## **DCF Dog Walk-a-Thon**

## **Liability Waiver**

Thank you for participating in DCF Dog Walk-a-Thon. By participating/exhibiting at DCF Dog Walk-a-Thon, produced by Disabled Children's Fund, DCF, and registering to attend as a participant or a vendor at the Mt Oak Fellowship Church campus grounds in Bowie, MD, I agree to the following:

- 1. To indemnify and hold harmless, DCF Dog Walk-a-Thon, Disabled Children's Fund, DCF, the Mt Oak Fellowship and its agents associated with DCF Dog Walk-a-Thon, all sponsoring organizations and their elected officials, directors, employees, representatives and volunteers from any responsibility, injury, property damage, loss, personal liability, or claims of loss, damage or expenses that may occur or relating to the participation/attending within DCF Dog Walk-a-Thon. DCF Dog Walk-a-Thon or the Mt Oak Fellowship Church is not responsible for any injury sustained by exhibitors, patrons, dogs or guests.
- 2. While attending DCF Dog Walk-a-Thon with my dog(s) and should any injury occur to any person, other dog or property as a result of the behavior of, which includes biting by, my dog(s) at DCF Dog Walk-a-Thon whether expected or unexpected, regardless of the stimulus for the behavior (i.e., dog's spontaneous conduct, the conduct of another dog, the conduct of any person or thing, or a combination of any of these), I will be solely liable and be held responsible for any injury or property damage that results from (including reasonable attorney's fees) and that I will indemnify, hold harmless, protect and defend DCF Dog Walk-a-Thon, Mt Oak Fellowship Church, all sponsoring organizations and their elected officials, directors, employees, representatives and volunteers, for any and all claims of liability and damages from any injury, property damage, loss, claim, or expense resulting from the behavior of my dog.
- 3. To report any and all such injuries immediately to DCF Dog Walk-a-Thon Management.
- 4. That bringing my dog into DCF Dog Walk-a-Thon I understand that I am doing so at my sole risk, cost and expense and any harm that comes to the dog(s) be solely my responsibility; and that I will be solely responsible for cleaning up any messes made by my dog(s).
- 5. That my dog(s) is healthy, free from parasites & up to date on all shots including Rabies and Distemper vaccinations.
- 6. I understand if my dog(s) acts in any way considered aggressive or dangerous, I will have to leave the event and will not be entitled to any refund.

## Rules for Participation for Dogs & Dog Owners

- 1. Dog Owners/ Handlers must consent to the liability waiver and to the rules set forth for each dog participating in the DCF Dog Walk-a-Thon.
- 2. Only one dog allowed per owner/handler, so each dog must have his/her own human. No sharing! © But a dog may bring as many humans as they want!
- 3. Dogs must be well mannered. All dogs MUST be kept on a leash (no longer than 6 ft.) or in an enclosure or enclosed in a dog-friendly enclosure (strollers, etc). Please NO retractable leashes! Each dog must wear a secure collar or harness. It is recommended your dog be wearing a form of proper ID attached.
- 4. For the safety of both our human and canine attendees, your dog must be up-todate on all its vaccinations.
- 5. NO female dogs in heat!
- 6. When bringing your dog to DCF Dog Walk-a-Thon, please use common sense! If your dog gets nervous around large crowds or does not interact well with people or other dogs, is not a social, please leave them home.
- 7. ALL dog owners bringing dogs to DCF Dog Walk-a-Thon will be asked to sign a liability waiver with registration for the DCF Dog Walk-a-Thon if not already done with on-line registration.
- 8. If your dog should have an accident, clean up stations are located throughout the grounds. It is your responsibility to clean up after your dog!! Failure to do so can result in immediate removal from the event.