

DOTCORN

Dog Obedience Training Club of Rochester, NY

New members are always welcome at DOTCORN. This flyer contains information about our club and answers the most frequently asked questions about membership.

Our Mission

The Dog Obedience Training Club of Rochester, New York (DOTCORN) encourages and promotes responsible dog ownership through education and sportsmanlike competitions.

Who We Are

DOTCORN is an AKC licensed not-for-profit organization made up of dedicated dog owners who love spending time with their pets and with other enthusiastic dog people. Our objective is to train people to train their own dogs and to educate our community about the rewards and pleasures of owning a well-trained dog.

All dogs and their owners are welcome at DOTCORN. Many of our club members partner with rescue and mixed breed dogs. Whether your goal is put a full alphabet of performance titles on your dog or if you just want to be able to enjoy living with an obedient and polite pet, DOTCORN wants to work with you to achieve your training objectives.

Training Offered

We have a spacious, well-equipped indoor training facility in Henrietta where we hold classes, offer independent training and seminars, and sponsor AKC recognized matches and trials. Classes usually meet between 6 and 9 pm, Monday through Friday or at various times on the weekends. Most class sessions run for 4 to 8 weeks. Our website, www.DOTCORN.com contains class schedules and registration forms.

Many of our members have been training and titling dogs for years. Experienced volunteer club members teach classes in:

- Obedience;
- Agility;
- Rally;
- Tracking;
- Flyball;
- Canine Good Citizen certification and testing;
- Therapy Dogs International preparation and evaluation;
- Puppy manners and socialization, with AKC's STAR Puppy program; and more.

Membership Benefits

You don't have to be a member of DOTCORN to take advantage of our classes, seminars and special events, but there are advantages to belonging. Member benefits include:

- Discounts on classes;
- Using our facility for independent training at reduced rates;
- Receiving our monthly electronic newsletter;

- Access to online group discussions;
- Participation in special member-only club events;
- Volunteer opportunities including teaching classes and chairing events; and
- The great camaraderie that grows between people who love working with their dogs as much as you do.

Becoming a Member

You can choose between two methods to apply for Club Membership. One option requires that you attend three of our Thursday night monthly club meetings within a six month time period. At the first meeting you will need to complete an application and pay a \$10.00 initiation fee. At the third meeting the Active Members present will vote on your application. More specific details can be found in the Club's Bylaws in Section 1.5.

The second method for becoming a member requires the applicant to complete work activities for the club. This process also requires the completion of an application and the payment of the \$10.00 initiation fee. Applicants then have ten months in which to complete club activities equaling a minimum of six work units. The applicant also must meet written reporting requirements upon completion of work activities. Specific details about club activities and their unit values can be found in the Club's Bylaws in Section 1.2.

Current dues for Applicants voted into Membership at the January to June Meetings are \$35 for the first person and \$25 for the second person in the same household. Dues for Applicants voted into Membership at the July to December Meetings are \$25 for the first person and \$20 for the second person in the same household.

Categories of Membership

All new members are on Inactive status until they earn the 4 service units required to attain Active membership. New members are also required to earn 2 additional units during their first year of membership to maintain Active status for the following year. To retain Active status, a member must complete a minimum of 4 units per year to maintain Active status for the following calendar year. The objective of the unit system is to encourage and enable every club member to contribute annually to the club's success. Units can be earned in a variety of ways and members can choose how they will earn their work units. The specific number of units earned for service to the Club is detailed in Section 1.2 of the Member Handbook.

The designation of Life Member is available to recognize members who have been Active Members for 20 or more consecutive years and who are nominated in recognition of dedicated and outstanding service to the Club. Life Members are not required to pay dues and are granted all the privileges and rights of an Active Member.

More Questions?

Please feel free to contact: Vice-President, Jocelyn Rossini at vicepresident@dotcorny.com Or leave a message at 585.251.1784