

## **Welcome to the Winnipeg Humane Society's Stay and Play Group.**

All dogs participating in Stay and Play Groups have been screened through Dog Obedience Classes by a qualified instructor. Even so, the dynamics and behaviours between dogs during social interactions are not always predictable. Arguments between dogs can erupt and sometimes can become physical. People can be injured if they intervene in a physical altercation between dogs. In order to maintain a safe environment for the Stay and Play Groups, please adhere to the following rules:

- Respect other dogs and handlers by permitting adequate space when entering and exiting the area. Do not allow dogs to meet at doorways.
- All dogs must enter under control and leashed. Collars will be removed during play and slip leads will be utilized to gain control of a dog.
- Follow all verbal and written instructions by Winnipeg Humane Society Staff or Volunteers.
- Watch your dog throughout the play time, your dog's actions are your responsibility. There is a staff and/or volunteer on site, however they are not directly supervising the group.
- If you see something about the premises or during group play that causes you concern, please advise the staff or volunteer immediately.
- Do not have food or drinks on your person during the group play. Spills can be a hazard and some dogs are possessive of food.
- Toys are not permitted as some dogs can be possessive of toys.
- Clean up materials are provided. Please clean up after your dog promptly inside as well as on the grounds outside. Dispose of waste in the appropriate container.
- Shelter dogs are walked on the property. Please do not allow you dog to meet unfamiliar dogs on the property.
- All dogs attending are required to be up-to-date on Rabies, Parvo/Distemper, and annual Bordetella vaccinations. Proof of vaccination is required.

### **Liability Release:**

I understand that participating in activities with dogs pose certain risks to me, attending family members, and to my dog. These risks include, but are not limited, to injuries such as bumps, bruises, strains, sprains, broken bones or bites.

Owner/attendees agree that the Winnipeg Humane Society, its staff, volunteers, or other participants will not be held liable for any damage or loss resulting physical activity or interaction with or between dogs or advice supplied to owner of dog.

Adults are responsible for their minors.

**I have read the above contract and liability release and agree to all terms and conditions:**

**Signature of Owner:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of others:** \_\_\_\_\_