



Mantrailing Workshop & Progressions Participation Waiver and Agreement

Welcome to the wonderfully sniffy world of mantrailing! Before you and your dog embark on this scent-sational journey, please carefully read and acknowledge the following terms and conditions.

1. Purpose of Training

Canine Country Academy's Intro to Mantrailing Workshop and Mantrailing Progressions are designed solely for recreational, enrichment, and personal development purposes. These sessions aim to strengthen the bond between handler and dog while exploring the fascinating capabilities of canine scent work in a fun, controlled environment.

This is not a certification program, nor does it prepare participants for operational or professional deployment.

2. Personal Use Only

By participating in these sessions, you acknowledge and agree that:

- The knowledge, techniques, and skills taught are for your personal use only.
- These materials may not be used to teach, instruct, coach, or otherwise train others in a professional or commercial capacity.
- Participation does not grant permission, certification, or qualification to represent yourself as a mantrailing instructor or professional.

In short: enjoy the adventure with your dog—but please don't hang up a "Mantrailing Expert" sign afterward.

3. Not for Search and Rescue or Real-World Deployment

You further understand and agree that:

- The skills taught in these sessions are not suitable for real-world search and rescue operations, including locating missing persons or animals.
- Mantrailing in operational environments requires extensive training, certification, experience, and coordination with professional agencies, none of which are provided through these sessions.
- Attempting to apply these skills in real-life emergency situations may result in harm, misdirection, or interference with official efforts.

4. Assumption of Risk

Dog training activities involve inherent risks, including but not limited to:

- Slips, trips, and enthusiastic leash tangles
- Environmental hazards (uneven terrain, weather conditions, wildlife distractions)
- Normal dog-related unpredictability

By participating, you accept full responsibility for your own safety, your dog's behavior, and any associated risks.

5. Release of Liability

You agree to release and hold harmless Canine Country Academy, its owners, instructors, assistants, and affiliates from any and all claims, liabilities, damages, or expenses arising from participation in these activities.

6. Handler Responsibility

Participants agree to:

- Maintain control of their dog at all times
- Use appropriate, humane equipment
- Follow instructor guidance and safety protocols
- Be respectful of other participants, dogs, and training environments

Bonus points for bringing a sense of humor—your dog will definitely have one.

7. Acknowledgment and Agreement

By signing below, you confirm that you:

- Have read and understand this waiver
- Agree to all terms outlined above
- Accept that this training is for personal enjoyment only
- Will not use these skills for professional instruction or real-world search efforts

Participant Name (Please Print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Dog's Name (because they're the real star): _____

We're thrilled to have you join us—happy trailing, and may your dog's nose always lead to good things (like treats)!