



## Certified Trainer Pledge

### I will:

- Teach the dogs with positive reinforcement and methods taught by the Center for the Study of Medical Assistance Canines (CMAC).
- When working on behavior modification, abide by the Least Intrusive, Minimally Invasive (LIMA) principles as developed by Dr. Susan Friedman.
- Conduct myself according to the values of CMAC.
- Maintain professionalism through:
  - o Treating dogs and people with courtesy and respect.
  - o Presenting my services honestly.
  - o Respecting the privacy of the clients
  - o Handling and presenting yourself to the clients and the public.
- Embrace lifetime learning and strive to continuously improve my skills as a teacher and trainer.
- Work with CMAC to help maintain standards of teaching and training.

### As a certified trainer I have the following responsibility to my clients:

- Provide professional assistance to people without discrimination on the basis of race, age, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, disability, gender, health status, religion, political beliefs, national origin, or sexual orientation.
- Respect the clients' privacy and abide by HIPAA laws. No confidential information that could lead to the identification of a client, a research participant or other person with whom I have a confidential relationship, unless I have obtained their prior written consent, will be shared.
- Obtain written consent from clients before videotaping or audio recording them.
- Set clear expectations and provide written contracts and waivers prior to starting services.
- Ensure the safety of my clients, service dogs and the public in implementing training and behavior programs.

### As a certified trainer have the following Responsibility to the Dogs

- Maximize the use of positive reinforcement in all my interactions with the service dogs. No prong collars, choke chains or electric shock collars will be used in training or in any behavior modification protocol.
- Keep up with up-to-date information through continuing education and abide by applicable laws, ethics and professional standards, including the International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants (IAADP) and Assistance Dogs International (ADI).

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Date

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Signature