

# **Dog Boarding Agreement**

This is a contract between Gracieland (hereinafter called "Kennel") and the pet owner whose signature appears below (hereinafter called "Owner").

- Owner agrees to pay the rate for boarding in effect on the date pet is checked into the kennel (as posted in office).
- Owner further agrees to pay all costs and charges for special services requested, and all veterinary costs for the pet during the time said pet is in the care of kennel.
- Owner further agrees that the pet shall not leave Kennel until all charges are paid to Kennel by Owner.
- By signing this Contract and leaving his pet with Kennel, Owner certifies to the accuracy of all information given about said pet and that Kennel's liability shall in no event exceed the lesser of the current chattel value of a pet of the same species or the sum of \$200 per animal boarded.
- The Owner further agrees to be solely responsible for any and all acts or behavior of said pet while it is in the care of Kennel.
- Owner specifically represents that he or she is the sole owner of the pet, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances.
- Owner specifically represents to Kennel that the pet is current on all vaccinations.
- Owner specifically represents to Kennel that the pet has not been exposed to rabies, distemper, parvo virus or other contagious diseases within a 30-day period prior to boarding.
- All charges incurred by Owner shall be payable upon pick-up of pet, or when billed by Kennel at the address listed on Contract. Kennel shall have, and is hereby granted, a lien on the pet for any and all unpaid charges resulting from boarding the pet at Kennel. If Owner does not pick up the pet within 15 calendar days after the day the pet was scheduled to be picked up, the pet shall be deemed to be abandoned. The person into whose custody the pet was placed for care shall first try for a period of not less than 10 days to find a new owner for the pet, and, if unable to place the pet with a new owner, shall thereafter assign pet to a private or public sale.

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- If the pet becomes ill or if the state of the pet's health otherwise requires professional attention, the Kennel, in its sole discretion, may engage the services of a veterinarian or administer medicine or give other requisite attention to the pet, and the expenses thereof shall be paid by Owner.
- This contract contains the entire agreement between the parties. All terms and conditions of this Contract shall be binding on the heirs, administrator, personal representatives and assigns of Owner and Kennel.
- Any controversy or claim arising out of 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 this award, determine an award the prevailing party of the costs of such arbitration and reasonable attorney's fees of the prevailing party.
- This Contract shall be in force for this and all future boarding at Gracieland.
- I agree that my dog(s) may be videotaped and/or photographed. I further agree that my dog(s) may be used in any and all media and promotion, advertising, etc. done by Gracieland Hound Dog Hotel.

### Pet Owner:

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## Addendum – All About Bordetella and Your Pet

#### ✤ What is Bordetella?

Canine Infectious Tracheobronchitis (Canine Cough) is known to be caused by a number of different airborne bacteria such as Bordetella Bronchiseptica and viruses such as Canine Paranifluenze or a Mycoplasma which is an organism somewhere between a virus and bacteria. Typically, more than one of these disease-causing agents must barrage the dog at the same time for the oneset of the illness to occur.

#### How Can my Dog Get Bordetella?

Your dog can contract Bordetella by breathing in the airborne bacteria if they are sharing the same general area with a dog carrying the disease. Additionally, Bordetella can be contracted by your dog sharing a food bowl or toy with a dog that is carrying the disease. Symptoms can appear between 2 and 14 days after your pet has been exposed to the bacteria. The typical length of infection can be anywhere from 4 to 21 days.

#### What Can I do to Reduce the Risk of Bordetella?

You can reduce the risk of your dog contracting Bordetella by ensuring that the dog's Bordetella Vaccination is up-to-date. While many veterinarians recommend that your pet receive the vaccination on an annual basis, there is almost 100% agreement among veterinarians that dogs that frequent a boarding, grooming or daycare environment should be vaccinated on 6-month internals to reduce the risk of contracting the disease. Gracieland Hound Dog Hotel recommends you vaccinate your pet every 6 months.

