



**CUSTOMER RELEASE, WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT (THE "AGREEMENT")**

It is hereby acknowledged that Hounds Town Incorporated is a franchisor duly organized in the State of New York. Hounds Town Incorporated has a number of franchisees and this agreement is intended to cover Hounds Town Incorporated, any franchisee and any franchisee doing business under an assumed name, including, without limitation, Paw Pack Place of the Carolinas, LLC d/b/a Hounds Town Morrisville ("Franchise Facilities"). Franchise Facilities and Hounds Town Incorporated are herein collectively referred to as "Hounds Town."

In consideration for your dog(s) participation in overnight, daily, or hourly services at Hounds Town and any of its Franchise Facilities, you agree to all of the policies, procedures, costs, and any and all terms and conditions as set forth below in the discretion of each franchise, as well as its affiliates, employees, owners, agents and representatives. This agreement shall be in force from the date signed and shall apply to each pet and for all visits thereafter to any Hounds Town franchise or facility.

1. I, \_\_\_\_\_ certify that my dog \_\_\_\_\_:
  - is vaccinated for and up to date on Rabies, Distemper, Parvo, and Bordetella vaccinations. I agree to provide Hounds Town with copies of vaccination records prior to any visits, and/or upon request.
  - is at least 4 months of age.
  - is spayed or neutered if 6 months of age or older.
  - is in general good health, free of ticks and fleas, and on a flea, tick, and heartworm preventative.
  - has not visited and will not visit a veterinarian's office within 7 days of using any Hounds Town services.
  - has never harmed another dog or any individual, or displayed any signs of aggression toward other dogs or individuals, and has not harmed or shown aggressive or intimidating behavior towards any person or animal. I further acknowledge that my dog has never been involved in any type of lawsuit with respect to a prior dog bite claim.
  - meets all municipal and state licensure and other requirements.
  - has a temperament conducive for social interaction with other dogs, and to be boarded overnight.
  - will remain leashed and managed properly when entering and exiting the facility, and at all times at any Hounds Town location and Franchise Facilities.
2. Nature of the Environment. Hounds Town is an open play environment. Dogs are placed in groups with other dogs of the same size, temperament, and energy level, at Hounds Town's and its franchisees' sole discretion. Because dogs' pack instincts can at times be unpredictable, there are inherent risks which I fully assume, which even when closely monitored, may result in the following: (a) transfer of communicable illness including, but not limited to, Bordetella virus ("kennel cough") and canine influenza, and (b) injuries including, but not limited to, broken nails, sore pads, abrasions, lacerations, punctures, other wounds, and cuts.
3. Food and Medications. As changing diets can cause stomach upset for dogs, Hounds Town encourages owners to bring their own dog food, as well as any medication or supplements in a sealed and labeled container. Please bring more than enough for your dog's entire stay, as Hounds Town does not provide specialty food.
4. Vaccinations. All dogs are required to be vaccinated; however, no vaccine for airborne illnesses is 100% effective, and I understand my dog may still contract an airborne illness or any illness despite being vaccinated.
5. Condition at checkout. I understand that due to the interactive nature of a Hounds Town , my dog may get dirty or smell upon checkout. If I decline an exit or spa bath upon departure, I understand that my dog will not be bathed, and may smell or otherwise be dirty.
6. Abandonment of animals. I fully understand that pursuant to North Carolina State law any person being the owner or possessor, or having charge or custody of an animal, who willfully and without justifiable excuse abandons the animal is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. To that end, I fully understand, and hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless, and release all claims against Hounds Town and its Franchise Facilities, that if an animal is placed in the custody of a veterinarian or boarding kennel owner or operator and having been placed in such custody for a specified period of time, if the animal is not removed by such time, a ten-day notice by means of registered letter mailed to my last known address will be forwarded to me to remove the animal. In the event the animal is placed for an unspecified time and is not removed within twenty days after notice by means of a registered letter mailed to the last known address of such person and then in either case the dog is not picked up, the dog will be deemed abandoned by me pursuant to the laws of the State of North Carolina. In the event the animal is deemed abandoned, Hounds Town and any of its facilities may deliver the abandoned animal to any duly incorporated society for the prevention of cruelty to animals or a duly incorporated humane society. If the animal is delivered as set forth herein, the person delivering the animal will notify me of the name and address of the animal society or shelter to which the animal has been delivered, by registered letter mailed to my last known address. Within five days if not claimed by me the animal may be placed for adoption or euthanized in accordance with Article 3 of N.C.G.S. § 19A.

