

Contracts, Collars, and Protocols

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Contracts

Why have a contract?

- Clarifying agreements
- Learning through the process
- Strengthening the relationship
- Removing guesswork

Who Does Contracts?

- D/s couples
- Master/slave couples
- Play Partners
- Non-kinky couples
(marriages, domestic partnerships, roommates, etc)

What is in a contract?

- Roles
Master, slave, dominant, submissive, top, bottom, boy, daddy, etc. Intent.
- Duration
1 year, 1 day, open-ended, etc.
- Boundaries
What is controlled, what is not controlled
- Actions
What each is expected to do
- Logistics
Regular meeting, dealing with violations, how the relationship ends, how changes are made
- Permissions/Restrictions
What is allowed/not allowed: Activities, other relationships, etc.

How to do it

- Collaboration
Google Docs is your friend
- Create as equals
- Discussion
Developing the contract can lead to a deeper relationship

Making it official

- Signing
- Ceremonies
- Sharing

Now that you have a contract (Maintenance)

- Read it together regularly
Make a ritual?
- Stick to it
Make it important
What happens if it's not being followed?
- Keep it fresh
Add/revise to make it work for you

Collars

Why have a collar?

- Declare in public
- Symbol of the nature of the relationship
- Constant reminder

When is it worn?

- 24/7
- In Community
- Whenever together
- Special occasions
- During play

Types and Styles

- 24/7: comfort and practicality
- Size, length, style
- Removeable?
- Different collars for different occasions
- Other tokens

Protocols, Standing Orders, Rituals

Definitions

- Protocol: “a system of rules that explain the correct conduct and procedures to be followed in formal situations”
- Standing Order: “an order always in force; standard operating procedure”
- Ritual: “an act or series of acts regularly repeated in a set precise manner”

What can they be?

- Behaviors
- Speech
- Rituals
- What to wear
- Meals
- Duties
- Handling money
- Communication (regular texts/emails)
- Greetings
- Honorifics
- Services

Considerations

- Easy to remember (limit the number)
- Applicable in many contexts
- Practical in your life
- Enforceable
- Flexible

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