

## Engagement Letter

## Date

Agreement for Expert Testimony on Aggressive Dog Bite Behavior

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## Engagement Letter for Dog Bite Safety and Behavior Consultation

Thank you for selecting ODBS Enterprises, LLC to provide professional assistance with your civil/criminal matter. This letter outlines the terms of our engagement and the scope of services we will provide.

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### Scope of Expert Witness Services

#### 1. Behavior Assessment

- Conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the behavior exhibited by the dog(s) in question.
- Identify potential triggers and stressors that may influence the dog's behavior.

#### 2. Understanding Canine Drives

- Provide educational insights to opposing counsel regarding the various drives that affect canine behavior.
- Focus on key drives, including:
  - **Prey Drive:** Understanding the instinctual motivation to chase or capture.
  - **Defense Drive:** Analyzing behaviors related to protection and fear responses.
  - **Social Drive:** Examining interactions with humans and other animals.
  - **Food Drive:** Assessing the influence of food motivation on behavior

- This study will also examine canine flight-or-fight responses in conjunction with reduced pain tolerance thresholds and potential hormonal influences.
- Adverse Effects of Electronic Training Collars on Canine Behavior

### **3. Your Responsibilities:**

- Provide **all relevant case materials, a clear overview of the facts, the scope of the inquiry, and legal context**, ensuring transparency by sharing both favorable and adverse information to prevent later impeachment
- Provide accurate information regarding the dog(s) behavior.

### **4. My Responsibilities:**

- Conduct a thorough assessment and provide recommendations based on canine behavior principles.
- Maintain confidentiality regarding all personal information.

### **5. Expert Fees**

- Retainer Fee: \$3500
- Consultation Fee: Free (30 mins)
- Travel Expenses: All travel expenses will be billed in advance of traveling. I prefer to make my own travel arrangements.
- Per Diem: \$300-\$500 depending on the location
- Depositions via Zoom: \$500 an Hour
- Depositions in Person: \$500 plus per diem
- Testimony via Zoom: \$1000 an hour
- Testimony In Person: \$1000 an hour, plus daily per diem
- Payment Terms:
  - Retainer of Services: \$3500
  - The retainer payment is required in full prior to the commencement of any work.
  - Payment by check: no additional fees apply.
  - Payments made by credit card will incur an additional 3.7% finance charge.
  - Wire transfers will incur a \$35.00 fee per transaction.

### **6. Duration**

- The initial consultation is complimentary and will last approximately 30 minutes. Follow-up sessions may be scheduled as needed at a rate of \$500.00 per hour.

Please sign and return a copy of this letter to confirm your acceptance of the terms outlined above. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out.

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**Expert Witness**

Mitzi Robinson

President/Founder ODBS Enterprises, LLC

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Law Firm

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Thank you for selecting ODBS Enterprises, LLC to provide expert canine behavior analysis for your dog bite case. I look forward to collaborating with you on this matter.**

**Best regards,**

**Mitzi Robinson, President**

**ODBS Enterprises, LLC**

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