

THE INNER DOG



POSITIVE SOLUTIONS FOR NEGATIVE BEHAVIORS

Private Training Service Contract

The Inner Dog LLC / Sam Wike, CPDT-KA (The Company) practices only force free, science based, positive reinforcement training and behavior modification. The Company will only work with the Client with the express understanding that at no time while utilizing the services of The Company will the Client use any, but not limited to, techniques, protocols, tools or devices not approved of by The Company. The non-approved methods or items not to be used are, but not limited to, physical force or punishment, choker, prong or electric collars, shaker cans, squirt bottles, yelling, leash corrections, etc. This section is non-negotiable.

1. Client understands that The Inner Dog LLC will work directly with Client and Client's pet(s) to impart contemporary animal behavior knowledge and that successful training and behavior modification programs depend on a combination of learned skills on the part of the pet(s) and its/their owner(s). Behavior is not static; an animal will not continue to perform even trained behaviors without ongoing practice. In cases involving any type of aggression, although behavior may be modified, the pet is never considered "cured". A pet's behavior is ultimately the owner's responsibility. The Client understands and agrees that they are being trained / educated to work with their dog(s) and that without 100% cooperation with the prescribed program the dog's behavior will not change. The Inner Dog LLC will make every reasonable effort to help Client attain goals but makes no guarantees of performance on the part of Client or the pet(s) as a result of providing professional animal behavior consultation. **Initial:** _____
2. The Inner Dog LLC may express opinions or beliefs to you about the effectiveness of various courses of action or about the results that might be anticipated. Such statements are expressions of opinion only, and should not be construed as promises or guaranties
3. Client acknowledges that obedience training/behavior modification may be an activity in which damage or injury to pet(s) and/or persons may occur. Client will assume full financial responsibility for the action for their pet(s). Client further acknowledges that pet(s) may be exposed to a variety of environmental conditions which include, but are not limited to, vehicular travel, interaction with people and other animals, exposure to adverse weather and exposure to areas with crowds and all types of traffic. **Initial:** _____
4. The time length of any training or behavior modification session or consult with the Client and the dog(s) is primarily determined by, but not exclusive of, the behavior of the dog. The Company will be the sole determiner of the dog's behavior. **Initial:** _____
5. Either The Inner Dog LLC or Client may terminate any and all training pursuant to this Agreement, with or without cause, at any time upon notice to the other. Client will be responsible for the payment of any services provided by The Inner Dog LLC through the date of termination.
6. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the terms confirmed in this contract will also apply to any additional matters I handle on your behalf or at your direction, including work performed for any entities owned or controlled by you.
7. To the extent that any person(s) and/or entity/entities is/are, in whole or in part, the owner(s)/guardian(s) of the dog(s) and/or other pet(s) that are the subject of this contract or otherwise has/have any interest in such dog(s) and/or other per(s), the undersigned Guardian (a) hereby represents and warrants that he/she has the right, power and authority to enter into this contract on his/her/its/their behalf/behaves and to bind any such person(s) and/or entity/entities to the terms hereof, and (b) agrees to indemnify and hold harmless The Inner Dog LLC from any and all claims made by any such person(s) and/or entity/entities with respect to this contract.
8. This contract contains the entire agreement between the parties regarding the subject matter hereof. This contract may not be modified except by a later written agreement executed by all of the parties.
9. This contract is entered into under, and shall be construed and interpreted according to, the laws of the State of New Jersey without giving effect to the principles of conflict of laws thereof.
10. This contract may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument, and signatures received via facsimile shall be acceptable in lieu of an original.

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Description of Services

- 1. Basic Life Skills & Manners- 3 sessions minimum: Initial session \$150; follow up sessions \$75
- 2. Non-Aggression Behavioral Issues- 3 sessions minimum: Initial session \$150; Follow-up sessions \$100
- 3. Aggression Issues; non-biting- 3 sessions minimum: Initial session \$200; Follow-up sessions \$150
- 4. Aggression Issues; biting of humans and/or dogs- 4 sessions minimum: Initial session \$250; Follow-up sessions \$200
- 5. Attending Consults with Vets or Veterinary Behaviorists: \$75
- 6. **Additional Expense:** Any travel by me beyond 15 miles each way from my home will result in a fee of \$1.00 per mile round trip. As of 1/1/15, I use Mapquest to calculate travel distance but final travel cost will be determined by actual miles traveled.

Any changes to the fee schedule will be determined by The Company and made to the client in writing.

Liability Waiver & Policies

1. I understand that The Inner Dog LLC (“The Company”) will endeavor to create as safe an environment as possible for the training of my dog(s) and/or other pet(s) and will offer only sound, safe, and responsible training and training instructions. However, I recognize that The Company is not responsible for any unintentional errors, omissions, or incorrect assertions. I understand that the recommendation of any other product or service is not a guarantee of my satisfaction with that product or service. Further, I am and will remain responsible for the actions of my dog(s) and/or other pet(s) at all times and I hereby indemnify and hold harmless The Company from any and all claims of injury, expense, costs, or damages caused by the actions of my dog(s) and/or other pet(s) either while under The Company’s instruction or control or while under my own care regardless of whether I am following The Company’s training instructions. I have been told by The Company and understand the inherent risks in owning dog(s) and/or other pet(s), including but not limited to the risk of bites to me and/or others, any and all damage to property and/or harm to other animals. **Initial:** _____
2. **“Aggression” Cases:** Client acknowledges that The Inner Dog LLC might or has determined that client’s dog(s) may be or is/are aggressive. The Inner Dog LLC has fully explained that the outcome of any training or behavior modification program cannot and will not guarantee a temporary or permanent change in the aggressive behavior and the dog(s) is/are or may become a risk to people or other animals. The Client acknowledges that this contract is entered into at your own discretion and that you take 100% responsibility for any damage the dog(s) may cause to people, property or other animals during or after the prescribed program. The Client promises to take any and all safety measures recommended by The Inner Dog LLC, including but not limited to, using a muzzle and/or having the dog on a leash at all times when around people and/or other animals. Applicable Not Applicable **Initial:** _____
3. **Payment Policy:** Fees are due at the beginning of each training session unless otherwise agreed to by both parties. **Initial:** _____
4. **Cancellation Policy:** “No shows” or cancelled appointments by the client with less than 24 hours’ notice will be counted as one session, and The Company will be paid accordingly, unless in case of unforeseen circumstances. **Initial:** _____

Please Sign Here: _____

Please Print Your Name: _____ Date: _____

Samuel E. Wike III, The Inner Dog LLC _____ Date: _____