



Marin Humane Responsible Dog Guardian Pledge

I understand that dogs living in Marin County experience many privileges as a result of responsible dog guardianship. The relationship and bond between people and their pets is a positive influence that I understand and support. In an effort to uphold and demonstrate the high-level of community values around animal guardianship, I hereby agree to the following:

1) I will maintain my dog's safety and security:

- My dog will be safe inside my residence or in my securely fenced yard from which she cannot escape.
- When off my property I will follow all [local pet ordinances](#) and keep my dog on leash or under my direct and immediate control where allowable.
- My dog will always have an identification tag and a current Marin County dog license tag visible when we are off of our property.
- My dog will be microchipped to help ensure she will always find her way back to her family.
- I will be mindful of the situations in which I place my dog and of her well-being.
- I will keep my dog from unwelcome encounters with loose dogs by communicating with other dog guardians and following proper dog meeting etiquette.
- My dog's needs will be met in the event of a disaster or emergency, her disaster kit updated regularly and kept ready if needed. I have further ensured her safety by including a neighbor in our family disaster plan.
- When my dog is entrusted to a commercial animal business, such as a boarding facility, I will ensure they have all of my updated contact information, including an emergency contact person.

2) I will provide my dog with proper health care:

- My dog will receive routine veterinary care including check-ups, vaccinations, and parasite control.
- My dog will be provided an appropriate diet based on her needs.
- My dog will have clean, fresh water at home and when walking or traveling, as needed.
- My dog will be provided with appropriate exercise depending on her needs and she will receive regular bathing and grooming as required.

3) I will ensure my dog is a welcomed community member:

- I will ensure that my dog will not violate animal ordinances, including excessive barking and/or running at large, or prohibition of dogs.
- I will properly dispose of my dog's waste, especially when we are in public places.
- My dog will be properly managed and under direct control in any rental property we occupy and when we visit retail establishments, restaurants, etc.

4) I will ensure the best quality of life for my dog:

- My dog will receive basic obedience training.
- My dog will always receive my attention, including playtime, and I will ensure proper enrichment activities when we aren't together.
- My dog will always have proper shelter and protection from the elements.
- My dog will never suffer and I will attend to her medical needs as well as make end-of-life decisions for her when she really needs me.

Dog Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Marin Humane Representative _____ Date _____