

**Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19**

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization.

**COVID-19 is extremely contagious** and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of large groups of people.

Murfreesboro Obedience Training Club ("MOTC") has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, MOTC **cannot guarantee** that you or your dog will not become infected with COVID-19.

Further, **attending MOTC activities, such as training classes, AKC Trial Events and personal ring rental, could increase your risk and your dog's risk of contracting COVID-19.**

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By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I and my dog(s) may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending MOTC activities and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at MOTC activities may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, MOTC members, volunteers, students, and event/class participants and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my dog and/or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my dog may experience or incur in connection with my attendance at MOTC or participation in MOTC programming ("activities"). On my behalf, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless MOTC, its members, volunteers, agents, and representatives, of and from the activities including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of MOTC, its members, volunteers, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any MOTC program.

\_\_\_\_ INITIALS By signing this document, I agree that if I am exposed or infected by COVID-19 during my participation in any MOTC activity, then I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against the parties being released on the basis of any claim for negligence.

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**Signature of Member or Activity Participant Date**

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**Print Name of Member or Activity Participant**