

Canine Enrichment Consent & Waiver

The guiding principle behind our canine enrichment program is to provide a safe and healthy atmosphere in which to give dogs added physical and mental stimulation during their stay. Dogs require mental and physical stimulation to thrive, and enrichment helps fulfill that need.

Injuries such as nicks, scrapes, and occasional sprains during activity can sometimes occur. Here at Pender Pet Retreat, we believe the benefits of enrichment far exceed the risk.

Please read the consent and waiver below, initialing each line and signing the last page.

Owner's Name: _____ **Pet's Name:** _____

1. I hereby represent that I am the legal owner of the above listed dog to be enrolled in the Canine Enrichment Program at Pender Pet Retreat.

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2. I hereby represent that my dog is in good health and has not been ill with any known contagious disease within the last 30 days.

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3. I recognize that the health of my dog is my responsibility. I hereby attest that all required vaccinations (Rabies, Distemper, Canine Influenza, and Bordetella) are up to date and appropriate veterinary records have been provided to Pender Pet Retreat. I also represent that my dog has had a negative fecal exam and clean health exam within 12 months. I will continue to ensure that all required vaccinations and other health requirements are kept up to date as long as my dog is participating in Pender Pet Retreat's Canine Enrichment Program.

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4. I hereby waive and release Pender Pet Retreat, its employees, directors, owners, representatives, and agents from any and all liability which my dog may suffer, including specifically, but not without limitation, any injury or damage whatsoever arising from the dog's attendance and participation in Pender Pet Retreat's Canine Enrichment Program.

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5. I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless, Pender Pet Retreat, its employees, owners, directors, and agents from any and all claims, or claims by any third party, member of my family or any other person accompanying me to Pender Pet Retreat or while on or about the premises thereof, as a result of any action by my dog or any other dog while participating in Pender Pet Retreat's Canine Enrichment Program, or while boarding or in day care at Pender Pet Retreat.

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6. I further understand and agree that Pender Pet Retreat and their caregivers will not be liable for any problems that might develop with my dog while participating in Pender Pet Retreat's Canine Enrichment Program, or while boarding or in day care at Pender Pet Retreat, including, but not limited to, sickness, disease, injury, running away, or death, provided that reasonable care and precautions are followed.

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7. The boarding and daycare of animals (and the boarding and daycare of your animal at Pender Pet Retreat) is subject to Va. Code Ann. § 3.2-6518 which provides, in pertinent part, that if your animal becomes ill or injured while in the custody of the boarding establishment, the boarding establishment or groomer shall provide the animal with emergency veterinary treatment for the illness or injury. The consumer shall bear the reasonable and necessary costs of emergency veterinary treatment for any illness or injury occurring while the animal is in the custody of the boarding establishment or groomer. The boarding establishment or groomer shall pay for veterinary treatment of any injury that the animal sustains while at the establishment or under the care or custody of a groomer if the injury resulted from the establishment's or groomer's failure, whether accidental or intentional, to provide the care required by § 3.2-6518, or if the injury is a result of the actions of the boarding establishment or groomer. Boarding establishments and groomers shall not be required to bear the cost of veterinary treatment for injuries resulting from the animal's self-mutilation.

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8. Pender Pet Retreat's Canine Enrichment Program fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.

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9. I agree that my dog may be videotaped, photographed, and/or recorded. Pender Pet Retreat shall be the exclusive owner of the resulting media.

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10. Pender Pet Retreat reserves the right to permanently remove a dog from the Canine Enrichment Program at any time.

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11. All animals must be on a monthly flea (or preferably flea and tick) product. If an animal has not had a dose applied or administered within the product's window of efficacy, a member of PPR's staff will apply the appropriately sized topical Frontline Plus™. Any pets who have fleas when arriving for Canine Enrichment will be removed from the program, treated with a Capstar™ tablet to kill the adult fleas immediately, given a bath to remove the immature flea forms, and treated with a dose of Frontline Plus™ to control fleas and ticks for 21 days. All of these treatments will be provided at the Owner's expense according to Pender Pet Retreat's pricing.

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12. I understand that certain activities within the enrichment program require my dog will be walked in an unfenced area. Due to this, Pender Pet Retreat will take reasonable precautions to keep my dog walking in a calm and controlled manner and on leash at all times. Pender Pet Retreat will provide a safety harness and double leash system to ensure maximum control.

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13. I understand that Pender Pet Retreat reserves the right to change the times of the Canine Enrichment Program due to an array of external factors including, but not limited to: weather, condition of trail, and staffing and that when these changes are made, they are always in the best interest of all dogs in the program. In the event a trail hike needs to be canceled a different activity will be added in lieu of the hike.

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14. I understand that my dog will likely get dirty during certain activities including but not limited to the outdoor trail hike, pool time, or other listed activity. I understand that it is my responsibility to sign my dog up for grooming services if I want them to be cleaned after activity.

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15. I understand that, if requested, my dog will be walking on an outdoor trail and dogs who hike in an outdoor environment have an inherent risk of encountering wildlife and/or contracting communicable viruses, such as, but not limited to, canine cough, tick borne diseases, and giardia. I understand this risk and attest Pender Pet Retreat and its caretakers will not be held liable or financially responsible in the event that my dog encounters and potentially has contact with any outdoor wildlife or contracts a communicable virus.

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16. I understand and acknowledge that **Pender Pet Retreat highly recommends** my dog by **up to date on both the Lyme and Leptospirosis vaccinations** if participating in any off-campus enrichment activities. Leptospirosis is a serious and contagious bacterial infection that can affect both animals and humans. It is the most common zoonotic disease worldwide and is primarily spread through contact with the urine of infected animals, either directly or via contaminated soil or water. Given the nature of outdoor enrichment activities, potential exposure risks may increase. Additionally, **ticks are highly prevalent along the nature trail used during enrichment hikes**. While Pender Pet Retreat takes great care to check and remove ticks from dogs after each hike, **vaccination against Lyme disease is strongly recommended** as an added precaution against tick-borne illness.

With my signature below, I certify that I am 18 years of age or older and have the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract. Further, I certify that I have read and understood the rules and regulations as set forth in this agreement. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations and accept all the terms, conditions, and statements of this agreement.

In the event that any of my selected/scheduled enrichment activities are unavailable for any reason, please:

☐ Schedule another enrichment activity at Pender Pet Retreat's discretion

☐ Cancel the scheduled activity at no charge

Owner's Signature

Today's Date

