

Advantages of Club Membership

1. Members may train at very inexpensive rates in an indoor facility on mats during the months of September through May. These conditions are very similar to those encountered during indoor obedience competitions, and training under similar conditions can give your dog an advantage.
2. A training member may take dogs through Level 1 class at the reduced fee of \$45.
3. As a voting member of the club, you will have a voice in decisions made in the open meetings and in the election of officers of the club.
4. You will have access to the club's equipment such as library books, video tapes, portable jumps, agility obstacles, etc. You will receive discounts on your purchases of collars and leashes.
5. You will receive a copy of the club's newsletter, The Lead, keeping you informed of any changes within the club or within A.K.C. obedience competition. Upcoming events of interest and the accomplishments of club members in matches, trials and shows may be listed.
6. Many members form close friendships with other people they have met during training classes. You will find that other club members are people who love and respect their dogs and who understand the problems and the joys you are having with the training of your own dog. You will have a "support group" as you train and as you go out to compete at American Kennel Club obedience trials, rally trials, agility trials or Barn Hunt trials.
7. Many people feel that it is extremely valuable to socialize their dog weekly by bringing them to a different location with different people and many other dogs. The dogs love it!
8. Club members have the opportunity for public service through their dogs. You may volunteer your time and energy when the club sponsors its trials or seminars. You may want to join the affiliated chapter of Therapy Dogs International and go with other club members and their dogs to visit nursing homes, hospitals, etc. You may want to become a volunteer instructor yourself by serving for one session as an Apprentice and then two sessions as Assistant Instructor.
9. In December, club members are awarded personalized crate tags listing the titles completed by their dog(s).
10. DOTC members will be eligible for reduced rates in agility classes after they have been members of DOTC for at least one year.