



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Publish in newsletter? \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Dog breed(s) owned \_\_\_\_\_

Dog name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Previous agility training and other training, such as obedience \_\_\_\_\_

How did you become interested in the Greater St. Louis Agility Club? \_\_\_\_\_

Type of membership: \_\_\_\_\_ Individual (\$35) \_\_\_\_\_ Family (\$40) \_\_\_\_\_ Junior (\$10) \_\_\_\_\_ Associate (\$25)

- Junior members must be under 18 years of age.
- Associate members cannot vote or attend practice.

For the health and safety of our pets, GSLAC requires that members discuss and follow vaccination protocols recommended by their veterinarian.

I (We) agree to hold the Greater St. Louis Agility Club (the "Club"), its members, directors, officers, agents and superintendents and the owner or lessor of the premises and any employees of the aforementioned parties, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of a dog or dogs owned or handled by me while in or upon the grounds or premises of Club activities, including but not limited to Dog Sports at Kim's and the Webster Groves Animal Hospital building, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim of damage or injury to a dog or dogs owned or handled by me, whether such damage or injury be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the Club or any of the parties aforementioned, of by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes.

I (We) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting there from, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in any Club activity, howsoever such injuries, death or damage to property may be caused, whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents, or any other persons.

I (We) also agree to abide by the rules of the AKC, NADAC, CPE, USDAA, TDAA and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Greater St. Louis Club.

A parent/guardian must sign for a junior applicant.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to Membership Chair:** Laura Harper \* 20 E. Meadow Lane \* Ellisville, MO 63021

# Greater St. Louis Agility Club

The Greater St. Louis Agility Club is a not-for-profit club. The club's activities include holding sanctioned agility trials under AKC, NADAC, CPE, USDAA, TDAA rules, sponsoring training events to promote dog agility and conducting agility demonstrations for the public to help promote responsible dog ownership and dog agility as a family sport. As a member, I understand that I will be expected to help support these activities.

## Club Objectives

1. To promote the sport of dog agility in conformity with the official rules and regulations and policies set forth by any such agility-related organization in which the club membership elects to participate.
2. To protect and advance the interests of the sport by:
  - a) Conducting at least two sanctioned agility tests or events per year under the rules of any agility-related organization approved by the club membership;
  - b) Encouraging sportsmanlike competition at events; and
  - c) Engaging in public education and information efforts.
3. To allow all dogs, regardless of pedigree, including mixed breeds, to participate in club agility activities. Participation in club events shall be governed by the rules of the organization under which the event is held.
4. To foster and promote responsible dog ownership.
5. To have fun.

## Membership Voting Rights

Each member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year shall be entitled to one vote per individual membership or two votes per family membership (one vote per member at least 18 years of age). Junior members (under 18 years) and Associate members are not entitled to vote.

## Membership Requirements

Following submission of the application form and payment of dues, a prospective member must attend two (2) membership meetings (held the third Tuesday of each month at the Webster Groves Animal Hospital, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Community Room, 8028 Big Bend Blvd., St. Louis, MO, 63119, at 7:30 p.m.) and work 4-6 hours at a club activity(s) over a period of 2-6 months. A waiver of the meeting requirements can be submitted in writing to the membership chair for club board approval. The written request must give a valid reason (*e.g.*, evening work schedule). If the club board approves the waiver, the applicant must work at three activities (4-6 hrs. each club activity), including but not limited to sanctioned trials, practices, public training days and agility demonstrations.

When the membership chairperson receives the application and appropriate dues, a card will be sent to the applicant to record membership requirements. A club member in good standing must sign the card as sponsor. The club member responsible for the required work activity(s) must sign as a verification of completion of the work. If an applicant cannot fulfill the requirements within the six (6) month period but has shown an active interest in becoming a member of the club, the board may extend the time period by an additional six (6) months. Upon completion of the requirements (2 meetings and 1 activity, or 3 activities) the card must be sent/given to the membership chairperson.

Each applicant for a family membership must submit an application and complete the membership requirement for the family application to be considered complete.

At the next scheduled meeting the club board will review and make a recommendation to the general membership. Club voting on acceptance of the applicant takes place by secret ballot. All applicants and guests are asked to leave the room for voting. Applicants will be notified by letter of the ballot results.

An applicant is entitled to participate in the member-only practices generally held Thursday evenings and a few Saturday / Sunday mornings at Dog Sports at Kim's. The practice monitor will be published on the yahoo-group page (webpage), along with any deviations to the schedule.

**The sport of agility is very labor intensive, *e.g.*, equipment to be set up and taken down for practices, positions to be filled for trials and training days (gate stewards, ring stewards, timers, scribes, *etc.*). However, when all members participate, all members can enjoy the sport. It is imperative that prospective members fully understand the expectations associated with membership. During any typical club activity everyone is expected to help do something. Our requirements are structured so that both the club members and applicants may have the opportunity to evaluate each other's commitment and interest level.**