

## Snakeproofing Contract

### CONTRACT

This is a contract between Partners Dog Training (hereinafter called "Partners") and the Client (hereinafter called "Client") whose signature appears below. This contract applies to all activities at Partners. All students are required to sign this contract.

### GOAL OF SNAKE PROOFING

The goal of snake proofing is to condition the animal to avoid contact with rattlesnakes. The desired response is to pull away strongly from the snake, refusing to sniff at, look at or approach the snake. Live Diamondback rattlesnakes are used during training. They are poisonous, not defanged, and are fully capable of striking and causing injury. Please note not all dogs will have the same reaction to training.

### TRAINING PROCEDURE

A long lead with slip collar and an e-collar receiver is placed around the dogs' neck. The dog is brought toward the snake den as if going for a walk. As soon as the dog shows interest in or approaches the snake/s, it receives an electronic correction via the remote control. The animal should respond by jumping backwards and yelping. This step may be repeated to ensure the correct association. Finally, the dog and trainer will walk past another hidden snake to test the dogs reaction in a different location. Based on observations made by the trainer/s, the dog will be declared conditioned. Should the Instructor not be satisfied with the conditioning, the Client may be requested to return for a redo within two to four weeks.

### CONDITIONS OF SNAKE PROOFING

**Veterinary:** The Client specifically represents to Partners that the pet is healthy, able to receive an electronic correction, up to date on all vaccinations, and that the pet has not been exposed to rabies, distemper or other disease within a period of thirty days.  
**Obedient:** The Client also represents their dog is able to walk on a leash, and is not aggressive towards people or staff.

**Photographic Release:** We occasionally use photos and/or video of students and animals in promotional materials, websites and training videos. By virtue of your attendance you agree to the usage of your likeness in such material.

**Payment:** Client agrees to pay the fee stated below prior to training. This fee is due and payable regardless of the outcome of training. The Client represents they are the sole owner of the pet, free and clear of all encumbrances. In the event of a check being returned for any reason, a \$25 fee will be assessed and cash payment required.

### SNAKE PROOFING GUARANTEE

This method conditions a response to the odor, sound or sight of a live rattlesnake. Snake proofed dogs may NOT recognize dead snakes or other varieties of snakes. For the conditioning to be effective, the dog needs to be alert, paying attention and using their noses, or they may fail to alert to the presence of a snake. While most dogs correctly proofed will avoid contact with snakes, there is no guarantee a snake proofed dog will always detect the presence of a rattlesnake.

### INDEMNITY

All behavioral training is provided at the Clients own risk. Use of service is voluntary and Partners is not responsible for any consequences. Client hereby indemnifies and holds harmless Partners Dog Training, Leighton Oosthuisen, all partners, officers, directors, trainers, employees, independent contractors and insurers from any liability claims, demands, causes of action, anticipated or unanticipated, arising out of or related to any loss. Client understands that animals are not supervised 24 hours a day, and assumes all risks of injury or death to their pet during the period of training. Client also assumes all risk of property damage during the course of training. Any controversy or claim arising out of or related to this contract, or the breach thereof, or as a result of any claim or controversy involving the alleged negligence by any party to this contract, shall be settled in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association, and judgement upon the award rendered by an arbitrator may be entered in any Court having jurisdiction thereof. The arbitrator shall, as part of his award, determine an award to the prevailing party of the costs of such arbitration and reasonable attorneys' fees of the prevailing party.

### SNAKE AVOIDANCE TRAINING IS NOT GUARANTEED.

**CLIENT MUST NOTIFY PARTNERS PRIOR TO TRAINING OF ANY MEDICAL ISSUES OR PRIOR E-COLLAR USE.**

**ALL PAYMENTS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE!**

**PLEASE KEEP ALL DOGS ON LEASH AND UNDER CONTROL.**

**PLEASE STAY AWAY FROM THE SNAKES AT ALL TIMES.**

**PARTNERS IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR INJURIES OR NEGATIVE BEHAVIOR SUSTAINED DURING OR AFTER TRAINING.**

(UPDATED MARCH 2008)

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