



Rocky Mountain Rescue Dogs, Inc. Code of Ethics

- I understand that it may take months to several years to become certified to work missions with my K9. I will invest substantial time in training, and in money, and might never successfully complete a certification test with my K9.
- I understand that I am responsible for training my own K9 for Search and Rescue and suggestions from other members of RMRD may or may not be useful. I understand I am ultimately responsible for progressing through the training steps necessary for certification and for monitoring the progress of my own training.
- I understand that the attendance requirement is considered to be a minimum, and ultimately, success and certification will be the result of doing more than the minimum on a long-term, permanent basis.
- I will care as much about the effectiveness of the RMRD K9 Team, and of every member of the team, as I do about my own progress toward certification.
- I will be truthful with all team members and will treat them with respect, engendering trust, confidence, and performance excellence by fostering mutual cooperation.
- I will directly and respectfully approach those persons with whom I have a conflict or disagreement.
- I will respect and protect the confidentiality and privacy of those subjects and families with which I work.
- I will NOT represent myself as a RMRD handler when not explicitly authorized to do so.
- I will always conduct myself in a professional manner, even when this is not reciprocated.
- I will not discriminate, and/or harass others based on, but not limited to, gender, race, age, religion, disability, nationality, or sexual orientation. Harassment of any kind will not be tolerated.
- I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the Bylaws, Policies and Procedures and Standards as set forth by RMRD.

Candidate _____

Candidate Signature _____

Date _____