

## RISK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & OWNER WAIVER

I, the undersigned Owner, acknowledge and agree to the following in relation to the boarding of my dog at Beaufort River Country Canine Retreat (“the Retreat”).

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### 1. General Boarding Risk Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that boarding, handling and caring for dogs involves inherent risks, including but not limited to:

- Injury during normal movement or activity
- Stress or behavioural changes
- Illness despite reasonable precautions
- Environmental exposure
- Unpredictable animal behaviour
- Minor cuts, scratches, punctures or physical injuries
- Escape attempts or fence-related incidents

I understand that no boarding facility can eliminate all risks.

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### 2. Rural Property Risk Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that Beaufort River Country Canine Retreat operates on a rural farm property, and my dog may be exposed to risks associated with this environment, including but not limited to:

- Snakes
- Spiders
- Insects
- Native wildlife
- Grass seeds
- Allergens
- Mud, gravel or uneven surfaces
- Natural water sources
- Weather exposure
- Rural fencing and outdoor environmental hazards

I voluntarily accept these risks on behalf of my dog.

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### 3. Dog Behaviour Risk

I acknowledge that even well-behaved dogs may behave unpredictably in a boarding environment.

I confirm that I have disclosed any known history of:

- Aggression
- Anxiety
- Escape behaviour
- Fence climbing
- Digging
- Resource guarding
- Excessive barking

- Destructive behaviour
- Medical or behavioural concerns

I accept that undisclosed behaviour may increase risk.

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#### 4. Boarding Environment Acknowledgement

I understand that my dog may be accommodated in a combination of indoor and outdoor spaces depending on:

- Weather
- Operational needs
- Welfare requirements
- Behavioural suitability
- Booked accommodation type

I understand my dog may be exercised individually.

I acknowledge that Beaufort River Country Canine Retreat does not mix unrelated dogs, unless specifically approved in writing.

Dogs from the same household boarding together do so at my own risk.

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#### 5. Health & Illness Risk

I understand that despite reasonable care and vaccination requirements, dogs in boarding environments may still experience:

- Kennel cough
- Stress-related illness
- Digestive upset
- Allergic reactions
- Skin irritations
- Minor injuries
- Illness from environmental exposure

I accept these risks.

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#### 6. Medication Acknowledgement

If my dog requires medication:

- I have provided clear written instructions
- Medication has been correctly labelled
- I understand Beaufort River Country Canine Retreat is not a veterinary hospital

While reasonable care will be taken, I acknowledge that medication administration carries inherent risk.

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#### 7. Emergency Veterinary Consent

If my dog becomes ill, injured or requires urgent medical attention, I authorise Beaufort River Country Canine Retreat to:

- Seek veterinary treatment
- Transport my dog for treatment
- Make urgent welfare decisions where immediate contact is not possible

I agree to pay all:

- Veterinary fees
- Treatment costs
- Medication costs
- Transport costs
- Emergency care costs

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#### 8. Escape / Fence Risk Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that dogs with known or unknown escape behaviours may:

- Dig
- Jump fences
- Climb
- Push through barriers
- Attempt to flee

While reasonable precautions are taken, I acknowledge that no facility can guarantee against all escape risks.

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#### 9. Property Damage Liability

I accept full responsibility for any damage caused by my dog, including but not limited to:

- Accommodation damage
- Fencing damage
- Fixtures
- Equipment
- Landscaping
- Property damage
- Injury caused by my dog to staff or property

I agree to reimburse Beaufort River Country Canine Retreat for all reasonable repair or replacement costs.

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#### 10. Release of Liability

To the extent permitted by law:

I acknowledge that Beaufort River Country Canine Retreat will exercise reasonable care in the boarding of my dog.

However, I voluntarily accept the inherent risks associated with dog boarding and rural property accommodation.

I release Beaufort River Country Canine Retreat, its owners, staff and representatives from liability for:

- Injury
- Illness
- Escape
- Stress-related incidents
- Environmental exposure
- Minor accidents or injuries

except where caused by negligence or where liability cannot legally be excluded.  
Nothing in this waiver excludes rights under Australian Consumer Law.