

The Dog Training Club of Tampa, Inc.

Application for Membership

6620 Garsh Loop
Tampa, FL 33614
www.dtct.org

The Dog Training Club of Tampa, Inc. is a not-for-profit, all volunteer organization that has been promoting responsible dog ownership since 1959. Members share a common interest in training dogs for companionship, and for fun or competition in dog sports. **DTCT** members participate in a community that learns—and possibly teaches—balanced dog training methods. Benefits include receiving discounts on classes and club sponsored events, having voting rights on club matters, access to training spaces, coaching from experienced fellow members, and joining in social activities.

The membership process includes having this application read at two general membership meetings. This gives applicants an opportunity to meet members and to introduce themselves. After the second reading, members will vote to approve the membership request. After this approval, you will have all privileges of a member, and **your sponsors will become your mentors** as you begin to participate and volunteer.

The annual membership cost is \$35 for a single membership and \$45 for a family membership.

DTCT sponsors various events throughout the year; for example, agility, obedience, rally, and barn hunt trials; seminars; and sports run-thrus. We have a large facility to clean and maintain. We pay taxes and utilities. We purchase and maintain equipment for training and for events. The proceeds from events and the many training classes we offer help to fund those expenses, but do not cover them fully. We rely solely on members to volunteer their time and talents by such activities as teaching or assisting with classes, cleaning and maintaining the building and equipment, volunteering at events, donating through financial or material support, and so on. There are no paid positions for club members; everything gets done through volunteering.

Volunteering keeps the club functioning and, because it is rarely done alone, builds relationships. There are also tangible benefits. Class instructors and assistants earn vouchers that can be exchanged for free training. Volunteers at events earn credits in a token economy system called DTCT Bucks, and those Bucks can be exchanged for training or for cost reductions when entering DTCT events. **Your sponsor/mentor can and will** give you all the details about those benefits.

Applications may be submitted by mail at the above address, dropped off at the club, or screenshot and emailed to membership chair Sue Allen at sueallendtct@gmail.com. A complete application will include 1) payment by check to accompany this form or by PayPal on the website above, 2) all questions answered plus two member sponsor signatures, and 3) a completed volunteer survey form.

Personal Information

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Preferred Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Preferred Email Address _____

Occupation (if retired, add former occupation) _____

Experience with Dogs

Names, Breeds, and Ages of Dogs Currently Owned _____

List Classes, Events, and/or Training(s) in which you've participated at **DTCT** _____

List Classes and/or Trainings in which you've participated at Other Facilities _____

List any Competition or Dog Sport Experience you have _____

List any Titles Your Dogs have earned along the way, including venues _____

List any other Dog Club Affiliations, current and past _____

Are there currently any Sanctions Against You by AKC, UKC, CKC, TDAA, USDAA, UKI, or any other
Kennel Clubs? If yes, please explain _____

Why do you want to become a member of DTCT? _____

Signature Page

Do you agree to actively participate by attending meetings, volunteering at shows and trials, and serving on a volunteer team/committee? _____

Have you read and do you agree to follow the DTCT Bylaws and Code of Conduct? _____
(Obtain a copy from your sponsor or from sueallendtct@gmail.com before submitting your Application)

Review the attached DTCT Volunteer Opportunities list. Please select FIVE areas in which you may be willing to serve and write them below, in order of preference. If there is something else you'd like to do, you may include it as well. Board approval will be necessary for service not on this list.

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| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | Other _____ |

Your application is not considered complete without volunteer information.

*Membership requires sponsorship by two active DTCT members. Please have your sponsors sign below, and give the length of time the sponsor has known you. **Sponsor signatures certify a commitment to mentor new members, including helping them find volunteer opportunities.***

Sponsor 1 Signature _____ Time Known? _____

Sponsor 2 Signature _____ Time Known? _____

*Applicant Signature. By signing, the applicant agrees to abide by the by-laws, rules, and decisions of **The Dog Training Club of Tampa.***

Applicant 1 Signature _____ Date _____

Applicant 2 Signature _____ Date _____

Please Submit Dues Payment with this application, \$35 for a single and \$45 for a household membership. You may pay by check, payable to DTCT, or by PayPal through the DTCT website. *If you have questions or need assistance as you complete this process, your sponsor should be able to help. You may also contact the membership chair, Sue Allen, at sueallendtct@gmail.com.*