



PORTSMOUTH CHESAPEAKE OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB, INC



Application for Membership/Membership Renewal

I hereby apply for membership in the Portsmouth-Chesapeake Obedience Training Club, Inc. (PCOTC) and agree to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Guidelines of PCOTC. I have enclosed fees in the amount of \$20.00 for membership plus training fees of \$75.00 for Basic Class. (All fees cash or check) (Reduced rates available with proof of rescue) (Training dues waived with proof member has previously obtained "UD" title)

****As condition of acceptance of this application, the agreement on the reverse side and Training Rules must be signed.****

*** PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRINT NEATLY ***

Name: _____ Age if under 18 _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____
 Emergency Contact #1 _____ Phone Number () _____
 Emergency Contact #2 _____ Phone Number () _____
 E-mail Address: _____ (Print clearly please)
 Club and Training Information and Notices will be sent to this e-mail address.
 How did you learn about our club or classes? _____

Breed of Dog: _____ Male or Female: _____
 Name: _____ Neutered, Spayed, Intact _____
 Age: _____ Veterinarian: _____
 Attach copy of most recent immunization records (DHLP & Kennel Cough) and Rabies Certificate

Basic Beginners Training

Have you ever trained a dog before? Yes No

If so, when and where _____

Please attach a copy of your pet's **immunization record, rabies certificate**, and a check for \$ 95.00 made payable to PCOTC. **Mail to: PCOTC, P. O. Box 3736, Portsmouth, VA 23701**

Renewal

List previous training, when & where _____

Titles earned _____

Comments/Suggestions for Club Improvement: _____

Please attach a copy of your pet's **immunization record, rabies certificate**, and a check for \$ 50.00 made payable to PCOTC. **Mail to: PCOTC, P. O. Box 3736, Portsmouth, VA 23701**
 (\$20.00 for membership plus training fees of \$30.00 for advanced class)

Are you willing to donate your time and talents to PCOTC? Yes No

Dogs will not be allowed in class without Immunization Record and Rabies Certificate

PCOTC OFFICE USE ONLY

Date _____ - _____ - _____ Cash \$ _____ Check \$ _____ Check # _____ Session # _____
 Rescue Verified (Please Initial) _____ Rabies Expiration Date _____ - _____ - _____

Training Classes / Testing / Titles

Basic Class - a basic training course for dogs aimed at training you to train your dog. Emphasis is on the basic training needed to make the dog a good companion. You and your dog will be taught the 10 basic exercises needed to pass the Canine Good Citizen test which include: heeling on a loose leash, sit, down, stay in position, and come when called.

Canine Good Citizen Test - is offered by AKC dog clubs and that includes **PCOTC**. You and your dog will need to know 10 exercises taught in a basic training class. The CGC test is a pass or fail test and may be retaken if necessary. The set of 10 exercises are meant to demonstrate confidence and control of your dog and are not a competition.

Advanced Class - is for owners/dogs who wish to continue training to strengthen their skills and the bond between owner and dog. This class is aimed at helping to prepare for Obedience/Rally/Scent Work Trials if that is the owner's intent, but not the sole purpose of the class. Instructor approval required for admission to advanced class.

AGREEMENT TO HOLD HARMLESS, WAIVER AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I understand that attendance of a dog obedience training class is not without risk to myself, members of my family or any guest who may attend, or to my dog, because some of the dogs to which I will be exposed may be difficult to control and may be the cause of injury, even when handled with the greatest of care.

I hereby waive and release PORTSMOUTH-CHEESAPEAKE OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB, INC. (PCOTC) herein referred to as the "Training Organization", its employees, officers, members and agents from any and all liability of any nature, for injury or damage which I or my dog may suffer, including specifically, but without limitation, any injury or damage from the action of any dog, and I expressly assume the risk of such damage or injury while attending any training sessions, or any function of the TRAINING ORGANIZATION, or while on the training grounds or the surrounding area.

In consideration of and as inducement to the acceptance of my application for training membership by this TRAINING ORGANIZATION, I hereby agree to abide by the attached Training Rules and to indemnify and hold harmless this TRAINING ORGANIZATION, its employees, officers, members and agents from any and all claims, or claims by any member of any family or any person accompanying me to any training session or function to the TRAINING ORGANIZATION, or while on the training grounds or the surrounding area thereto as a result of any action by any dog including my own.

