

BOARDING KENNEL AGREEMENT

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This Boarding Kennel Agreement (this "Agreement") is entered into as of [DATE] by and between:

[FACILITY LEGAL NAME], a [STATE] [ENTITY TYPE, e.g. limited liability company] operating a boarding facility at [FACILITY ADDRESS] ("Facility," "we," or "us"); and

[OWNER NAME], residing at [ADDRESS] ("Owner" or "you"), the owner or authorized agent of the animal(s) described below (each a "Pet").

The Facility and the Owner are each a "Party" and together the "Parties."

Pet details: Name [PET NAME]; species/breed [SPECIES/BREED]; sex/age [SEX/AGE]; color/markings [DESCRIPTION]; microchip [NUMBER, IF ANY].

Recitals. The Owner wishes to board the Pet with the Facility, and the Facility agrees to provide boarding and related care, on the terms below. In consideration of the mutual promises in this Agreement, the Parties agree as follows.

1. Boarding Services and Dates

1.1 Stay dates. The Facility will board the Pet from [CHECK-IN DATE/TIME] to [CHECK-OUT DATE/TIME] (the "Boarding Period"), subject to the check-out times in Section 4.

1.2 Standard care. The Facility will provide lodging, fresh water, daily feeding, regular exercise, and routine attention consistent with its standard of care for a Pet of the Pet's type and temperament.

1.3 Add-on services. The Owner requests the following optional services: [GROOMING / EXTRA PLAYTIME / TRAINING / MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION / OTHER], billed at the Facility's posted rates.

1.4 Authority of signer. The Owner represents that they own the Pet or are authorized to board the Pet and to bind the owner to this Agreement.

2. Health, Vaccination, and Condition

2.1 Vaccination requirement. The Owner certifies that the Pet is current on all vaccinations required by the Facility, including [RABIES, DISTEMPER/DHPP, BORDETELLA, AND OTHERS AS APPLICABLE], and will provide proof on or before check-in. The Facility may refuse a Pet lacking required vaccinations.

2.2 Health representation. The Owner represents that the Pet is in good health and is free of fleas, ticks, and contagious conditions, or discloses: [CONDITIONS, IF ANY]. The Facility may treat for parasites at the Owner's expense if the Pet arrives infested.

2.3 Medications. The Owner has provided the following medications and instructions: [LIST AND DOSING]. The Facility will make reasonable efforts to administer medication as directed but does not guarantee the Pet will accept it.

2.4 **Special needs and diet.** Feeding, dietary, and behavioral instructions: [DETAILS]. The Owner will supply the Pet's regular food if a special diet is required, unless the Facility provides it.

3. Veterinary Care and Emergencies

3.1 **Emergency care authorization.** If the Pet becomes ill or injured during the Boarding Period and the Owner cannot be promptly reached, the Owner authorizes the Facility to obtain veterinary care, in the Facility's reasonable judgment, up to an estimated cost of [DOLLAR AMOUNT] without further approval.

3.2 **Preferred and emergency veterinarian.** Preferred veterinarian: [NAME, PHONE]. The Facility may use the nearest available veterinarian or emergency clinic if the preferred provider is unavailable.

3.3 **Cost responsibility.** The Owner is responsible for all veterinary costs and related transportation arising during the Boarding Period, except to the extent caused by the Facility's negligence or misconduct.

3.4 **Emergency contact.** Person authorized to make decisions if the Owner is unavailable: [NAME, RELATIONSHIP, PHONE].

4. Check-Out, Fees, and Abandonment

4.1 **Fees.** Boarding is [DOLLAR AMOUNT] per night, plus charges for add-on services and supplies. A deposit of [DOLLAR AMOUNT OR %] is [REQUIRED / NOT REQUIRED] at booking.

4.2 **Check-out and late pickup.** Check-out is by [TIME]. Pickup after that time incurs an additional [DOLLAR AMOUNT / ANOTHER NIGHT] charge. The full Boarding Period is charged even if the Pet is picked up early, unless the Facility's policy provides otherwise.

