



# 2022 NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Any new member dues paid after October 1 shall also entitle the new member to a fully paid club membership for the following year.

\_\_\_ \$75 Working Member      \_\_\_ \$37.50 Junior Member  
\_\_\_ \$150 Supporting Member

Mail completed form with dues to: **CATS Treasurer c/o MHS  
W. Swanzey Road Swanzey, NH 03446**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**(CATS uses Google Groups as the official means of communications. Invite will be sent after joining. You may specify a different email address for the CATS Google Group.)**

I consent to having my name, address, email and phone listed in the CATS membership list, which is provided **only** to members: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No

Dog's Name(s) and Breed(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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**(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)**

CATS Member Sponsor Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

**(\* Sponsor must have been a CATS member for at least one year)**

Sponsor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to join CATS because: \_\_\_\_\_

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Besides dogs, my interests and skills are: \_\_\_\_\_

My dog and I have previously trained at/with: \_\_\_\_\_

The words that most accurately describe my dog's/dogs' behavior and personality are:

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

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**In consideration of the acceptance of this application, 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.

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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.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Applicant Member/Handler/Participant\* Date  
*\*Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian of Minor if member/participant is under 18 years of age*



## CATS MEMBERSHIP 2022

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### New Membership Application Process

- Applicant completes this form.
- Applicant finds a sponsor and sponsor signs this form.
- Sponsor brings applicant (with form and dues) to a CATS Membership Meeting or other function and introduces the applicant to the Club.
- Application is submitted with dues and when accepted, applicant becomes a member.
- Junior Membership same procedure as full membership, but dues are half price. Junior members must be at least 7 years old and are Juniors until their 18<sup>th</sup> 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)
- Pay discounted fees for MHS Agility classes as allowed in the current CATS/MHS contract
- Receive CATS discounted entry for CATS-sponsored trials in exchange for trial work.
- Attend CATS Training Seminars at member-only fee.

### CATS Committees (Standing as defined in Bylaws & Ad Hoc as needed)

#### Standing Committeess

1. Equipment: Manages & maintains club's agility equipment and training grounds
2. Events: Plans and carries out CPE, NADAC & USDAA sanctioned agility trials. Includes liaisons.
3. Nominating: Recruits & nominates members for the Board of Directors.
4. Auditing: Conducts annual audit of the books.
5. Training: Plans & carries out training opportunities primarily for club members such as classes, seminars and practices.

#### Ad Hoc Committees

- Finance: Manages club's budget.
- Librarian & Historian: Manages media collection, records club history & policies.
- Membership: Recruitment & orientation of new members, oversees committee assignments.
- Seminar &
- Show & Go: Plans and carries out show & go events for members and non-members.
- Social: Plans & carries out social functions, maintains memorials.
- Social Media: Administers website, online calendar, Facebook page, and Google Groups.

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