

Lucky Dog
Boarding & Training Center, LLC
Conformation (Breed) Show Contract

Lucky Dog will always put the safety of your pet first and foremost. We strive to be fair and equal in the amount of time and work we put into each dog at the show, honoring our contracts with clients first. We will provide a fun and positive training approach, and place importance on working with the owner to help you achieve your goals. We try to schedule trips so that we may give an adequate amount of time to each animal so that showing is a positive experience for them!

Lucky Dog asks a few things of you as the owner. We do not require these things, but please realize that your goals will be achieved faster and easier if we all work together.

- If the dog is not on a boarded handling contract, please work with the dog for two to three 5-10 minute sessions a day. We suggest that you attend training classes to gain the most experience on your dog before shows. Understand that it is harder for your dog to respond well to a person they don't have a consistent training relationship. This will make the training and showing process longer to finish.
- Feed your dog quality food products and a consistent diet. This lessens the stress of showing. It is much more productive to show a fit, healthy dog with a nice coat. Do not alter your pet's diet without visiting with the trainer/handler, especially right before a show! Please do make us aware of any changes or allergy issues.
- Be open to honest opinions and suggestions. While we love our pets as family members, it's important to know that there are no perfect dogs. By being honest about what we see as the dog's faults and virtues, we can get the job accomplished much faster! I will also guarantee to communicate judge comments and where I think a dog is at in regards to maturity, training, or ability to finish. I will also let you know if I do not think that I can finish your dog.
- Any client that comes to a show with their dog needs to realize that they are bonded with their dog, which may make our job harder. If we ask you to stay out of sight and not be near until after the ring, please help us do our job for you. Please do not try to play with the dog or distract them. On the reverse side, if your dog is fine with you around, please be aware we might ask you to hold something at ringside! Please be aware that you are not allowed to be disrespectful to any show staff, stewards or judges. I will not handle for clients who argue with judges or have behaviors that may cause them to be sanctioned by AKC.
- If you choose to bring your dog to the show and meet us there-YOU are responsible for knowing which ring and what time you need to be there.
- The conformation world definitely has its quirks and is the only avenue of showing that is solely dependent on someone's opinion of the dog, not necessarily the performance of the dog itself. This may mean that we may go several shows without getting any points. It takes the right judge on the right day with the dog in the right frame of mind. However, we do not win and get points if we do not show up. I am always more interested also to see improvement in performance and feedback from judges and fellow breeders.
- Provide proof of current vaccinations and medications. Please send your food with for the shows in a labeled container.

Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____

Liability

Lucky Dog carries liability insurance. This covers traveling, handling, and training. We will do our utmost to be sure your pet is safe at all times, however we are not responsible for accidents or acts of God.

Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____

Handling Rates

Handling Rates will be based on a minimum plus shared expenses.

Handling Scheduled Rate

\$45 per show per day

\$50 for Group

\$100 Best in Show, or Best in Specialty.

Contract Rates

\$500 per month (training and boarding only)

Scheduled handling rates still apply

Mileage fees to training or shows still apply.

Hotel fees still apply.

Grooming Rates

Grooming rates are based on breed and length of time and includes pre-show grooming each day. Expect at least \$30 per show for retrievers and short coated breeds. We may consult or have the grooming done with groomers here at Lucky Dog if we deem it in the dog's best interests.

Please discuss with us if you plan to be handling grooming on your own. Some dogs should be groomed in specific ways especially in regards to showing. If you choose to shave a dog normally not shaved, or otherwise alter the natural state of the coat, I may choose not to show your dog.

Boarding Rates

All dogs will be charged \$10 per night while here or traveling with us.

Mileage Rates

Mileage starts when leaving from Lucky Dog. Typically gas is shared between all people.

Hotel Fees

Lodging fees are figured by dividing the number of dogs being shown and staying with us, including our own. (Example: I show one of my own dogs, plus two client dogs. Each would pay 1/3 of the total hotel bill.)

Meal Fees

Meal fees will be applied in a minor amount for most shows.

Entry Fees

Entry fees are always the responsibility of the owner. We are happy to help with entries, but will require the owner to provide the financing. Entries are always due on Wednesdays and usually may be done online or mailed in at least a week prior to the show. If you have sent entries and no longer are able to send the dog to the show, please visit with Mary as soon as possible.

Photography Fees

If you wish a formal photograph taken, please notify us before the show or as soon as we talk to you. Those fees will be included on your bill as charged by the photographer. I try to pay them at the show as it saves money and speeds up the photo's arrival.

Payment in full is expected at the show on the last day if you are present, or within three days of the show unless other arrangements are made to set up a monthly billing account.

During the show, Lucky Dog Representatives agree to handle all dogs to the best of their ability. If there are conflicts with scheduled times, our contracted client dogs will come first before our own. As we handle different breeds, in the case of conflicted scheduled times, dogs will be shown by Mary by seniority of client then Open classes down through puppy classes. We reserve the right to switch handlers at ringside if we feel it is beneficial to the dog. (The owner will be responsible for any additional charges). We do employ assistants who are also trained in showing as well as assisting with grooming and exercising throughout the show weekend. If ring conflict occurs and Mary is unable to handle a client dog, fees will reflect the change in handler. Please be aware that we would never employ anyone we would not trust with our own dogs.

We reserve the right to pull any dog for medical or behavioral reasons which may not be decided until close to ring time. The client will still be responsible for any show fees. We will notify you as soon as possible (i.e. after all contracts are fulfilled) of results of the show each day. We will take pictures and video when able, please understand that might not be possible at every show.

I have read, understand, and agree to the above contract.

Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____

Lucky Dog Representative: _____ Date: _____