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I hereby make application to enter the 4-H Dog Training Program and agree to abide by all the rules and regulations of this 4-H Dog Training Program. I agree to faithfully carry out the recommendations of the instructors and to train my dog to the best of my ability, to attend classes regularly and to do as much additional training of my dog between classes as may be recommended by the instructors.

In consideration of the acceptance of this application and entering of my dog in school, I agree not to hold 4-H Dog Obedience Training School, its instructors or directors responsible in any way for loss or harm to myself or my dog for injury. I also agree to be responsible for my own dog if injury is caused by my dog to any other dog or to any person while in this school.

The safety and well-being of 4-H members and volunteers is a primary concern with all Indiana 4-H Program opportunities. Families should err on the side of caution in selecting a dog for the 4-H member to exhibit. A dog that has a known history of aggression or biting is not appropriate for involvement in the 4-H Program.

A dog that bites a human or another dog at any 4-H Dog Event must be immediately removed from that event by the 4-H member and will subsequently be excused from the 4-H Program. The member should be directed by 4-H Dog Personnel on-site to remove the dog if the member does not do so willingly. If a determination is made by the 4-H Dog Personnel that a dog bit in self-defense, it may be allowed to remain at the 4-H Dog Event.

Dogs that display other signs of aggression, including but not limited to barking and standing ground, growling, lunging and snapping will be given one verbal warning. They will be removed from the event after the second violation at the same event. To be removed from a 4-H Dog Event, there must be two violations at the same event.

Any dog that is removed from a 4-H Dog Event due to aggressive behavior will be placed on probation for 2 weeks. Written notification of the probation will be given to the 4-H member. The 2-week period will start upon written notification to the 4-H member. While on probation, the 4-H Dog Personnel and the 4-H member and parents will work together to determine the best course of action for the dog. At the end of the designated probation period, 4-H Dog Personnel will make a determination regarding the dog's return to 4-H Dog Events.

Dogs that are removed from a 4-H Dog Event twice will be immediately excused from the 4-H program and will not be allowed to re-enter. In the event that a dog is removed from a 4-H Dog Event or excused from the 4-H Program, 4-H Dog Personnel should report such to the State 4-H Office so that the information is available to all county 4-H dog programs and the Indiana State Fair.

If my dog is sick, I agree to leave it at home, but will attend classes and get the lesson for that week.

I agree that I will drop from training school if I do not follow directions in training program or am dismissed for hitting or kicking of my dog at any time, or of the use of a spiked collar.

Date of Application: _____

Signed: _____

Member's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____