

**Athlete Waiver, Release of Liability, and Assumption of Risk**  
**AWLA Team Rescue Tails**

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way as a member of the Animal Welfare League of Arlington's ("AWLA") Team Rescue Tails and its related social, training, or racing events, activities, and/or programs, the undersigned hereby expressly assumes, acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

1. The risk of injury from the social, training, or racing events, activities, and/or programs associated with my membership in the AWLA Team Rescue Tails is significant, and while particular skills, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury or death does exist. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from: the negligence of or contact with others; falls; effects of weather, including high heat, humidity, and/or extreme cold; traffic; and/or road conditions. I hereby expressly agree to assume full responsibility for my participation in the AWLA Team Rescue Tails social, training, or racing events, activities, and/or programs.
2. I willingly agree to comply with the state and customary terms and conditions for participation as a member of the AWLA Team Rescue Tails and/or participation in any related event, activity, or training program.
3. I will not enter and participate in any social, training, or racing event, activity, or program, including those organized by the AWLA Team Rescue Tails, unless I am medically able, properly trained, and in good health. By my signature below I certify that I am medically able to perform the events, activities, and training programs in which I will participate and that I am in good health.
4. I understand that skateboards, baby joggers, roller skates or roller blades, and personal music players are not allowed to be used in Team organized activities and I agree to abide by this rule.
5. I understand that some social, training, or racing events, activities, or programs may allow participation of dogs. I understand that if I choose to participate in any such dog-friendly event, activity, or program, I am doing so at my own risk. I understand that participation in such events, activities, or programs is not without risk of bites, scratches, or other injuries to myself, others, or to any dog(s) I may bring. I understand that if I bring a dog or dogs to any such dog-friendly event, activity, or program, it is my responsibility to keep my dog(s) under my control at all times. I understand that any such events, activities, or programs will be in accordance with any local city, county, or park rules and regulations. I further understand that coming in contact with other dogs is not without health risks to my dog(s) and myself, and that it is my responsibility to be sure that my dog(s) is/are properly vaccinated and in good health, and that I am up to date on my tetanus vaccination.
6. Having read this Waiver and Release of Liability, knowing these facts, and in consideration of the AWLA Team Rescue Tails accepting my membership, I hereby for myself, my successors in interest, heirs, executors, assigns, and administrators assume any and all risks that might be associated with my participation with the Team. I waive and release any and all rights and claims of any nature for damages I may have against the Animal Welfare League of Arlington, the AWLA Team Rescue Tails and its officers, trustees, agents, and employees, their insurers and sponsors, Arlington County, and all others connected with the Team, their representatives, successors and assigns (be they individuals or organizations) for any and all loss, damages, injury or inconvenience of any kind whatsoever suffered by me and/or any dog(s) under my control as a result of my participation on the Team and its related events, activities, or programs.
7. I further agree that I will refrain from any activities, behaviors, and communications that reflect negatively on AWLA and/or Team Rescue Tails and/or is inconsistent with AWLA's mission and policies, including but not limited to such communications through my First Giving Fundraising account for Team Rescue Tails, other personal accounts, social media, and online websites. AWLA and Team Rescue Tails reserves the right to discontinue my Team membership for any activities, behaviors, and communications that reflect negatively on or are inconsistent with the mission and policies of AWLA and/or Team Rescue Tails.

8. I also give my consent for the use of my name and/or photographs of me and/or my dog(s) in any broadcast, telecast, print account, or any other account in any medium (the Personal Release). I understand that this Personal Release is perpetual in time and that it encompasses, without limitation, any copyright or right of publicity or privacy that I may have in my name or picture.
9. I hereby grant permission to AWLA, Team Rescue Tails, their officers, trustees, representatives, and employees to render preventative or first aid assistance or seek treatment or medical care that seems reasonably necessary, including hospitalization, for my health and well being. I also give permission for the AWLA and/or Team Rescue Tails to use and disclose my personal health information in the ways described in this form. I allow AWLA and/or Team Rescue Tails to use my personal health information as necessary for purposes related to my treatment. I also allow AWLA and/or Team Rescue Tails to give out my personal health information to doctors, hospitals, ambulance companies, coaches, family members, and others involved in my care and treatment. I agree to submit to AWLA and/or Team Rescue Tails the requisite Medical Information form provided to me and to update this form as necessary to reflect any changes in my medical information.
10. I agree that I am over the age of 18.
11. This Waiver and Release of Liability will be governed by and subject to the laws (except the choice of law principles) and exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_