7. Veterinary Authorization, Liability, and Care

a. I authorize Hounds Town and/or a representative of any Franchise Facilities to speak with my veterinarian and/or their staff to confirm my dog(s) vaccination status, date of surgical alteration, last date of visit, and medical history. Furthermore, in the event a Hounds Town employee at his/her sole discretion believes the dog to have any illness, Hounds Town will make reasonable efforts to contact the owner for direction as to how the owner wishes to provide medical care or seek medical attention. Hounds Town will treat your dog at your direction as its owner and duty to their animal. Unless the dog requires immediate medical care, the dog will remain at Hounds Town until he/she is picked up by the owner. Hounds Town reserves the right to require you or an authorized third party to pick up your dog.

b. In the event Hounds Town is unable to contact me after reasonable effort, I hereby grant consent to Hounds Town and the veterinarian to treat my dog. I hereby grant the veterinarian and Hounds Town the right to make medically necessary treatment decisions for my dog. In the event the Veterinarian is unavailable, Hounds Town has the right to seek an alternative veterinarian at its sole discretion.

c. If a dog passes away at a Hounds Town facility, the owner will be contacted immediately. If the owner or the emergency contact cannot be reached within one hour, Hounds Town reserves the right to bring the dog to a location permitted by law. I understand I will be fully responsible for all costs related to any medical treatment, including without limitation, the cost of transportation, and any other cost incurred. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Hounds Town and/or its franchisee in any event of illness or death of the dog.

d. In the case of a natural disaster or other emergency that would directly affect Hounds Town, every effort will be made to contact me or an emergency contact so I can retrieve my dog(s). Should I not be available, I authorize Hounds Town to transport and/or make temporary alternative arrangements for the housing and care of my dog(s) until I can retrieve my dog(s).

8. Fees. I understand that I must pay for all services and products by credit card, cash or check. All payment is due at the time of pick up. I give my express permission for Hounds Town to charge any credit card provided for unpaid services or products upon the date services were supposed to have been completed. I further agree to pay any collections costs and the cost of any returned or challenged check or debit charges.

9. Acknowledgement of Policies. I acknowledge that I have received a "Welcome Packet" with Hounds Town policies and procedures, including but not limited to hours of operation, services, pricing, requirements for participation, and rules and regulations.

10. Media Release. Pursuant to the laws of the State in which the Hounds Town facility is located, I agree that my pet may be videotaped, photographed, and video and audio recorded. Hounds Town shall retain the exclusive rights to the results and all proceeds of such tapings, photographs, and recordings with the rights throughout the world, and unlimited number of times in perpetuity, to copyright, to use and to license to others in any manner.

11. Duty to Disclose. I agree to disclose on a continuing basis, any and all medical or other conditions, including but not limited to personality concerns or behavioral incidents that at Hounds Town sole discretion, may affect, limit or prevent my dog's ability to participate in any activity or service provided by Hounds Town.

12. Behavior Disclosure and Indemnification. I certify that (a) I have given full disclosure of any history of aggressive behavior by my dog, and understand that failure to do so will result in my dismissal from any Hounds Town facility and no refund shall be given. (b) My dog's behavior now and in the future is solely my responsibility while he/she is at a Hounds Town facility. Should any behavior on the dog's part result in damage to the property, employees, person of a third party, or another dog, I agree to bear full responsibility for same and hereby agree to expressly and forever generally waive, discharge, agree to bear full responsibility for same and discharge claims, indemnify, release from liability, save, hold harmless and defend Hounds Town, their franchisees, invitees, owners, officers, directors, employees, contractors, volunteers, agents, representatives, lessor and all others (collectively, the "releasees") from and against any and all injury, liability, claims, litigation, actions, suits, costs, losses, damages, attorney's fees, expenses or demands of every character whatsoever on account of, arising out of, resulting from or relating to in any way to (i) any act of omission of the releasees, (ii) my dog's participation at any Hounds Town facility. I agree that this release is binding on me and my successors, heirs, legal representatives and assigns. I expressly and forever release Hounds Town from any duty to protect me or my dog from injury of any kind, and agree that any implementation of safety precautions by Hounds Town will not waive Hounds Town's right to be indemnified as provided hereunder, and such precautions will not alter this release. I intend for this agreement to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability of Hounds Town to the greatest extent permitted by law; I agree that if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this agreement will remain in full force and effect. Additionally, I understand that it is not recommended to bring valuable or irreplaceable items to any Hounds Town facility, such as bedding or toys, as Hounds Town is not responsible for any damage or loss of those items.

13. Acceptance and Acknowledgement of Risk. I fully understand that: (a) there are inherent risks involved with interactions between humans and dogs, as well as between dogs, which may result in property damage or bodily injury, including but not limited to, permanent disability, sickness or death to human or dog; and (b) there may be other risks which I will assume if not known to me or any Hounds Town facility nor readily foreseeable at this time (collectively, "risks"). "Sickness" includes any illness not limited to Bordetella (kennel cough), canine influenza, bloat, or any other form of contagious disease. I fully accept and assume all risks and responsibility for all risks, including, without limitation, all losses, costs and damages incurred as a result of my dog's participation at any Hounds Town facility, including any veterinarian expenses.

14. In the event of any litigation, I agree to pay the cost of all legal fees for all Releasees.

15. I acknowledge receipt of a copy of this document, acknowledge that I have read it, understand it, and can read and understand the English language. This agreement and release of liability will last in perpetuity for so long as I utilize any Hounds Town facility for any service including daycare, boarding, grooming, or transportation. This agreement will not be resigned for each term of board or stay for each pet, but its terms remain the same. THIS AGREEMENT PERTAINS TO HOUNDS TOWN AND ANY AND ALL FRANCHISEES AND FACILITIES.

By signing this agreement, I certify the accuracy of all information provided about my pet. Furthermore, I certify that I have read and fully understand each clause expressed in this agreement.

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Owner

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Hounds Town Greensboro-Guilford

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Date

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Owner Initials