

NEW ENGLAND AGILITY TEAM
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Members who joined after July 1 of current year do not need to pay dues for the next year. Please do update your member information here.

Member Information: Please print your name as you would like it to appear in the NEAT Membership Directory:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Telephone: (____) _____

Cell Phone: _____

Dog Information: Please update the information the club has on file about the dog(s) you work with in agility:

Call Name: _____ Breed: _____ Age: _____

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Type of membership:

- Individual** An **individual** member pays dues of \$20.00 per year, and is entitled to vote and hold office. An individual member assists at practices he or she attends, assists at club activities, attends club business meetings, and satisfies the other membership responsibilities described in the club's *Constitution and By-laws*.
- Family** A **family** membership pays dues of \$30.00 per year. A family membership consists of two or more members who live in the same household; each family member is entitled to vote and hold office. Family members assist at practices they attend, assist at club activities, attend club business meetings, and satisfy the other membership responsibilities described in the club's *Constitution and By-laws*.
- Junior** A **junior** member (under 18 years of age) pays dues of \$15.00 per year but is *not* entitled to vote or hold office. Junior members under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult at all club activities. A junior member assists at practices he or she attends, assists at club activities, and satisfies the other membership responsibilities described in the club's *Constitution and By-laws*.

Membership Responsibilities

Club Practice:

All members who attend club practice should arrive early enough to help set up equipment or if necessary stay long enough to take down equipment. All members who attend practice abide by the club's *Safety Rules and Guidelines*, show consideration for other handlers at all times, and leave equipment properly set up after using it. We ask experienced members to volunteer to serve as practice coordinators. The practice coordinator is responsible for planning activities or courses and making sure everyone gets equal time using the equipment.

Events:

We request each member make a commitment to volunteer to work with us at as many club events as possible. These events include:

- 1) Annual equipment maintenance is approximately 2-3 days per year. This includes carpentry, painting, and washing of equipment.
- 2) A sanctioned trial is held one weekend in May. Preparation and set-up happens on the Friday before. This is our major source of income; many hands make light work.
- 3) The annual seacoast SPCA walk for pets is 1 day usually in June.
- 4) The Show 'N Go is 1 day in October or November.
- 5) There may be a second trial if the membership agrees.

There are also alternative ways to donate time. These might include helping with jobs that need to be completed before the trial or serving as a board member.

Signature of Member:

I wish to renew my NEAT membership and agree to fulfill my membership responsibilities this year. I have also read the *Safety Rules and Guidelines*.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return the completed form along with your membership dues (make payment by check to NEAT) by **January 15th** to:

Jacqueline Stahle
3 Cragmere Heights Road
Exeter, NH 03833
[603.772.1170](tel:603.772.1170)
jacqueline@think-design.net

SAFETY RULES AND GUIDELINES

WE ARE ALL RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING THESE RULES

The club's *Safety Rules and Guidelines* are intended to ensure the safety and pleasure of club members, visitors, and their dogs at all NEAT practices and activities. Please read each rule and agree to abide by it.

1. All dogs must be properly vaccinated, in good health, and free from any deformity or injury that might affect physical or mental performance.
2. All dogs must be under control at all times on the training grounds.
3. All visitors must demonstrate basic leash control with their dogs before being allowed in the training area.
4. A flat buckle collar is mandatory for your dog's safety while working on the equipment. An agility lead or tab is also recommended. For dogs that are difficult to control, however, other training collars may be used in addition to the flat buckle collar.
5. All visitors must be accompanied by a club member when attempting a new obstacle.
6. A handler must work only one dog at a time in the training area.
7. Only dogs that are working/training should be present in the training area. All other dogs should be crated or restrained.
8. Any dog that repeatedly interferes with another handler/dog team while working in the training area must be leashed until sufficient voice control can be demonstrated.
9. Any dog that repeatedly shows aggressive behavior towards another handler and/or dog, or that bites or attacks any person or dog, may be asked to leave the training ground.
10. Any handler that repeatedly uses severe corrections and/or harsh punishment may be asked to leave the training grounds.
11. Cleaning up after your dog is mandatory! Come prepared with plastic bags.
12. No alcohol or drugs are allowed on the training grounds at any time.
13. Smoking is not allowed on the training grounds.

PLEASE KEEP FOR YOUR REFERENCE
