

Purple Dog Training Private Lesson Contract

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This is a contract between Purple Dog Training and the dog Owner.

Thank you for choosing Purple Dog Training to work with you and your dog. As a team - Purple Dog Training and Owner - we each have commitments and responsibilities to provide the most satisfactory outcome. It is imperative that Owner is committed to follow through with consistent and responsible training. Our training is not a once-and-done experience. We lay the ground work with dog and Owner, but ultimately training your dog continues for the life of your dog -- daily, in-the-moment, real-world training. This is our philosophy. Please read carefully through this contract, our website, and our social media to understand our services and philosophy. If you have questions or concerns, ask. We are happy to explain why we do things the way we do. We ask that you are confident our philosophy and techniques are right for you prior to engagement. (Initial _____)

Another key point of our philosophy: we believe an owner being their dog's leader is key. Weak leadership is a stumbling block for success. Strong leaders do not just provide affection, food, and shelter for their dog; they also provide structure, clear communication (positive and negative), advocate for their dog in all settings, do not put their dog in situations they are likely to fail, and they know their dog's quirks and limitations. For many, becoming their dog's leader will be the most difficult part of training. With consistency in expectations and clear communication (with the prong collar), dog behavior is generally not very difficult to change, but long-term success is predicated on having a strong leader. Without a strong leader, modifying behavior, training new skills, and maintaining those changes over time, is generally not possible. A dog's temperament plays a role in this, so certain easy going dogs will do fine with a less strong leader; however, owners in search of training to modify behaviors will often discover their leadership is an issue. An important element to all training Purple Dog does – both private lessons and board and trains – is to help Owners become the leaders their dogs need. For training to be successful, the Owner must be willing to take on that leadership role. By initialing, Owner agrees to be willing to modify their own behavior as it relates to their dog's behavior and training. (Initial _____)

Responsibilities of Trainer:

- A. To the very best of our professional abilities and knowledge, Purple Dog Training will strive to provide you with the most up-to-date training methods and canine behavioral information. Purple Dog Training will not hesitate to seek the advice, input, and knowledge of other professionals to give you additional information, if needed. Purple Dog Training will always use methods that are humane.
- B. During a Private Lesson, we will respond directly to the needs of a given situation, as specified by Owner and agreed upon by Purple Dog Training.

The dog will begin to learn to give attention and engagement to the handler, and will begin to learn the following words or “markers” as part of the communication system for learning commands: “Yes”, “Good”, and “No”. As time permits, we may cover common behavioral problems and answer any questions the Owner may have. **Long-term success of training with individual dogs relies on the consistency of Owner.**

- C. Purple Dog Training agrees to the following satisfaction guarantee: **“Purple Dog Training values its customers, and prides itself on their satisfaction.”** Purple Dog Training promises to provide the obedience training set forth in this contract. Dogs, like people, have unique personalities, histories and quirks, therefore, results vary. (Initial _____)

Responsibilities of Pet Owner/Client:

- A. A Private Lesson with Purple Dog Training will result in homework (dog training and leadership) for the Owner to complete with their dog on their own time. Dogs need time to process information and learn, therefore, the work with your dog must be done in short bursts over days, not all at once. Training results do not appear immediately – rather, we must shape new habits for our dogs over time. In other words, the success of Private Lessons is dependent upon the conscientious follow-through with assigned homework. If Owner is struggling with any particular exercise or command, inform Purple Dog Training of the difficulty so Purple Dog Training can offer suggestions and support. (Initial _____)
- B. It is imperative the *entire* Owner family is on-board and committed to this training. It is not possible to be successful if one person in the family wants to have a trained dog, and others in the household continue with old behaviors. **All** family members must be committed to the training. (Initial _____)
- C. **Results, while not guaranteed, depend largely on your long-term commitment and willingness to work with your dog on a daily basis.** Taught behaviors must be reinforced. It is the responsibility of Owner to practice recommended exercise/routines with the dog(s) on a consistent, regular basis. Training is an ongoing process and requires the diligence and dedication of the Owner in order to reinforce and solidify the desired behaviors.
- D. Understand that in some cases involving behavior modification, **particularly aggression**, or a behavior that has been repeated for an extended period of time, the dog is **never** completely “cured” and may always require careful management on the part of Owner. Owner is always ultimately, fully responsible for their dog’s actions and behavior.
- E. **Payment in full is due upon the scheduling of the lesson.** Private Lessons are not booked until payment has been made in full.
- F. A Private Lesson may require the purchase of a prong collar, remote collar, slip lead, long line, or other training tools prior to the lesson. Purple Dog Training will specify which tools will be needed for a lesson. Owner agrees to have the agreed upon tools available for the Private Lesson. (Initial _____)
- G. **Owner will disclose any disabilities such as allergies, hearing or vision impairments, current or chronic injuries or diseases, or behavioral concerns that could interfere with the progress of training.** (Initial _____)

Such behaviors include but are not limited to: Separation Anxiety, General Anxiety or Fearfulness, or Aggression toward other dogs/people/food/toys/personal space. Such behaviors require dedicated attention and will hinder training progress. Dogs that demonstrate such behaviors can learn but will learn at a slower rate and will likely require ongoing training by the owner to manage and/or reduce these behaviors at home.

If Head Trainer at Purple Dog Training determines such behavior to be present in Owner's pet, Purple Dog Training will document said behavior(s) and will discuss with the Owner any adjustments/alterations deemed necessary to the training and/or duration of training. (Initial _____)

- H. **It is understood that Purple Dog Training and Owner that all provisions of this Contract shall be binding upon both parties for this visit and for all subsequent visits, such as for additional follow-up training.** (Initial _____) Owner authorizes Purple Dog Training to video and/or photograph pet dog during training and/or boarding. Purple Dog Training retains full and unrestricted rights to utilize said videos and photos for use in all formats and in all manners for advertising, publication, or any other lawful purposes.
- I. Understand that your appointment time involves some planning on my part; please be on time and prepared with requested information and materials/supplies. If you need to reschedule, please contact me at least 24 hours prior to the appointment. There will be no refund for missed appointments. (Initial _____)

Additional Information:

All due and reasonable care shall be taken during your dog's training to maintain safety of client(s), dog(s), and property. However, Hannah Roddy, Purple Dog Training, and any representative thereof is hereby released from any responsibility and/or liability whatsoever for accident, injury, illness to any persons or dogs, or damage to property as a direct or indirect result of services and advice/instruction provided to client, due diligence and care having been exercised.

Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this contract or the breach thereof, or as the result of any claim or controversy involving the alleged negligence by any party to this contract, shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association, and judgment upon the award rendered by an arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. The arbitrator shall, as part of his award, determine and award to the prevailing party the costs of such arbitration and reasonable attorney's fees of the prevailing party.

It is understood by Purple Dog Training and Owner that all provisions of this Contract shall be binding upon both parties thereunto for this visit and for all subsequent visits. This Contract contains the entire agreement between parties.

Owner has read the above, understands, and agrees to all items stated and set forth in this document.

(Owner/Client Signature)

(Date)

Owner Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



(Hannah Roddy of Purple Dog Training)

10/29/21

(Date)