

New England Agility Team Application for New Membership

The New England Agility Team is a small organization dedicated to the sport of dog agility. It is a casual but high-energy club, comprised of individuals dedicated to the sport of agility. Some of us are interested in competition, but all of us are in it to have fun and to build a better relationship with our canine companions! **NEAT** is open to all dog owners and their dogs, including purebred and mixed breed dogs.

Members of **NEAT** are encouraged to attend club meetings, practice sessions, demos, trials, events, work parties, etc. The club is an excellent avenue for networking. It offers the opportunity to stay up-to-date on the latest happenings in the world of agility, and to share agility knowledge and skills. Members develop camaraderie with fellow dog lovers and have the opportunity to attend fun cookouts, appreciation banquets, pizza parties, etc. **NEAT** presently has an outdoor training site in Hampton Falls, New Hampshire and an indoor winter practice site at the NHSPCA in Stratham, New Hampshire. Please check the type of membership you would like to apply for.

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIPS

- ▣ **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*.

ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

A person is eligible for membership in the Club after he or she completes one (1) agility class. The class must be one offered either by the Club or by an instructor or organization that has been approved by the Club. NEAT membership also brings responsibilities - we ask that all members participate in the preparation and running of as many club activities as possible each year. Some of them are:

- Equipment maintenance -- We do carpentry, painting, and washing of equipment in preparation for trials.
- Annual USDAA sanctioned trial in May. Many hands make light work!
- Annual seacoast NHSPCA Paws Walk/Pet Fest. We do demos and introduce people and their dogs to agility.
- Our annual Show n' Go in October is a fun day for all.
- Set up and clean up at Tonry

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Applicant Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Are you presently training an agility dog? _____

Facebook ID, ex: <https://www.facebook.com/john.smith.92/> _____

NEAT has a private Facebook page in which our members communicate, share practice, trial, and event information, and post pictures and tidbits. We also use Google Groups to send emails to the entire membership. We will invite you to join our Facebook Group upon membership acceptance.

Dog(s) name(s) and breed(s): _____

Do you agree to volunteer / participate in club activities as listed in Eligibility for Membership?

Signature of Applicant

I have read the New England Agility Team's *Safety Rules and Guidelines*, and agree to abide by the club's rules and support the club's objectives:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Sponsor:

Please list a NEAT member in good standing who is willing to sponsor your application: _____

Please return completed application with check for annual dues made payable to NEAT to:

Liz Smith, 160 Newington Road, Greenland, NH 03840

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
