THIS WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED AND SUBMITTED BEFORE YOUR MEMBER CARD(S) AND DOG ADDED ID TAG(S) WILL BE MAILED/RELEASED.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND LIABILITY

Acceptance of the terms and conditions of this release and adherence to Dog Commons Expectations are conditions of permit approval, retention and renewal. Permits may be revoked for noncompliance.

I hereby acknowledge that I voluntarily have applied to participate and use, with my dog(s), West District Dog Commons (“Dog Commons”) designated by the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum (“MLA”). I understand that being in the Dog Commons involves risk of injury to me, other people, my dog(s) and other dogs, including but not limited to, risks resulting from aggressive or dangerous dogs, unpredictable behavior, lack of training, lack of vaccination, terrain, vegetation, insects, and other causes, known and unknown (“Risks”). I knowingly and freely assume all the Risks and full responsibility for my or my dog’s use of the Dog Commons. I understand that the MLA will not supervise the Dog Commons. Rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce the Risks, but the risk of serious injury and death will continue to exist. I agree that the MLA is not liable for any loss, damage, or injury of any kind sustained by any human or dog while using the Dog Commons.

By signing this release of liability and using the Dog Commons on-leash dog trail, I expressly forever release, indemnify and hold harmless the Regents of the University of Minnesota, directors, employees, volunteers, sponsors, and each of their agents, representatives, and all other persons associated with the Dog Commons (“Releasees”) from any and all loss, cost, expense or other damage of any kind, including but not limited to insurance subrogation and attorney’s fees (together and singly, “Claims”).

THIS RELEASE AND PROMISE APPLIES EVEN TO CLAIMS BASED IN WHOLE OR IN PART ON RELEASEES’ NEGLIGENCE AND/OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, BUT NOT RELEASEE’S WILLFUL OR WANTON ACTS.

I have carefully read this release of liability and understand, agree with and accept its terms and conditions. I also have reviewed a copy of the Dog Commons On-Leash Trail Expectations for use of the Dog Commons and agree to abide by these Expectations.

DOG COMMONS ON-LEASH TRAIL RULES

To ensure safety and enjoyment for all, on-leash dog trail users must strictly observe the following regulations.

1. On-leash dog area hours: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. or sunset (whichever is earlier)
2. Use of the dog trail is at your own risk. Each owner is solely responsible for their and their dog's actions and assumes all liability for damages suffered by any person or dog injured by the member's dog(s) while utilizing the dog trail.
3. No smoking, alcohol, food, or glass containers are permitted on the Dog Commons.
4. Dogs are to remain leashed at all times.
5. Members are required to clean up after their dog(s). All waste must be bagged and disposed of properly in the marked receptacles.
6. Dogs must be monitored closely. Dogs must be on-leash, in view of and under voice command of their handlers at all times.
7. Members are responsible to ensure their dog(s) do not dig holes or cause damage to trail plants or property.
8. Prong, pinch, choke or spike collars and retractable leashes are not permitted in the on-leash Dog Area for safety reasons.
9. All dogs entering the dog trail must be healthy and must wear a collar displaying their current member tag, rabies tag and dog license if required by your city’s ordinance. Dogs with contagious health conditions are not permitted in the park.
10. There will be regular maintenance of the dog trail. During those times, the trail will be closed; advance notice will be given if possible.
11. For all emergencies, call 911. For non-emergencies, during normal business hours, call the Arboretum (952) 443-1400 and state your name, how you can be reached and reason for the call. Any serious injury should be reported promptly to the police.
12. All or any rules are subject to change without notice as deemed necessary for the safety and well-being of both humans and dogs.

Those found in violation will lose dog trail privileges without refund.

I have read and understand all rules and regulations applying to use of the Dog Commons. I am aware that failure to abide by these rules and regulations will result in revocation of my membership to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum.

Name (print legibly) Signature Date

Dog Name(s) Number of Dogs

Submit form to: C/O Membership Department/Dog Added member@umn.edu, fax 612-624-0335 or mail to 3675 Arboretum Drive, Chaska, MN 55318