon. Sit Happens Canine Services reserves the absolute right to refuse service on any given day if the provided equipment is damaged, unsafe, or insufficient to maintain control of the dog in public spaces within the Comox Valley regional district.

4. Assumption of Risk, Waiver of Liability, and Indemnity

In accordance with common law principles and the British Columbia *Occupiers Liability Act*, the Owner acknowledges that handling behaviourally challenged dogs carries inherent risks of injury, property damage, and third-party liabilities. By signing below, the Owner explicitly agrees to:

A. Release: Waive, release, and forever discharge Sit Happens Canine Services, its owners, employees, and independent contractors from any and all liability, claims, or demands for personal injury, sickness, or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature, occurring while providing services.

B. Indemnification: Fully indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Sit Happens Canine Services against all claims, legal actions, or financial damages brought by third parties arising directly or indirectly from the actions, bites, or behaviour of the Owner's dog during the scope of this agreement.

5. Emergency Veterinary Authorization

In the event of a medical emergency involving the dog while under the care of Sit Happens Canine Services, the handler will attempt to contact the Owner immediately. If the Owner or emergency contact cannot be reached, Sit Happens Canine Services is granted full authorization to secure veterinary treatment at any available clinic, including the **Comox Valley Animal Hospital** or other local clinics. All expenses incurred for emergency medical care shall be the sole financial responsibility of the Owner.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD, AND AGREE TO ALL TERMS OF THIS SERVICE AGREEMENT AND LIABILITY RELEASE.

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Owner / Authorized Representative Signature Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

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Sit Happens Canine Services Representative Date (DD/MM/YYYY)