4.3 **Payment.** All charges are due at check-out. The Owner authorizes the Facility to charge the payment method on file for boarding, add-ons, supplies, and authorized veterinary costs.

4.4 **Extended stays.** If the Owner does not retrieve the Pet by the scheduled check-out and does not arrange an extension, additional nights accrue at the nightly rate.

4.5 **Abandonment.** A Pet not retrieved within [NUMBER] days after the scheduled check-out, despite reasonable attempts to contact the Owner and the emergency contact, may be deemed abandoned and handled as permitted by applicable local law, including transfer to a shelter or rescue. The Owner remains responsible for all accrued charges.

5. Behavior, Personal Property, and House Rules

5.1 **Temperament disclosure.** The Owner discloses that the Pet has [NO HISTORY / A HISTORY] of biting, aggression, or escape, with details: [DETAILS, IF ANY]. The Facility may decline or isolate a Pet that poses a risk to staff or other animals.

5.2 **Group play.** The Owner [CONSENTS / DOES NOT CONSENT] to supervised group play with other compatible animals. The Owner understands group play carries risk of minor scrapes, nicks, or roughhousing injuries.

5.3 **Personal property.** The Owner may leave the following items: [BEDDING, TOYS, LEASH, ETC.]. The Facility is not responsible for lost, damaged, or destroyed personal items, which are left at the Owner's risk.

5.4 **House rules.** The Owner agrees to the Facility's posted policies, including arrival, pickup, and conduct rules, which are incorporated by reference.

6. Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity

6.1 Inherent risks. Boarding and group care involve inherent risks, including illness, injury, stress, and exposure to other animals. The Owner understands and voluntarily accepts these ordinary risks.

6.2 Release. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the Owner releases the Facility from liability for injury, illness, loss, or death of the Pet arising from ordinary risks of boarding. This release does **not** apply to the Facility's gross negligence or willful misconduct, or to any liability that cannot be released under applicable law.

6.3 Limitation of liability. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the Facility's total liability arising out of this Agreement will not exceed the greater of the boarding fees paid for the stay or **[\$AMOUNT]**. Neither Party is liable for indirect or consequential damages.

6.4 Indemnification. The Owner will indemnify the Facility against claims, including injury to people or other animals, arising from the Pet's behavior or the Owner's breach of this Agreement, except to the extent caused by the Facility's negligence or misconduct.

6.5 Insurance. The Facility maintains **[GENERAL LIABILITY / CARE-CUSTODY-AND- CONTROL]** coverage of **[\$AMOUNT]**; this disclosure does not expand the liability limits above.

7. General Provisions

7.1 Communications. The Owner consents to receive booking, care, and billing communications from the Facility by phone, email, or text at the details provided.

7.2 Photographs. The Owner **[GRANTS / DOES NOT GRANT]** the Facility permission to photograph the Pet and use such images for the Owner's updates and the Facility's promotional purposes.

7.3 Governing law and venue. This Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of **[STATE]**, without regard to its conflict-of-laws rules. The Parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts located in **[COUNTY, STATE]**.

7.4 Entire agreement; amendment. This Agreement is the entire agreement between the Parties on its subject and supersedes prior discussions. It may be amended only by a writing signed by both Parties.

7.5 Severability and waiver. If any provision is unenforceable, the rest remains in effect. A Party's failure to enforce a provision is not a waiver.

7.6 Counterparts and electronic signature. This Agreement may be signed in counterparts and by electronic signature, each of which is an original and all of which together form one agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above. The Owner acknowledges having read and understood the assumption of risk and release in Section 6.

BOARDING FACILITY

OWNER (OR AUTHORIZED AGENT)

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Printed name: **[NAME]**

Printed name: **[NAME]**

Title: **[TITLE]**

Title: **[OWNER / AUTHORIZED AGENT]**

Date: _____

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