

## Letter of Understanding

We will not be able to start a case until we have this letter of understanding back signed and a \$500.00 donation as explained below.

Agreement between The Lexus Project & \_\_\_\_\_

Please be advised that The Lexus Projects (TLP) involvement with any dog is a collaborative effort.

This means you are responsible for promoting the dogs face book page and to help to fund the YouCaring Chip in for court fees.

In order for TLP to take the case:

1) The Lexus Project will start a Face Book page for your dog. We will make you an administrator as well as any other person you request. This is the page you will try to promote which will have the link to the fund raiser as well. Two weeks after the case is over, we will take the page down unless you want to become the main administrator. TLP will no longer be an admin at that point.

2) We require a \$500.00 upfront donation of which \$250.00 will be donated to TLP's general fund so we can continue to do what we do. Pay it forward. The remaining \$250.00 will be put in our Sighthound fund (abused dogs in Spain) so that we can continue to help bring them to safety. This donation is not a retainer or fee to The Lexus Project, nor does it create an attorney client relationship between you, The Lexus Project or any attorney working for or volunteering on behalf of The Lexus Project.

Please Note that the "**average**" out of pocket costs per case are usually between \$1500.00 and \$3500.00. If we wind up going into protracted litigation involving expert witnesses or appeals, these costs could easily top \$10,000. It is imperative that you do the promoting of the chip in to raise money for your dog's case or you will be held responsible for all the fees.

3) Depending upon your jurisdiction, the nature of the defense strategy we adopt and the present status of the case, we may set up a trust for the dog which you will sign need to sign as well as a "chip in" which will initially fund the trust. This is necessary in most, though not all cases to have standing in order for us to represent the dog. Please note The Lexus Project represents ONLY THE DOG'S INTERESTS, NOT THE PEOPLE. TLP looks out for the dog's best interests.

4) You agree to cooperate with TLP and the attorney. This means answering emails and or calls in a timely manner. TLP and or the attorney will require information and documents from you. Remember, the attorney assigned to the case is not your attorney. They are volunteers giving up their own time to help save your dog. The dog (through his trust) is their client. The attorney is answerable to TLP and your dog's trustee, not you. If you have a question, you can email us and depending on our availability we will get back to you as quickly as possible.

5) At any given time, TLP is usually representing around 10 dogs around the country. We simply cannot move cases forward without total cooperation and we will have no choice but to assume the dog is either safe or that you have decided to let the dog be executed if you are not returning calls or emails. For that reason, if you are going to be away, you must let us know.

6) Almost any settlement will require the dog to be spayed or neutered and vaccinated. In addition, often the courts will require training. These costs are your responsibilities. Additionally, any fines incurred by you (running off leash, no vaccinations, unlicensed, etc.) are your responsibility. Any requirements or fences, insurance or other modifications to your residence required by the municipality (and agreed to by you) are your responsibility.

7) The only costs that are paid out of the trust are the court costs and out of pocket expenses incurred by the attorney which come out of the Chip In off the top, but if the money is not in the Chip In, you are responsible. If there is enough money in the fundraiser, we will try to help with shelter costs as well. If the money is not in the fundraiser, you will be responsible for this as well.

TLP works hard, we expect you to work harder. Together we can save a dog.

By signing this electronically (email) you are agreeing to these terms and acknowledging your willingness to do what is necessary to help save your dog.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_