

## *Working Dog Mom Handling by Penny Mikeman*



*Qualifications of Penny Mikeman, please visit [www.dagmardanes.com](http://www.dagmardanes.com) to View my show accomplishments with my own show dogs spanning the last two decades.*

<b>Ring Side or Carry: Handling Fees (pr show)</b>	
All-Breed Shows & Specialty shows (Class dogs)	\$60.00
All-Breed Shows & Specialty shows (Champions)	\$75.00
Sweepstakes at Specialties (additional to regular class)	\$25.00
Major Win \$30.00 pr point	3 pt major \$90, 4 pt major \$120, 5 pt major \$150
Breed over Specials	\$75.00 (regardless of minor or major point win)
Best of Opposite over Specials	\$50.00 (regardless of minor or major point win)
Breed Win with Special	No additional fee
Group Placements	Grp 1 \$250; Grp 2 \$175; Grp 3 \$150; Grp 4 \$100
Best in Show	\$500.00
Fun Matches are free	Entry fee paid by owner
Boarding Fee pr day when dog stays with my family Non-show days	\$15.00 if I supply food; \$10 if you supply food
Travel Expenses (hotel, fuel, parking fees, tolls, etc)	Divided equally among dogs shown

**Any wins advertised on-line or in print media with my photo (likeness) must state "Presented to this win by Penny Mikeman" or "Expertly Handled by Penny Mikeman".**

**Any additional special instructions regarding your dog/bitch must be in writing on page 3 of this agreement. Any other financial agreement outside of the above rates must appear in writing and signed by both Penny Mikeman & Client as agreed on page 3.**

### **Terms and Conditions (carried dogs and ringside dogs):**

#### **Fees:**

1. Verbal, email or text arrangements for services prior to a show closing will constitute agreement to this contract for services. The client may choose to withdraw from handler's services for dog/bitch at any time prior to entries closing for a specified show to allow other clients access to my services.
2. If client withdraws from show after closing date handling fees are still due unless an emergency situation has occurred with dog and written proof of such is provided by veterinarian
3. All fees may be paid in cash, money order, or credit card using PayPal. Personal checks are only accepted by established clients.
4. Cluster shows of 3 or more days require a 50% deposit. Balance due upon return of your dog to you.
5. Ringside clients handling fees are due within one hour of best of breed completion
6. Should your dog be excused in the ring for lameness, handling fee is still due.
7. Established ringside clients who pay cash prior to my departure from show site shall be given a 5% discount.

8. In the event of a ring time conflict, dogs will be handled by seniority. Handler is at liberty to employ an alternate and competent handler to present your dog. Any fees above my own handling fee will be paid to alternate and reimbursement due by client upon return of your dog to your care.
9. Any and all disputes regarding payment, which cannot be agreed upon satisfactorily between client and handler, will be settled in a small claims court as per jurisdiction to this agreement.

### **Owner's Duties & Responsibilities:**

10. Client agrees to pay all entry fees and provide handler with copies of entry confirmations.
11. Owner is required to furnish all food, kibble, bait & snacks that your dog will consume during the course of his stay with me. This will help ensure he has a smooth bowel function and less stress on his system. Your dog will be fed once or twice per day according to your instructions. It is also recommended that you provide me with one gallon of water from your dog's regular water source (tap, well or distilled). He will be given bottled water on the road in my care should you not provide water and city water from hotels when at hotels and show sites.
12. Owner is required to furnish your dog to me bathed and parasite free as well as up to date on all shots. Coated breeds should bring along any supplies to keep coat in presentable shape.
13. A copy of your current rabies certificate is required in the event we should be asked for it at a show or during our trip. Tags do not constitute proof.
14. **Training is ultimately the responsibility of the owner.** However, handler will provide training and time as considered "on the job training" for the dog meaning your dog will be in an environment of always learning good manners. Your dog will be expected to know how to accept strangers in his/her personal space, stranger's hands on his/her body, in his/her mouth and on his/her rear end.
15. Should your dog be disqualified in the ring by a judge, this will bar him from further competition. Handling fees will still be due upon return of your dog to you. It will be the owner's responsibility to reinstate your dog for competition according to current AKC rules and regulations.
16. It is the client's responsibility to advise the handler of any habits the dog may have that could possibly present a problem in giving safe and adequate care in the handler's care, in transit, or at the dog show. It is also the client's responsibility to furnish instructions on administering any medication that the dog may be taking. Clients are required to keep their dog's vaccinations current per their vet's recommendations as well as state law.
17. Owner will be responsible for picking up and dropping off dog to residence of handler.
18. The client shall be provided with all prizes, monetary earnings and ribbons their dog has won as soon as possible after each show.

### **Emergencies:**

19. Handler will notify client if dog gets sick or injured for owner's instructions on the treatment of the dog. Should owner not be immediately available for emergency decisions, owner / client agree to use the handler's judgement in the treatment of the dog and hold handler harmless for such decisions.
20. It is understood that the owner of the dog will assume all costs incurred by the handler for any medical treatment by a veterinarian required for the dog while under the supervision of the handler. Any out of pocket expenses by the handler will be immediately reimbursed to handler.
21. In the event of life threatening emergency owner shall provide emergency clinic with **credit card authorization** for surgical and emergency treatment at time of treatment. Although every precaution will be taken to avoid any incident, the handler cannot be held responsible should any ill fate befall your dog at the show site, hotel or on the road to and from a show.

### **General:**

22. With each dog I accept as a client a point win and ultimately a championship is the goal. It is this handler's aim to present your dog's strengths while minimizing weaknesses.
23. Generally speaking it takes an average of 5 sets of shows to establish if success at attaining our goals can be met. I will be happy to provide you verbal and written assessments of the dog's attitude on the road and in the ring. I will also be honest in my opinion of how your dog is fairing against his/her competition and whether to continue to pursue our goals, or set out for a later date.
24. Your dog will always be treated as if he were my own dog at all times that he is with me and my family.

25. All wins such as Reserve Winners, Winner's of Points and beyond will be photographed by show photographers. Each photo will be mailed from photographer directly to owner with invoice due and payable to show photographer. It is the aim to get a good photographic representation of your dog for advertising purposes in show magazines and on-line. However, handler will not be responsible for photos in which the dog is not cooperative or photographer is fast on the shutter. We will do our best to get a great show photo to you. Owner is solely responsible for those expenses. Should owner not wish to have photographs taken of wins, please notify me prior to the show so that your expenses can be kept to a minimum? Occasionally a judge is not available for win photos; this is beyond handler's control and will not become an issue at a later date.

**YES | NO ARE THERE ANY CIRCUMSTANCES IN CARE or FINANCES THAT MUST BE CONSIDERED AND AGREED TO OUTSIDE OF THIS CONTRACT? IF SO PLEASE STATE BELOW EMERGENCY CONTRACT INFORMATION?**

**I certify by my signature below that I have read to, understand and agree to the terms and conditions of this agreement listed on page 1, 2 & 3.**

\_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF OWNER

DOG'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AKC # \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER'S PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER'S ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO, ALL CELL PHONE #'s, Work #'s or other:**

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ANY ADDITIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES OR AGREEMENT MUST BE IN WRITING IN THIS AREA:

Signature of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Handler: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_