

## **Code of Conduct Review and Acknowledgement Form for Upper Suncoast Dog Training Club Members**

The Upper Suncoast Dog Training Club (USDTC) seeks to provide members with a safe, fun, respectful, and educational environment in which to train dogs. By becoming a member, we agree to abide by this Code of Conduct. Violation(s) or blatant disregard for the Code of Conduct and the By-Laws may result in possible expulsion from USDTC membership.

### Terms:

1. I will treat other club members, visitors, and the general public with compassion, courtesy, and respect at all times.
2. I will conduct myself in a manner that reflects positively on the USDTC.
3. I will exhibit good sportsmanship during classes, workshops, and at all club-related events in accordance with the AKC Code of Sportsmanship.
4. I will respect the chain of command in accordance with club By-Laws and Policies and Procedures.
5. I will not contact any outside agency that may financially or legally obligate the USDTC or otherwise represent myself as a spokesperson for the USDTC without prior coordination and approval of the USDTC Board President or their designee.
6. I will not engage in insults, obscenities, or personal attacks, verbal or written, against fellow club members, students, or participants in club activities.
7. I will abide by the USDTC's zero tolerance for bullying and will not tolerate any acts of discrimination, hate, sexual harassment, coercion, intimidation, violence, or any act that violates anyone's civil rights.
8. I will maintain the honor and reputation of the USDTC and avoid any form of theft, fraud, deception, impropriety, discrimination, or violence.
9. I will not knowingly give false information to the USDTC Board.
10. I will cooperate with the USDTC President and Board of Directors on any reported violation.

Following a full investigation and adjudication of any violation of the Code of Conduct by a club member, the President of the Board will discuss the violation with such individual. If the conduct is not resolved, then a final decision will be made by the Board in accordance with the By-Laws.

Commitment to Abide by the Code of Conduct: I acknowledge that I have read the above Code of Conduct and that I will follow it throughout the duration of my club membership. According to procedures detailed in the club By-laws, those who violate this code may be brought to hearings before the Board and General Membership. I agree that if the Board decides to suspend my membership in the club that I will leave willingly and without retaliation.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_