

CHARLES RIVER DOG TRAINING CLUB

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL date _____

Membership is for the year beginning October 1 and ending September 30. Membership makes you a voting member of the Charles River Dog Training Club (except that junior members may not vote), allows you to train at the members' rate, places you on the club mailing list and on the club e-mail announcement list (unless you prefer not), provides you with a list of club members, a discount to club dinners, use of the library, and brings you an invitation to special club functions.

Name(s) _____

Street _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Other: _____

E-Mail _____

Club announcements, correspondence, and the newsletter are sent by e-mail.

Please list your dogs:				Are shots up to date?	
Breed	Call Name	Age	Titles	Rabies	Parvo/DHLP
				Yes No	Yes No

The success of club activities depends on member participation—and it's fun and a great way to get to know people.

When could you help? November Obed Trial March Obed/Rally Trials May Obed Match

How could you help? hospitality/food stewarding set-up/break-down
 registration trophies CGC Test ANYTHING

professional or other skills you could contribute? _____

Please list areas of interest: obedience rally conformation breeding pet therapy
 nose work tracking field agility flyball other _____

Please list any other dog clubs you belong to:

No Yes

Have you ever been suspended from membership in the American Kennel Club or any other dog club?

WAIVER OF LIABILITY:

I have read the CHARLES RIVER DOG TRAINING CLUB, Inc. (CRDTC) Policies and Training Guidelines, understand them, and agree to abide by them. I understand that attending a dog training class or event may not be without risk to myself, others who may attend, or my dog, because some of the dogs present may be difficult to control and may cause injury even when preventive measures are taken, and because accidents may occur. In signing this waiver, I hereby for myself, heirs, executors, and administrators waive and release all rights and claims for damages that I may have against the CHARLES RIVER DOG TRAINING CLUB, Inc, its officers, directors, employees, members, instructors, and agents, and I acknowledge that CRDTC has no liability for the actions of any dog owner or handler, or any dog including my own.

Your signature: _____ Date: _____

Membership: Individual (\$30) Family (\$35) Junior (\$15)
 Would you like to contribute to the club's trophy fund?

Membership: \$ _____
 Trophy Fund: \$ _____
 Total: \$ _____

Charles River Dog Training Club – Information, Policies, and Training Guidelines

- ◆ **Checking in:** Handlers should check in before each class.
- ◆ **Class limit:** Because of space limitations we ask that each dog train in only one class per evening (not including run-throughs). But there is no limit on the number of dogs one handler may train per evening.
- ◆ **Holidays:** No classes on Labor Day, between Christmas & New Year's Day, or on Memorial Day.
- ◆ **Bad weather:** Weather-related cancellations are posted on the web site. If the roads and parking lot are plowed there's a good chance classes will be held as usual.
- ◆ **Comments and suggestions:** We value your opinions. Write a letter, send an e-mail, or speak with a club officer or Board member at any time. Thanks!
- ◆ **Prerequisites:** Evaluation/consent of the instructor is required before you can join the advanced classes.
- ◆ **Age requirements:** Handlers should be 15 years or older, dogs should be 5 months or older. Any exceptions should be arranged with the instructor before the start of the class.
- ◆ **Guests and visitors:** Friends and family, including children are welcome to watch the activities, so long as they're seated quietly and don't disturb the dogs and handlers. Please remember that not all dogs are comfortable around children or strangers. Before approaching or petting a strange dog, ask for the owner's permission.
- ◆ **Control:** Keep your dog on leash except for specifically off-leash exercises. You must control your dog (on leash and off leash) for the safety and protection of other dogs and people. Also please try to prevent excessive barking. Dogs that are overly aggressive or creating a nuisance will be excused at the judgment of the instructor. *Please leave female dogs in season at home.*
- ◆ **Mats, gates, jumps, and other equipment:** Everyone's help is appreciated in setting up the training areas. Please respect the equipment and facilities. Jumps should be used only by physically mature, healthy dogs.
- ◆ **Courtesy:** Handlers should not train in such a way as to distract or interfere with other dogs and handlers. Please yield the "right of way." For example, if a training area is being used for individual instruction, don't enter or leave your dog in that area. Please let other dogs and handlers have their turns using jumps and other equipment or training areas.
- ◆ **Methods:** No non-AKC-approved training is permitted. Experienced handlers are reminded that they are models for beginners – please make sure your actions, such as in correcting your dog, are what you want beginners to imitate and what you want the general public to think of as obedience training.
- ◆ **Abuse:** No abuse of dogs will be permitted or tolerated.
- ◆ **Clean-up:** You are responsible for what your dog deposits, both inside and outside the facility. Please "exercise" your dog before class and make sure he doesn't foul the grounds or the surrounding neighborhood. There are pick-up bags, waste buckets, and other cleaning supplies inside and outside near the entrance to the building.
- ◆ **Infractions:** Instructors or the club president shall give one verbal warning for any infraction of the club rules. Further infractions will result in the handler's suspension.

These guidelines may not cover all situations and problems that could arise. Please use good judgment and courtesy so that everyone can enjoy the club. Thanks!