

mid-atlantic great dane rescue league
Volunteer Trainer Agreement

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This agreement is made and hereby entered into, on this _____ day of _____, by and between **Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League, Inc. (MAGDRL)**, and _____, hereafter referred to as the Volunteer Trainer. A Volunteer Trainer is defined as a Professional Dog Trainer who will volunteer their time and experience in the training of Kenneled and Fostered Dogs Danes within **MAGDRL**. while it awaits a permanent adoption through **MAGDRL**. The purpose of this contract is to ensure that the Dane receives the best possible care and treatment throughout its stay in our program.

The Volunteer Trainer understands and agrees to abide by the following terms:

1. Only Positive Reinforcement Training will be used. You will at no time use punitive methods in training **MAGDRL** dogs. At no time will you use any type of training collar other than a Gentle Leader, buckle collar, Martingale collar, or Sensation Harness. Choke, pinch and electric collars are strictly forbidden.
2. At any time a representative of **MAGDRL** may observe your classes or training sessions.
3. The Volunteer Trainer will allow **MAGDRL** kenneled and foster dogs to come into your classes at no cost as space allows. Or if you prefer, you may set up private sessions with same.
4. The Volunteer Trainer understands that MAGDRL is **not** responsible for any damage caused by the Dane while in training. The Volunteer Trainer accepts liability for any and all incidents that occur in connection with the training of a **MAGDRL** Dane. The Volunteer Trainer agrees to release MAGDRL from any and all claims, known or unknown, now or hereafter, arising in connection with the animal(s) while under the direct care of the Volunteer Trainer.

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5. At no time will the Volunteer Trainer solicit payment for the training of a kenneled or foster Dane.
6. The Volunteer Trainer agrees that if at any time a MAGDRL Dane, seems aggressive or unhealthy they will stop the training session and contact the Area Coordinator or the Training Coordinator within 24 hours of the occurrence.
7. The Volunteer Trainer understands that if it decides it wants to adopt the Dane permanently, it must notify MAGDRL **before** a potential adopter makes plans to meet this dog. We will **not** cancel an adoption in progress.
8. The Volunteer Trainer agrees that they will not take any MAGDRL Dane home to stay with them, unless they have been approved by **MAGDRL** to foster.
9. The Volunteer Trainer agrees that this dog will **never** be allowed off a leash when it is outdoors, unless it is in a fenced area or fenced yard. The Dane may never be left outdoors if the Volunteer Trainer is not directly supervising the Dane.

10. The Volunteer Trainer understands that it is often their job to determine or learn the temperament of the dog they are training. The Volunteer Trainer understands that MAGDRL cannot guarantee the temperament or health of any Dane admitted to MAGDRL; it relies on a brief evaluation and the information provided by the owner or shelter. Therefore, the Volunteer Trainer agrees to use due caution when first handling the foster or kennelled dog.

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11. Further, the Volunteer Trainer is fully aware that any dog may bite if provoked. Volunteer Trainer also agrees to never allow any stranger or child to be near this dog until this dog is trusted, and will never allow any child to threaten, squeeze, poke, step on, or otherwise pose a perceived threat to this dog. If the Volunteer Trainer determines the dog to be a biter, or a bite risk, they are to contact MAGDRL immediately for further instructions.
12. The Volunteer Trainer will be available to assist foster families in evaluating the foster Dane(s) and prepare follow-up forms as required.
13. The Volunteer Trainer agrees to handle all phone calls and emails to foster homes and potential adopters promptly and professionally at all times.
14. If a dog trained by the Volunteer Trainer is placed in the trainer's geographic area, the Volunteer Trainer agrees, upon request, to meet the adopters at a place and time of the trainer's choosing to demonstrate the ability of the dog. This should be done within two weeks of the dog's placement, if possible, and should last no more than thirty minutes
15. All Volunteer Trainers are encouraged to join the extMAGDRL mailing list as well as any local list that may exist.

****Each item in this agreement stands alone**

What MAGDRL Will Supply

- Training support
- Training syllabus
- Certificate of training for the dog once all basic obedience commands are mastered
- Training space when available
- MAGDRL will provide the trainer's business card to all adopters in the trainer's geographic area so that new adopters can contact the trainer for help and, if required by the contract, to sign up for training classes. The Volunteer Trainer should expect to be paid regular training fees for these services by the adopters and not by **MAGDRL**. The **Volunteer Trainer** may offer reduced rates if you choose to do so.

What You Should Expect

- Do expect to provide a level of commitment. You may offer as much or as little time as you have, but try to commit to at least one day a month to provide training for MAGDRL dogs.
- Do introduce other dogs and people SLOWLY. Successful introductions are key ingredients to peaceful living.
- Please do offer to do temperament testing for dogs in your area if you are comfortable doing so. When temperament testing please bring another person with you for safety reasons.
- Do not expect everything you've been told about a Dane to be true. Owners often leave out information that is not flattering to the Dane to improve their chances of adoption.
- Do expect support and help from your Training Coordinator
- Do ask questions and seek help from Training Coordinator before an issue escalates.
- Do be cautious when integrating a Dane with your own dogs and with your children.

- *Do not* expect the Dane to be immediately comfortable with children and strangers. Use caution when introducing.

Foster

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

MAGDRL Representative:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Contact Info

Coordinator

Training Coordinator