#### Will the Bordetella Vaccine Protect My Dog?

While ensuring that your dog's Bordetella Vaccine is updated on 6-month intervals will certainly reduce the risk of the pet contracting the disease, studies have shown that the vaccine is only 70% to 85% effective at preventing your dog from contracting Bordetella. Additionally, while the intranasal version of the vaccine has been shown to be the most effective version of vaccinating for the disease, immunity can require up to 72 hours from the time the vaccine was administered and does not protect from every cause of Bordetella. The resulting immunity is often short-lived (4 to 6 months in duration) so re-vaccination on similar intervals if recommended.

#### What Should I do if my Dog shows signs of Bordetella?

If your dog shows the signs of Bordetella, you should contact your veterinarian immediately. While the Bordetella disease is an otherwise healthy dog is not itself life threatening, other pre-existing health issues with the pet can cause serious health complications in a pet that contracts Bordetella.



- Keep your Pets on a Flea/Tick and Heartworm Prevention Fleas: Dogs and cats can share fleas. If you see adult fleas, you likely have an infestation brewing. A female flea can lay 40-50 eggs a day, and those eggs can lay dormant for months before hatching. Fleas can cause anemis & spread tapeworm.
- Ticks: Besides the fact that ticks feed on blood, they can also transmit a number of different diseases. The symptoms of most tick-borne diseases include fever and lethargy, though some can also cause weakness, lameness, joint swelling and/or anemia.Many of these tickborne diseases are contagious to people as well as our pets. Examples include Lyme disease, ehrlichiosis, anaplasmosis, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, babesiosis and more.
- Heartworms: Heartworms can only be passed on by mosquitoes. It's a specific parasite that only affects dogs and cats and ferrets and other mammals. It takes about seven months, once a dog is bitten by an infected mosquito, for the larvae to mature into adult heartworms. They then lodge in the heart, lungs, and surrounding blood vessels and begin reproducing. Adult worms can grow up to 12 inches in length, can live 5-7 years, and a dog can have as many as 250 worms in its system.
- You release, indemnify and hold Gracieland Hound Dog Hotel harmless from any and all manner of damages, claims, losses, liabilities, cost or expenses, causes of actions of suits, whatsoever in law or equity (including, without limitation, attorney's fees and related costs) arising out of or related to the services provided by Gracieland Hound Dog Hotel, except which may arise from the sole gross negligence or intentional and willful misconduct of Gracieland Hound Dog Hotel, including, without limitation: (i) any inaccuracy in any statement made by yourself or information provide by you to Gracieland Hound Dog Hotel (ii) your dog, including but not limited to destruction of property, dog bites and transmission of diseases, and (iii) any action by yourself which is in breach of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- Gracieland Hound Dog Hotel requires a paper copy of your dog's current shot records from your vet before your dog is allowed to stay with us. You authorize Gracieland Hound Dog Hotel to obtain medical and vaccination records for your dog from your veterinarian and you hereby authorize your veterinarian to provide the records to Gracieland Hound Dog Hotel.
- I understand that my pet may be at risk at getting Kennel Cough even if they have current vaccinations and by placing my dog in a boarding facility they are subject to this kind of infection. Exposure to open play areas including daycare, boarding, grooming, and/or bathing may result in injuries including but not limited to: cuts, bites, scratches, abrasions, puncture wounds, injuries to paw pads, contraction of contagious diseases and/or parasites, tracheobronchitis, stress, loss of appetite, behavioral issues, diarrhea, sprains, fractures, broken bones, insect bites, allergic reactions, weight loss, eye injuries, hot spots, bloat, and death.



- You acknowledge the risk of pet boarding. Dogs playing together (or alone) in playgrounds. can sometimes result in injuries or spreading of such illnesses as Kennel Cough.
- 1) I acknowledge that Gracieland Hound Dog Hotel has informed me about the risk of Kennel Cough in a boarding environment and I have been informed that is highly recommended that my dog receives a Bordetella Vaccine booster every 6 months.
- 2) I acknowledge that I have received written information about Bordetella "All About Bordetella and your Pet"

### Pet Owner:

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_