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Rate Card

Handler Fees\$75.00 per show day
Mileage to and from dog shows.....\$0.20 per mile

Unless otherwise agreed to, the owner of the client dog is expected to deliver the dog to the handler in a timely manner, bathed, thoroughly groomed, and prepared to be shown. If supplemental grooming needs to be performed by the handler to prepare the dog for showing an additional charge may be assessed. The owner shall be expected to pickup the dog promptly at the prearranged time and location after the show.

Ringside pick-up of dogs (Dog must be presented to the handler at the show, clean, groomed, nails trimmed and trained for the show-ring).....\$75.00
Training Fee per match or training class.....\$45.00
Bath and Grooming (if required or requested by client).....\$40.00
Specialty Show Handling Fee.....\$100.00 First Call Fee.....\$50.00

Cancellations

The client must make handling cancellations before the show closing date. Cancellations made after the entries close may be charged \$75.00

Penalties

Late pick-up of dog.....\$20.00 per day Late payment.....\$30.00

Payment for services is expected within 30 days after the show date. If the owner's payment for any fees is delinquent, handler reserves the right to cancel any pending show date(s) until full payment, with penalties, is received. We reserve the right to change fees without prior notice.

Travel Preparation

The dog owner will provide the following:

1. Copy of current rabies certificate
2. Copy of AKC registration certificate
3. Dog food pre-portioned and packaged for individual feedings
4. Buckle collar with ID tags, microchip is also recommended (please provide number)
5. Owner's 24-hour emergency phone number(s) and cell phone number
6. Any medications for the dog, with instructions
7. Completed legal exemption *Agreement*

Bordetella vaccination and heartworm preventative is recommended

Ring Schedule Conflicts Dogs being shown for long-standing clients have seniority over recently acquired client dogs, part-time clients, or ringside pick-ups. Client dogs traveling with the handler have preeminence over ringside dogs. Top priority is given to Champions that are being specialed.

Ring schedule conflicts are inevitable and cannot always be avoided. If the handler encounters a conflict between client dogs, a good faith effort will be made to have one dog started or shown by another experienced and responsible handler. The decision whether to show or pass-off a conflict dog is made exclusively by the handler. All normal handling fees will apply. If the client dog is not shown that day, only the mileage fee will be due if the dog has traveled with the handler. The "First Call" option provides that in the event of a conflict where the owner wishes for only the handler to exhibit the dog(s) (i.e. not place the dog with another experienced handler) a "first call" fee will apply. The first call charge is the normal handling fee plus the "first call" fee.

Photographs A professional photograph will be taken of all major wins, exceptional breed wins, Group or Best in Show wins unless the owner specifies otherwise. The handler will receive at least one photo of these wins at no charge. The owner is responsible for the cost of all photographs, and will be billed by the photographer directly.

Emergency Veterinarian Care If the client dog requires emergency veterinarian care and permission for medical care is required, the handler or his associate will attempt to seek such from the owners. If we are unable to contact owner, the handler/agent will authorize emergency medical care as recommended by the attending veterinarian. The owner is responsible for all costs of care provided.

Legal Exemption from Liability for Damages and Indemnification The handler or his agent/assistant will provide reasonable care, custody and control, and housing of the client dog(s); maintain sanitary and secure quarters; a safe and comfortable show and travel environment; and properly feed, water and exercise the dog while in their possession. For the time that the client dog(s) is in the possession of the handler or agent/assistant, the owner/responsible party of the dog will absolve and hold harmless the handler or their agent/assistant from any responsibility for damage or other liability arising from their involvement with the dog. This save harmless includes, but is not limited to, harm (to), loss (of) or death occurring to the dog(s) from any cause including disease; bloat; theft, escape; or injury from other persons, dogs or property.

The owner/responsible party of the dog(s) agrees to indemnify the handler or their agent/assistant for any and all loss, damage, or liability caused by the dog while in their care, custody or control. This includes, but is not limited to, injury inflicted by the dog(s) on other animals, on the handler or their agent/assistant, on the owner or responsible party, or on any other a third-party.

It is clearly understood by the parties to this agreement that the handler or their agent/assistant shall not be legally liable or responsible to the dog(s) owner or responsible party for any act committed by the dog(s), regardless of circumstance. Further, the owner or responsible party of the dog(s) agrees to indemnify the handler, their agent/assistant and/or any third-party for any loss, damage or liability brought about by their dog(s).

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