

As a condition of attendance at English Shepherd Club, Inc (ESC) Gatherings (as defined below) ESC requires that: (i) all adult participants sign this Waiver and Release for themselves; and (ii) all parents and permanent, or temporary, legal guardians sign this Waiver and Release on behalf of a minor participant (i.e., under eighteen (18) years of age). Hereafter you, on behalf of yourself and as the parents or legal guardians of any minor, whose name is printed below, are referred to as “I.” In the case of a minor participant the adult signing below confirms that s/he is acting, for the purposes of this event, as the legal guardian of the named child.

A Gathering is an in-person event organized by the ESC and attended by both ESC members and non-members.

1. Personal Risk

I acknowledge and understand that Gatherings involve working with and being around animals, which comes with certain risks. Animals can be unpredictable and the ESC does not have control of each animal at a Gathering. I understand that there is a risk of injury or illness, including life threatening illness or injury, to myself. Damage to my personal property is also possible. I agree to follow any safety measures, for myself and my property, that the Gathering organizer has put into place.

2. Risk to My Animal/s

I understand that I am personally responsible for the health and behavior of my animal(s) at the Gathering. The ESC is not liable for any injury or damage suffered by or caused by my animal(s) while at the Gathering. My animals present at the Gathering receive regular veterinary care and are protected against canine diseases, including **Rabies and Parvovirus**, as required by the state in which the Gathering is taking place.

3. Acknowledgement of Risk Posed by possible virus exposure, including Covid-19 and Monkeypox

I acknowledge and understand that **COVID-19**, has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization and **Monkeypox** has been declared a national health emergency in the USA. Viruses, including COVID-19 and Monkeypox, can be extremely contagious. They spread through person-to-person contact and/or by contact with contaminated surfaces and/or airborne transmission. I acknowledge and understand these risks, and choose to accept the risk of contracting communicable diseases, including COVID-19 and Monkeypox, by participating in ESC Gatherings. I agree to follow any health safety measures required by the Gathering organizer, including wearing a face mask, if requested.

4. Waiver of Lawsuit/Liability

In consideration of the ESC’s agreement to allow attendance at the Club Gathering, I, the undersigned personally, and/or on behalf of a minor, hereby release, waive, indemnify and discharge the ESC and all of its directors, volunteers, and members (collectively, “Releasees”) from any and all actions, claims, or demands that I and my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, next of kin, spouse and/or legal representatives have, or may have in the future, for injury, infection (including but not limited to Covid-19), disability, death, or property damage, related to attendance at/participation in ESC Gatherings.

5. Animal Owner’s Obligation to Indemnify

I acknowledge and understand that in the event my animal(s) causes injury or damage to person or property, I alone am responsible and will defend, indemnify and hold the ESC harmless from and against any claim asserted by a person alleging injury or damage allegedly caused by my animal(s).

6. Photograph/Image Release

I acknowledge and understand that the ESC has the right to use images, videos, photos and any media taken of me, or the minor participant for whom I am signing, during Gatherings for ESC publications.

Name/s (self and/or minor): _____

Date: _____

Signature (self or guardian): _____