

Heartland Dog Training Club

Application for Trial Membership



Please fill out the form below to apply for a three-month trial membership in Heartland Dog Training Club. *Please tear off the bottom portion of the application and save it for your records.*

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ E-mail address _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode (+ 4) _____

Dog(s) name(s) and breed(s) _____

Your occupation(s) _____

Are you a member of any other dog-related organizations? (Please list) _____

I/we agree to abide by the HDTC Constitution and By-Laws and the rules of all national obedience and agility organizations.

Signature _____ Signature (if family membership) _____

Mail the top part of this form, along with your check for \$10, payable to HDTC, to Ruth Deines, secretary, 401 W. 6th, PO Box 152, Woodbine, KS 67492.

Please save this portion for your records.

On _____ I applied for a three-month trial membership in Heartland Dog Training Club.

Things you should know about Heartland Dog Training Club

Trial membership: When your three-month trial membership has expired, you may apply for active membership. To become an active member, you must attend at least one meeting and complete two work obligations for the club. Then your application will be voted on by the membership for active member status.

Sponsors: Please select two club members to be your sponsors within the club. At least one must have active member status. These members will act as guides and mentors for you within the club until you reach the active member level. Note: you *must* have two sponsors in order to move beyond a trial membership.

Guests at HDTC classes/meetings: You are welcome to bring guests to HDTC classes or meetings. We welcome the opportunity to meet new people and let them become acquainted with Heartland, its training methods and programs. Guests may bring their own dog if they comply with all HDTC policies regarding control of their dogs, and pay a per-night membership fee.

Non-member dogs on agility equipment: Because of liability issues, it is Heartland policy to limit access to agility equipment at club functions to member dogs only, except in the case of trials and matches, where dogs entered in these events are permitted on the equipment. When it comes to agility, it's an issue of safety first and we want to ensure that dogs and handlers have proper instruction on how to negotiate each obstacle.

HDTC on the Internet: Home page, coming events: <http://www.geocities.com/heartlanddogtraining>
The "members area" is accessible only by a password. Please do not share this with non-members.

Questions? Ask an officer or board member. We'll be glad to help!

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Membership Application

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Signature _____ Signature (if family membership) _____

Sponsors 1. _____ 2. _____

At least one of your sponsors must have active membership status. Your sponsors will be mentors and advisers regarding responsible dog ownership and training issues. Call on them with any questions you may have.

Please check one: This application is for Individual membership (\$12) Family membership (\$16)

Junior membership (free, but an active member must agree to be responsible for the junior)

Please send completed form, with a check made out to HDTC, to **Ruth Deines, secretary, 401 W. 6th, PO Box 152, Woodbine, KS 67492**. Members joining Jan-March pay \$12/\$16; April-June pay \$9/\$12; July-Sept. pay \$6/\$8; Oct.-Dec. pay \$3/\$4.

Please check all activities in which you are interested in participating:

obedience trials/matches

agility trials/matches

nursing home demonstrations/visits

socializing with other members

socializing your dogs

agility play dates at local parks

Mall or other public relations booths/demos

agility classes

obedience classes

other? _____

List any other dog-related activities you have participated in _____

If there is additional information that you would like the club to know about you and your dogs, please attach another page.

Filling in the information below is OPTIONAL. No dog training experience is necessary to join Heartland Dog Training Club, but if you have experience, please list:

Obedience titles _____
(include registry, AKC, UKC, etc.)

Agility titles _____
(include registry, AKC, UKC, etc.)

Other performance, conformation titles or interests _____

Have you attended any dog-related educational seminars, workshops, camps, etc., Please list topic or presenter and year of attendance.

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Please keep this information



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Membership categories

Per night guests may visit the club and participate in club training nights by paying a fee, currently \$5. They must abide by HDTC's Policy on Owner Responsibilities and other club policies.

Trial members join the club for a get-acquainted period of three months. They may attend meetings, workshops, matches, trials and other events as members, but will not be entitled to vote on club matters. At the end of the three-month trial period, trial members must obtain the endorsement of two sponsors, at least one of whom holds active member status.

Active members have completed two club work obligations, attended at least one meeting, and have been voted into membership at a regular meeting. Only active members are entitled to vote. To maintain active member status, active members must volunteer to help the club at least twice during each year and must attend at least one meeting annually.

Friends of Heartland are welcome to attend club meetings, workshops, matches, trials and other events, but may not vote on club matters. They receive information about upcoming Heartland events and activities and stay in the information loop. They have no work obligations.

DOGGIE DOLLARS are awarded to all members at any level who work at club events. Working at a club event both fulfills club work obligations and earns "Doggie Dollars" which may be used to help pay for entries at club-sponsored trials and workshops or at club classes.

BY-LAWS. Our current by-laws and the club's aggression protocol are available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.geocities.com/heartlanddogtraining> in the "members area," accessible only by a password. Please do not share this with non-members.

TRAINING METHODS. Heartland's by-laws specify that, when training our dogs, our club members prefer using positive methods consistent with the principles of operant conditioning. Abusive training methods are not permitted at Heartland events or practices.

POLICY ON OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES

Members are encouraged to exemplify the highest standards of sportsmanship and personal responsibility. This policy is intended both as a general guideline and to inform members of some specific expectations.

Owners are responsible for all aspects of their dogs' behavior. This responsibility includes, and extends beyond, the use of a pick-up baggie. Owners will closely supervise any interaction between his/her dog and any other person or dog at Club activities and events. Any contact between dogs will only occur with the expressed permission of both handlers. Specific behavior to be avoided include: allowing a dog to approach anyone else's crate or exercise pen or allowing a dog of any age to approach any other dog, working or resting, close enough to affect the other dog's behavior. Handlers should be aware if their dog's behavior, eye contact, or proximity seems to disturb another dog. When it is apparent that another dog is being affected by one's dog, whether the reaction is reasonable or not, the dogs should be separated and eye contact interrupted.

Members are also expected to exercise responsibility for guests, family members, and provisional members for whom they are a sponsor. It is simply good etiquette to obtain the owner's permission before approaching any dog.

Members are encouraged to allow interaction between dogs when both owners consent and the ensuing activity does not disturb or interfere with the activities of others.