



2022 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

_____ \$75 Working Member _____ \$150 Supporting Member

_____ \$37.50 Junior Member _____ Founding*

Mail this form plus Check payable to CATS by February 1 to:
CATS Treasurer c/o MHS
101 W. Swanzey Road Swanzey NH 03446

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

I consent to having my name, address, email, and phone listed in the CATS membership list, which is provided **only** to members and will enhance communication between members:

_____ Yes _____ No

Dog's Name(s) and Breed(s): _____

(List all dogs that may participate in CATS' activities. Must be current on rabies vaccinations.)

My dogs are current on rabies vaccination: _____

(Sign and Date)

I am interested in participating on the following committee(s) (see page 4): _____

In 2022 I will do the following to help CATS be a great club: _____

*Founding Members are exempt from paying dues, but must submit signed Membership Renewal:
Leslie Vassall, Chris F. Wentworth and Judy Davis. Thank you, Founders!

In consideration of the acceptance of this renewal, I/we agree to the following:

1. I, the club member/handler/participant, agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Canine Agility Training Society (CATS) and any other corresponding rules and regulations and procedures for any class, event, activity or meeting.
2. I agree to the following expectations of being a club member:
 - A. I will try to attend membership meetings at least twice per year.
 - B. I agree to work at least: (1) one fall/spring equipment migration *and* (2) assist with setup or breakdown for club trials and/or serve as a dedicated worker at least twice per year. Other significant contributions to the club may be considered in lieu of these activities and approved by the Board of Directors as a substitute.
3. I hereby certify that my dog(s) (or other dog(s) brought by me to a CATS function) is/are not a hazard to persons, other animals, or property and that the dog's rabies and other vaccinations will be kept current in accordance with the requirements(s) of the state in which the dog resides.
4. I acknowledge all hazards presented by events, classes, activities, meetings and corresponding event premises, including, but not limited to, the condition of the flooring, footing, stairways, walks, halls, lighting, security measures or lack thereof, electrical appliances, fitting(s), show rings, parking areas, and the presence of unfamiliar animals and people; the participant and owner assume the entire risk of any harm arising from these.
5. I hereby release CATS (including officers, directors, employees and members thereof) and that of any sites, training centers and other sites used for CATS club activities and hold them harmless from all present and future loss, injury, damage, claims, demands and liabilities involving the dog, event, or event premises. I hereby specifically assume sole responsibility for, and agree to all expenses (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law on any of the aforementioned parties for damages because my/our participation in CATS activities, events or meetings, howsoever such injury, or death may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents or any other persons.
6. Furthermore, as a CATS member: I agree to work with my dog in agility training in a manner that never threatens his/her safety or well-being. I recognize that it is important that a dog not lose confidence or be physically harmed as a part of his/her participation in the sport of agility and will do all I can to keep training and practice safe and fun. In keeping with the club's philosophy, I further agree to train my dog using positive, reward-based methods that are advocated by CATS as well as the national agility sanctioning organizations of this country.

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Further, in respect for the Club concern that member conduct be "in the best interest of the Club . . . " (CATS By-Laws, Article VIII, "Discipline"), by submission of this membership application, I/we agree to abide by the following Code of Conduct:

1. Treat others with dignity and respect, as beings inherently worthy of esteem, honor, and high regard, irrespective of our many differences.

2. In our words and actions, strive to create and maintain a positive and harmonious atmosphere at the club, one that will enhance the bond we seek to develop with our dogs as we train them, and that will promote fellowship and goodwill toward each other.
3. In our interactions with each other, practice personal integrity, accept responsibility for our actions, and when we disagree, communicate with courtesy, act ethically, and above all, strive to seek and tolerate a constructive outcome.

I have read, understand, and acknowledge the above Agreement, and agree to abide by it and by the CATS club Bylaws.

Print name: _____

Signature: _____

Applicant Member/Handler/Participant*

Date

**Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian of Minor (if member/participant is under the age of 18)*



CATS MEMBERSHIP 2022

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Membership Renewal Process:

- Member completes this form.
- Member submits renewal form with dues and renewal is complete once received by Treasurer.
- Junior Membership dues are half price. Junior members must be at least 7 years old and are Juniors until their 18th birthday.

Member Benefits:

- Attend meetings, vote on club business, serve on the Board of Directors, and if at least 18 years of age may be an Officer.
- Attend social functions
- Receive CATS digital communications
- Wear CATS logo
- Use CATS training equipment (requires member be identified as, or be supervised by, an Advanced Handler as determined by the Training Committee)
- Receive CATS discounted entry for CATS-sponsored trials in exchange for trial work.
- Attend CATS Training Seminars at member-only fee.

CATS Committees:

Equipment: Manages and maintains club's agility equipment and training grounds.

Event: Plans and carries out CPE, NADAC, and USDAA sanctioned agility trials. Includes liaisons.

Finance: Manages club's budget.

Audit: Conducts annual audit of the books.

Librarian & Historian: Manages book and magazine collection, records club history and policies.

Membership: Recruitment and orientation of new members, oversees committee assignments.

Nominating: Recruits and nominates members for the Board of Directors.

Seminar & Training: Plans and carries out training seminars and practices primarily for club members.

Show & Go: Plans and carries out show & go events for members and non-members.

Social: Plans and carries out social functions, maintains rainbow bridge memorials.

Social Media: Administers website, online calendar, Facebook page, Google Groups.

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