I Agree to Training Rules and Terms of Waiver: _____

****\$25.00 Service Charge for Insufficient Bank Funds or Returned Check****



Name of Owner (if different from name on reverse side)

Address

City

State

Zip

Signature of Owner or Authorized Agent

Date:

(In case of minor, a parent or legal guardian must sign)



Application Received by: _____ **Receipt #** _____

Signature of Board Member: _____

Membership Meeting Date: _____ **Approved** **Rejected** **Vote:** _____



Portsmouth Chesapeake Obedience Training Club Training Rules

- Things to bring to class: Collar appropriate for age and size of your dog, 6ft lead, small soft treats. (Chain training collars will be provided by PCOTC when appropriate at no additional charge, 6-foot leads will be available for purchase)
- Exercise your dog before class, especially if you have a high energy dog. You want to let them expend excess energy but not be so tired they are not willing to work for you.
- Each dog and handler will learn differently and at different rates. Don't be discouraged if the dog next to you is learning faster than your dog. We try to give as much individual attention as possible, and provide alternate instruction if something isn't working with you and your dog.
- Never train when you are upset or angry; your emotions go right down the lead to the dog, and that never makes for successful training.
- Wear appropriate clothing and shoes that will stay on your feet securely, i.e., no flip flops while training.
- Take potty or rest breaks, as needed. We would rather you miss a couple of minutes of class rather than having an accident and especially young dogs may not be able to stay focused for an hour. (If your dog does have an accident, we do have supplies for you to clean up after them.)
- MOST IMPORTANT – We must have a copy of your Rabies certificate and shot record before your dog can be in class. (Handlers are welcome to attend and watch until they bring us a copy, but dogs may not come to class until we have a copy)
- Female dogs in season may not be brought to class. (We encourage handlers to attend so that they can keep training at home)
- Do not allow your dog to socialize with other dogs in class. You don't know how the other dog might react and we want your dog to understand they are there to learn and partner with you, this is not social/play time.
- It is very important that we clean up after our dogs if they potty outside. If you forget your waste bags, we have some.
- We do use separate doors to enter and exit. Make sure that you know what is on the other side of the door before you enter/exit. Proper door etiquette will be taught on the first night of class.
- Park around the perimeter of the parking lot, if weather permits we may work the dogs outside.
- There will be a sign in sheet and name tags on the table at the door each week, please sign in each night and fill out and wear a name tag with your name listed first then your dog's name.

- The training director/class instructor reserves the right to dismiss any dog deemed to be overly aggressive or reactive from training classes.
- The training director/class instructor reserves the right to dismiss any dog suspected of having a contagious disease.
- Only the person or persons having submitted an application and paid a training fee may participate in training classes. Training fees are per handler, not per dog.

I hereby acknowledge receipt of and agree to abide by PCOTC's Training Rules.

Date: _____
_____ _____
Print Name Applicant's Signature

PHOTO RELEASE:

I, _____, understand that PCOTC may take photographs and or video recordings during training classes and I hereby give PCOTC permission to record, videotape and photograph my image and/or voice to be used in publications, including electronic publications, audiovisual presentations, promotional literature, advertising, community presentations, and social media and/or other similar ways. I agree that PCOTC will have complete ownership of such pictures, etc., including the entire copyright, and I acknowledge that I will not receive any compensation for the use of such photographs/videos.

Date: _____

Applicant's Signature

ADDITIONAL CLUB INFO:

- Class is held on Thursday nights for 8 weeks. Basic Class starts at 7:00 p.m. Please try to be in the building and ready to start at 7.
- The instructors will offer the CGC ("Canine Good Citizen") Test on Week 8 - Graduation Night. After testing we will present each team (dog and handler) with a Certificate and offer cake & refreshments, we encourage all students to attend!
- If you want to pursue further obedience and/or rally or scent work training with your dog, we do offer advanced classes. If you are interested, please talk to your instructor for further information.
- In the event of inclement weather or other unexpected events we will make every effort to email students if there is a change in the class schedule and post the information on Facebook.
- Please like us on Facebook and check the club's Facebook Page for club info or updates.