



Animal Release Agreement

_____ (Exhibitor) agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless “The National Recreation and Park Association, Inc. (NRPA)” and associated parties [their respective officers, directors, employees, and agents] from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, liability, judgments, liens, damages, or expenses (including reasonable attorney fees) arising out of or in connection with NRPA’s agreement to allow the Exhibitor to bring and/or display an animal during the NRPA Annual Conference at the Pennsylvania Convention Center (PCC).

PCC ANIMAL POLICY

Animals are not permitted on the premises of the PCC, except for guide, signal or service animals or animals approved for use in conjunction with an exhibit, display or performance.

Animals that are approved must be on a leash, within a pen or under similar control at all times. No animal exhibits are permitted on the carpeted areas of the PCC. The exhibitor or owner is responsible for obtaining all relevant permits and for attending to the sanitary needs of the animal(s). The exhibitor or owner is also fully responsible for the animal(s) while on the premises of the PCC.

PCC SERVICE ANIMAL POLICY

Service animals are protected under the ADA Act and are permitted to accompany persons with disabilities in any area of a facility where the general public is normally allowed. They are not required to wear any insignia identifying the animal as a service animal although it is helpful for building security. The animal must be trained to perform a specific service for the disabled person. The dog must remain on a leash, house trained, and under control of the owner at all times. Comfort or emotional assistance animals are not covered by the ADA Act.

PCC REQUIREMENTS FOR ANIMALS IN EXHIBITS

Exhibitors who wish to display animals in the PCC shows must meet the following requirements to ensure the safety of the occupants:

- Complete the City of Philadelphia, Department of Public Health, Department of License & Inspection application process for an **Animal Exhibit Permit**.

Contact Philadelphia Department of Health: (215) 685-9000

- Once the permit application is approved and issues, a copy of the permit must be supplied to NRPA and the PCC.
- NRPA and the PCC Event Management must be notified in advance of any planned animal exhibit and/or any intended general public interaction with live animal displays. A detailed schedule must be provided in advance, outlining the nature of the animal exhibit and all appropriate move-in, show and move-out information.

- The Exhibitor will be responsible for the cost and services of hiring the general services contractor to place, remove, and dispose of any floor covering required to protect the flooring underneath the animal’s display area.
- If necessary, any vehicles associated with the move-in/move-out of an animal(s) or animal display will be required to adhere to the PCC Vehicle Guidelines.
- The Exhibitor is solely responsible for ensuring the animals are provided with adequate food, drinking water, and breaks.
- The Exhibitor or animal handler/owner will be responsible for the removal of all waste from the animal exhibit area, according to PCC guidelines.

I agree and understand the PCC Animal Requirements and Policies.

NRPA WAIVER

“NRPA” does not assume any liability for loss of or damage to the animal(s) or any other personal property of _____(Exhibitor/Organization).

The _____(Exhibitor/Organization) agrees to waive any and all claims for damage, including but not limited to consequential damages to the animal(s) and any of its personal property while exhibiting during the NRPA Annual Conference or in the care, custody, or control of “NRPA”.

NRPA reserves the right to require removal of any animal deemed unsafe, unhealthy, or non-compliant, at the expense of the Exhibitor.

The Exhibitor has read this Agreement, understands its terms, and signs voluntarily.

Agreed to by:

Signature_____

Name Printed_____

Organization_____

Date_____

Title_____