



## IACP Certificant Code of Ethics

### Affidavit for Certificants

Applicant or Certificant Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

1. I promise to uphold the integrity and professionalism representative of an IACP certified trainer.
2. I promise to acknowledge the limits of one's knowledge, skills, and abilities. Should I not be proficient in skills or knowledge to assist the client, then I will seek outside support or refer out to a qualified professional.
3. I promise to pursue excellence in the dog training profession by learning a wide variety of dog training techniques, theories, and methods.
4. I promise to reflect and self-critique to improve one's communication and effectiveness with clients.
5. I promise to adhere to certification renewal requirements as put forth by the IACP Continuing Education Units Policy.
6. I promise to cooperate with the Education and Certification Committee and/or the IACP Board of Directors on any reported violation.
7. I promise to refrain from giving overstated or false promises, quick fixes, or guarantees for dog training services.
8. I promise to keep client personal information and other client identifying factors confidential so as not identify clients to others without written consent of the client.
9. I promise to maintain professional business practices such as accurate contracts, pricing, and delivery of services.
10. I promise to disclose the cost for services clearly and accurately.

11. I promise to use only the tools, equipment, methods, and techniques that I am proficient enough to incorporate into the training practice in a humane way; by ensuring that the preferred tools, equipment, method, or technique does not take precedence over their effectiveness should it be evident that the method or tool is not compatible or productive, with the dog's response, lack of response, or creating undue stress that is counterproductive to a learning environment.
  
12. I promise to treat all dogs and other animals in accordance with all federal, state, county, city, and local municipal ordinances as they pertain to animal welfare and the humane treatment of animals .

**By signing below, you agree to these terms as conditions for maintaining certification with the IACP. Furthermore, by signing this agreement, you understand that failure to adhere to the IACP Certificant Code of Ethics may result in your certification(s) being permanently revoked by the IACP.**

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Signature

Date signed