

Thank you for choosing **Desperate Dogs** in Winder for the rehabilitation of your dog. We would appreciate you reading the following and taking some time to provide the requested information in order to fully maximize your dogs experience here.

**Dog's name**

**Owners name**

**Owners contact information** [address, phone number email]

**Person responsible for the dog in your absence** [name address email, phone number]

**What is the age of the dog?**

**Breed of the dog?**

**Weight of the dog?**

**Does your dog have any medical disorders?**

**Who is your regular vet and when was the last time you saw him or her?**

**Are you aware of any structural problems with your dog?**

**Is the dog currently taking any medication?**

**Is your dog healthy enough to take part in rigorous physical activity, which could include swimming, running, jumping, chasing and weaving?**

**Please state, in your own words, what the dogs behavioral problem is, when it started and what the consequences were. What action did you take at the time [be honest and tell us if you used physical force or punishment as it will help going forward] and what action have you taken since?**

**Has your dog ever bitten a family member, guest or other?**

**Have you ever been reported to Animal Control because of your dog's actions?**

**List all family members, ages and occupations.**

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**Would you consider your lifestyle active and busy?**

**How much exercise outside of the back yard does the dog get every week?**

**Where does the dog sleep?**

**How does the dog sleep? Is it a contented sleep or does the dog have trouble settling down?**

**What kind of containment system do you have in place for the dog?**

**Is it an electric collar?**

**Have you ever used a shock collar/ pinch collar/choke chain on your dog?**

**If so, for what reason and do you still use one?**

**How much socialization has the dog had with other dogs?**

**Does your dog fight with other dogs?**

**How is the dog with children?**

**How is the dog with cats, birds, bicycles, cars etc.? Does he or she chase things, run after cars in the street?**

**What is your dogs regular diet? Please include snacks that are given on a regular basis...**

**How often does your dog eat?**

**Does he or she have any allergies that you are aware of?**

**Is there a time of day that the dog appears to have worse symptoms, for instance, tetchy in the mornings or hyperactive after a meal?**

**Has your dog developed any skin or ear infections in conjunction with the behavioral changes? Any nervous tics, licking, changes in reaction times, barking or intense scratching [not associated with fleas]?**

**Do you know at what age your dog was separated from its mother and littermates?**

**When was your dog spayed or neutered?**

**When was the last round of vaccinations your dog had?**

**Which vaccinations were administered and were they by a licensed veterinarian?**

**Has your dog ever had vaccination sickness or a bad reaction to any vaccinations or medications?**

**If so, list what that was.....**

**Is your dog a chewer? If so, what does he or she like to chew on? Are the chewable items normally items of worn clothing?**

**Is your dog a jumper? Please be aware that our interior fence here is 5 feet tall and the large field has a 6-foot fence.**

***If your dog is likely to jump this, then it is, probably, better to place your dog elsewhere.***

## **HOW WE WORK AND WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT**

In order for us to work with you to rehabilitate your dog, we need to have your complete cooperation at all times and we need to have your agreement to the methods we will use to rehabilitate.

We do not use shock collars/ pinch collars/ choke chains etc. and do not work with owners that use these methods as we feel them to be cruel and ineffective at best.

We will rehabilitate your dog using positive reinforcement, rewards with food and praise, fun, friendship, sunshine, fresh air and exercise.

Your dog will learn at first through sessions on her own and then will be included in some group activities using our own dogs as 'triggers'. Your dog may require a muzzle in extreme cases and we reserve the right, for the safety of other dogs, to use a muzzle in group-work if we deem it absolutely necessary, however that would be in an extreme case. Muzzles are not something we like to use as we like to keep the dog in as natural state as possible.

We will be also using diet and nutrition to help change your dog's behavior and will be feeding a possible diet of raw or cooked food and/ or holistic dog food using differing proteins from time to time. We need your agreement to do so.

We are not veterinarians, registered nutritionists or doctors of canine psychology, but we have developed a program of treating the whole dog that has been very successful and has changed the lives of many dogs that would otherwise not be able to function in a family setting.

Upon your dog's return home, we insist upon a consultation that may take up to two hours to discuss all of the work we have done, to show you what techniques we have used to effect change and to discuss how the family environment or behavior should be modified to help your dog. Your dog cannot go home without this consultation first or your money and time will have been wasted.

Please remember that anything we do in the time that your dog is here can be very quickly undone by inappropriate behavior in the home.

For any aggression cases, we cannot guarantee that your dog will never bite again, all we can do is train your dog to make different choices and counsel you to not put your dog into a situation where he feels that he must bite.

As with human rehabilitation, there must always be an element of risk management and environmental control.



Dogs are not robots, no two dogs are likely to respond to any experience in the same way, and so sometimes we may need a little extra time to effect the change that we, and you, desire from the dog. We understand that this is an expensive process and so we pledge that if your dog needs extra time here above and beyond what we have quoted as our expectation, we will only charge the daily boarding rate for the extra days that are needed, until the process is completed.

We pledge to treat your dog as we would like our own dogs to be treated and to ensure that at all times they will feel loved and valued and happy. This is an experience that should be rewarding for all parties but most importantly the dog.....we want you and your dog to consider this a learning vacation.

The charge is \$\_\_\_\_\_ per day [this is a weight dependent rate] inclusive of all training, food, supplementation, outings, bathing as needed. We ask for 50% to be paid up front and the remainder to be paid upon collection of your pet.

Thank you for choosing Desperate Dogs in Winder and we look forward to working with you.

**I/We have fully read, understood and agree to  
all conditions as set out in this document  
(pages 1-10)**

**Signed**

**Printed Name**

**Date**