



TRAINER WAIVER & AGREEMENT

The Better Companion – Pawsitive Pathway Programs (Board & Train)

Trainer Name: _____

Dog's Name: _____

Program Dates: _____

1. Trainer Responsibilities

As a trainer for The Better Companion hosting a Board & Train dog, I agree to:

- Use only positive reinforcement (R+), force-free training methods.
- Follow the training plan appropriate to the dog's needs and learning level.
- Provide safe, structured, consistent enrichment and training sessions.
- Maintain professional standards of communication and documentation.

2. Mandatory Separation From Personal Dogs

I agree that:

- Board & Train dogs will NOT be allowed to freely interact with my personal dogs.
- No shared kennels, play, cohabitation, or unsupervised contact is permitted.
- If interaction is necessary for training purposes (rare), it must have:
 - Prior written owner consent
 - BETCO management approval
- Personal dogs will not be used as training tools or exposure dogs unless explicitly authorized.

This protects safety, reduces stress, and ensures professional boundaries.

3. Environmental & Safety Standards

I agree to:

- Safely secure the Board & Train dog at all times during transport, handling, and training.
- Maintain appropriate kennel conditions, cleanliness, and supervision.
- Immediately report any illness, injury, or behavioral concern to BETCO management.
- Only use BETCO-approved equipment.

4. Limits of Responsibility

I acknowledge that:

- Trainers must immediately notify management if a Board & Train dog shows behavior beyond program limitations (aggression, bite-risk, severe reactivity).
- Trainers are responsible for ensuring the dog's basic needs are met, but owners assume financial responsibility for any veterinary care.
- Trainers are expected to act ethically and professionally at all times.

5. Liability Release for Trainers

The trainer agrees that:

- The Board & Train dog remains the property and responsibility of the owner.
- The trainer is not financially responsible for emergency medical care unless gross negligence occurs.
- Trainers must comply with BETCO policies to maintain coverage and protection under BETCO's liability framework.

6. Trainer Signature

I understand and agree to all conditions outlined in this waiver and acknowledge that compliance is required for participation as a Board & Train provider.

Trainer Signature: _____

Date: _____