

Langara College
Professional Dog Walker Certificate Program
INFORMED CONSENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Important: Please read the entire document before signing

I understand that my enrolment in the Dog Walking-Practical (the “Practical”) indicates that I freely and willingly choose to participate in this experiential learning opportunity. I further understand that the Professional Dog Walker Certificate Program (the “Program”) through Langara College’s Continuing Studies requires successful completion of all eight courses, including the Dog Walking-practical as required by the curriculum

I understand that the Practical may take place in various external venues such as parks, walking paths or trails within the City of Vancouver and that I am responsible for the transportation of myself and my dog (s) to and from the designated location for the Practical Activity.

I agree that participating in any activity is an acceptance of some risk of injury and acknowledge that my safety and the safety of my dog(s) is primarily dependent upon my own actions and my ability to handle the dog(s) that I may bring to the Practical. I understand that it is my responsibility to know what I will require for attendance at the Practical and to provide what I or my dog(s) will need. I will ensure that I know how to safely engage in the Practical activities, and I agree to observe any rules and practices that may be employed to ensure the successful completion of the Practical and to minimize any risk of injury to myself, others and the dog(s). I understand that it is my responsibility to promptly advise the Instructor if I do not believe that I or my dog(s) can safely continue in any of the Practical activities.

In consideration for Langara College allowing my and my dog(s) participation in the Practical, I acknowledge and agree to the following conditions:

- The Program instructors are not responsible for instructing the Dog(s).
- I will notify the Program instructors, in advance, if the Dog has ever shown signs of anxiety, excitement, nervousness or aggression towards people, situations, other animals or any other condition that may affect the success of the dog in the program.
- I am responsible for the Dog(s) and any injuries or damage caused by the Dog(s).
- I will ensure that the Dog's vaccinations are current.
- I will ensure that the Dog has a valid dog license.
- I will not knowingly bring an unhealthy dog or a dog that has been exposed to viruses, to the Practical.
- I will not bring My Dog to the Practical if she is in heat.
- I will keep the Dog(s) on a leash at all times unless instructed otherwise by the Program instructors.
- I will abide by all by-laws and other regulatory requirements whilst engaged in the Practical.
- I understand that socialization of the dogs is an important part of the program and that at various stages in the program I, and my dog, will be engaged in walking more than one dog at a time.
- I understand that I should wear appropriate clothing and footwear or use proper protection or gear as may be required for the Practical Activity and that I should not wear, use or do anything that would pose a hazard to the dogs, others or myself.
- It is my responsibility to ensure that my dog(s) has the appropriate nutrition, hydration and any other equipment to complete the Practical safely and comfortably.
- I understand that if a situation arises with the Dog(s) which disrupts the successful completion of the Practical or presents an unsafe situation for the dog(s), other dogs, or the participants to the Practical or any other party, that the instructor has the right to address the situation and request removal of the student(s) and the dog(s) responsible, or cease the Practical session if necessary.
- I acknowledge that the College Student Code of Conduct will apply throughout my participation in the Practical.
- I am responsible for any loss or damage to any personal property that I may bring to the Practical.

I am aware that there are potential risks and liabilities arising from my and my dog(s)' participation in the Practical. I **freely accept and assume all such risks, dangers and hazards and the possibility of varying degrees of personal injury and injury to my dog(s) including fatal injury, property damage or loss during the time of my travel to and from and participation in the Practical and its associated Activities.** I understand that the types of hazards I may be exposed to whilst participating in the Practical include, **but are not limited to:**

- HAZARDS OF TRAVEL: travelling to and from the Practical location by vehicle, public transport, taxi or other means.

- ENVIRONMENT: any manner of injury resulting from falls on or from steep, slippery or uneven terrain, trails, pathways, rocky headlands, beaches, wet boardwalk or passage over large driftwood logs. Injury may be caused by, but is not limited to making contact with rocks, trees, ocean, obstructions and other participants, visible or non-visible.
- WEATHER & OTHER NATURAL OR ENVIRONMENTAL OCCURRENCES: unpredictable weather and changing weather conditions, wet weather, snow, ice, hail, the effects of sunlight, brushfires, earthquakes, landslides, floods.
- OTHER DOGS: Interaction with other dogs participating, or not participating, in the Practical who may demonstrate aggressive, nervous or anxious behaviour to specific noises, conditions or situations and exposure to potential viruses or other health conditions that other dogs may have.
- WILD ANIMALS: injury resulting from interaction with passive or aggressive wildlife: bears, wolves, other carnivores, rodents, leeches, wood ticks, birds, snakes, insects or other wild or domestic animals.
- VEGETATION: low-hanging or falling tree branches, dense undergrowth, toxic native or non-native plants,
- MEDICAL: hypothermia, heatstroke, bites, stings, ticks.
- ALLERGIC REACTIONS: resulting from contact with wild or cultivated plants, bites or stings by insects, ticks or spiders.
- OTHER HAZARDS: The possibility that I or others do not heed or comprehend instructor's directions.

I acknowledge that accidents may occur while I am travelling to or from or participating in the Practical and its Activities and can be a result of the nature of the travel and the Practical activities and can occur without fault on either the part of the participant or Langara College. I am aware that the College will attempt to take all necessary and appropriate safety precautions and will attempt to minimize any risks associated with Practical and its associated activities. Accidents, however, may cause loss of personal property, injury of varying degrees, inclusive of the potential of fatal injury.

I understand that the College collects the personal information in this Agreement pursuant to Section 26(c) of the Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act under the authority of the College & Institute Act [RSBC1996, Ch.52], that the information is collected by the College for the purpose of administration and operation of the Practical and for my own personal safety, and that my personal information will not be disclosed for any other purpose without my express consent. I further understand that any questions I may have with regard to the collection of my personal information should be addressed to the Manager, Records Management & Privacy at 604-323-5660.

Student Name

Student ID

Signature

Date