



KANAWHA OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB

Membership Application

_____ Individual ** _____ Associate _____ Junior

Applicants must have completed a full K.O.T.C training session and performed at least 4 hours of club work prior to submitting application. ** Attendance at 2 monthly meetings is required when applying for Individual Membership.

Completed KOTC training session? _____ 4 hours volunteer work for club? _____ Individual Member: Attended 2 meetings? _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address/City/State/ZIP: _____

Primary phone # _____ Alternate phone # _____

Breed(s) currently owned: _____

Name(s) & title(s) of dogs currently owned: _____

What other titles have you attained? _____

Why do you want to become a member of K.O.T.C? _____

The advancement of our club requires work by our members. Are you willing to volunteer at least 8 hours per year? _____

If you have special skills useful to running a club, list here. _____

Have you ever trained with any other club or instructor? _____ If yes, what other club(s) or instructor(s): _____

Current or past affiliations with other clubs and positions held: _____

Have you ever been suspended or disciplined by the AKC, CKC, UKC or any other registry or club? _____

If yes, please explain the circumstances: _____

Have you ever been criminally prosecuted for animal cruelty? _____ If yes, please explain the circumstances: _____

I agree to abide by the constitution and by-laws of Kanawha Obedience Training Club and the rules of the American Kennel Club. I further pledge to serve as an example of good sportsmanship in obedience trails and dog shows, or any Club activity. I certify that I am over eighteen years of age and that the information given on this application is the truth. In accordance with the policy of the AKC, I agree to receive all meeting notifications; dues notices; minutes; and newsletter via email. Should this change at any time, I will notify the secretary.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signatures of two current K.O.T.C. members in good standing

(These two members may not be related to each other or living in the same household as the applicant.)

(1) _____ Date: _____

(2) _____ Date: _____

Submit application to K.O.T.C. Secretary with current year's dues of \$15 (\$5 for Junior membership).

Dues received with applications after July 1st will be considered current through the next club year

Secretary: _____ Date: _____

Becoming a Member of Kanawha Obedience Training Club

This is a non-profit organization, the purposes of which are:

- a) Promote the training of purebred and All-American dogs.
- b) Promote education for the public concerning the welfare of all dogs.
- c) Conduct classes for the training of dogs and their handlers.
- d) Encourage members to become trainers and trainers' aides.
- e) Hold and support dog training exhibitions, events and tests including but not limited to obedience trials, rally trials, and sanctioned matches under the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club.
- f) Promote cooperation and good sportsmanship among its members in the training and exhibition of dogs.

Eligibility: Individual and Associate membership are open to persons eighteen years of age and older who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purpose of this Club as shown above.

While membership is not restricted as to residence, the Club's primary purpose is to be representative of the trainers and exhibitors in its immediate area.

What are the prerequisites for joining the club? Prior to applying, individuals must have completed a KOTC training session and volunteered at least four hours for the club.** Attendance at two monthly meetings is required when applying for Individual Membership.

**Our club depends on the willingness of our members to attend and participate in our meetings and to volunteer for our club activities. Examples include, but are not limited to, stewarding for the trials, assisting with classes, participating in public service events or setting up or taking down for classes.

Types of Membership

Individual Membership: These members are eligible to vote, hold office and qualify for trophy awards. Member must pay annual dues.

Starting in 2020, to be eligible to renew Individual Membership each year, members must have attended at least two meetings during the prior club year (January 1st to December 31st) and have performed a minimum of eight hours of volunteer work for the Club in the previous calendar year. Members unable to meet the requirements for renewal may change their membership status from Individual Member to Associate Member.

Associate Membership: Associate Membership is open to individuals who live outside the area **and/or** cannot attend meetings. Associate Members are entitled to all club privileges except voting and holding office. Associate members will receive all KOTC publications and meeting minutes. Must pay annual dues. Associate Membership does not require attendance at any club meeting.

Starting in 2020, to be eligible for class discounts, Associate Members must volunteer for at least 8 hours of club work in the previous calendar year.

Junior Membership: Open to all persons who are nine (9) to eighteen (18) years of age. Junior members shall enjoy all the privileges of the Club except voting and holding office. Upon a junior member's 18th birthday, the junior member will be eligible for regular membership.

Application process A membership application will be given to the potential member. The completed application must be signed by two members who are in good standing and who are not related or reside in the applicant's household. The application is submitted to K.O.T.C. Secretary with the current year's dues of \$15.00.

What happens next? The application is read at the first meeting of the Club following its receipt. The applicant's name is then published in the meeting minutes. At the next Club meeting, the application will be voted upon by secret ballot. A majority vote of members present will be required for applicant approval.

It is our desire that our members stay involved in club meetings, public service activities, training classes and trials. We cannot fulfill the purposes of our organization without the volunteer help of our members. We look forward to receiving your application if you agree and would like to be an integral part of Kanawha Obedience Training Club.