

## Goosetown Goldens LLC Training Program

### Boarding/Training Release Form

The following document is an agreement between the following puppy owner, \_\_\_\_\_ and Kaylynn Donahue for the training program. By signing this form, you understand and agree that Kaylynn Donahue and any affiliates will not be liable for any health problems or accidents which may develop, provided reasonable care and precautions are followed, and you hereby release any liability that may arise while the dog is under our care.

Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency #: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Microchip #: \_\_\_\_\_

Training Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Training End Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Puppy will be kept UTD on shots and deworming while in care of Kaylynn Donahue.*

#### Introduction

Congratulations on your new addition to the family! We are excited to play a part in your new puppy. First of all, there are a few things to understand before you commit to training and boarding. In order to achieve a “finished” dog, it could take upwards of a year after they have been released from the mother. Six months is a large milestone in which they should have been introduced to basic obedience, manners, and expectations. The most important thing is to make sure obeying you is something they are very excited about. We recommend some refresher classes with other dogs within the first twelve months to really engrain this into these dog’s minds. Baxter&Bella, local trainers, or private trainers can all help you with this.

While your dog is with us here are some things that he will be exposed to:

1. **Crate training:** your dog will be put into a crate on a regular basis and is where he/she will sleep at night. Crate training is vital and is something that becomes natural for them after they get over the upset of going from sleeping with a whole litter to now sleeping alone. Their instincts allow them to feel secure in a closed space, much like a den. Crate training also aids in the potty-training process as they will typically not want to defecate where they sleep. The kennel will also help create boundaries. The command *kennel* will be used to cue the dog into the kennel. Note: The kennel is never used as punishment. It should be a positive place and your dog will never be punished by putting him/her in the kennel.
2. **Potty training:** While setting a timeline as to when a dog will be fully potty trained is impossible, due to so many variables that are present within each dog, potty training will be practiced and your dog will be in the house and treated like he/she is one of our own. A good start will be in place but while you are getting your puppy to your home and schedule, you may experience some accidents. Especially when you factor in a new place when he/she is transferred, this process will need to continue when he/she is in your possession. Along with potty training, your puppy will learn to use the doggy door, both in our house and in our puppy area.
3. **Leash training:** Regular walks will be taken and heeling will be started. Your dog will be heeled on the left side which is traditional unless you are left-handed. In that case it may be a good idea to heel on the right side because you want him/her opposite of your dominant hand. Repetition and patience is the key here and your dog will be taught right away that he/she is not leading but rather walking together respectfully as dog and owner.

4. Fetching and retrieving/energy release: A good foundation for a dog is obedience. We have all seen people who cannot control their dogs and end up yelling at them more often than not, and a lot of times this can be due to pent up energy and lack of obedience. As a puppy, their attention span is only about 10 minutes. It is a mistake to run training sessions longer than their attention as they will get bored and you will lose their desire to work. As the puppy grows, a great way to burn energy for a dog with the natural drive to retrieve is to teach them that retrieving is a good thing.
5. Socializing: Socializing is vital for family dogs. The more they are exposed to, the less surprises they will encounter. A lot of socializing will take place on walks but he/she will also socialize around people, other dogs (when appropriate), and anything else they may encounter. He/she will be handled frequently and a point will be made to play with his/her paws, tail, and ears so it isn't a problem in the future. This is why it is so important to socialize properly at a young age.
6. Commands: These following commands will be started but must be continued when he/she is transferred.
  - \*Sit
  - \*Down
  - \*Place
  - \*Kennel
  - \*Stay
  - \*Here

The above-mentioned owner has agreed to board their dog with Goosetown Goldens LLC for a short-term training program. Goosetown Goldens LLC follows the AKC STAR puppy training program and will start the skills mentioned above. As dog training is an adaptive service, there are no guarantees to the outcome of each specific dog's training. Longevity of the training is completely dependent on each dog's willingness to please, continuance of training methods within their new home, and countless other circumstances surrounding each case. Our training program sets a solid foundation for your dog to continue to learn and build off of and does require the owner to continue with the methods. Therefore, by signing this document you agree that you have been notified of such dependencies and understand we do not express any guarantees of training, nor do we issue refunds for services rendered. The owner understands that there are many variables when it comes to these commands and no guarantees on how fast they are picked up. They will need to be consistent after the puppy is home in order for them to be effective.

**Price**

It has been discussed that the rate for training is \$20/day for a 4-week program. This will not be refunded or discounted at any time. This training fee will cover training and boarding and any puppy vaccinations/deworming necessary during the time. We do allow puppies just to stay for a week by week basis as well instead of the full 4 week program. We do not release the dog until payment is paid in full.

By signing the contract, the owner of the dog understands that full payment is required before the puppy will be released after training and that there are no guarantees to be made regarding how fast the puppy will learn his/her new skills in his/her new home. They also understand that these skills will need to be practiced and introduced in their home once the puppy leaves us in order to continue to strengthen the skills we introduce.

Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Kaylynn Donahue Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_