



Application for Life Membership

To the General Membership of Wolverine Dog Training:

I do hereby apply for Life Membership in the Wolverine Dog Training Club.

Enclosed is \$100 for the Initiation Fee.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Breed of Dog: _____ Call Name: _____

Registered Name: _____

Currently Training on (Day): _____

- Yes, I have completed five years of continuous active Senior Membership; and
- Yes, I have completed either one full year as an officer of the Club, or one full year as an instructor (not including apprenticeship) **or** Yes, I have completed three years of service as Committee Chair, Committee member or Instructor (not including apprenticeship) or any combination thereof.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Please present at Club Meeting or mail completed form and check (payable to Wolverine Dog Training Club) to:

Wolverine Dog Training Club
ATTN: Florence
11440 Loveland
Livonia, MI 48150

BY-LAWS

Article I – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. ELIGIBILITY

There shall be four types of membership:

1. Associate Membership:
 1. Open to all persons who are in their third month or later of training and are sponsored by an “active” Club Member. Application voted on at a General Membership Meeting.
 2. Submission of an Application for Associate Membership is required, per individual.
2. Senior Membership:

Open to Associate members upon written application and fulfillment of the following:

 1. Six months of continuous “active” Associate Membership.
 2. a. Completion of a performance title (either with WDTC or otherwise).
OR
b. Exceptions require written sponsorship from an active Senior/Life Member.
 3. Submission of an Application for Senior Membership is required, per individual.
3. Life Membership:

Open to Senior members upon written application and the fulfillment of the following:

 1. Five years of continuous “active” Senior membership.
 2. a. Completion of either one full year as an officer of the Club or one full year as a trainer (not including apprenticeship)
OR
b. Three years of service as committee chairs, committee member or trainer (not including apprenticeship) or any combination thereof.
 3. Submission of an Application for Life Membership is required, per individual.
4. Auxiliary Membership:
 1. Open to a household member of a present “active” Associate, Senior or Life Member. This person is not training a dog, but, if at any time, this member starts training a dog with this Club, the membership shall be automatically changed to Associate.
 2. Submission of an Application For Membership (equivalent to Associate) is required, per individual.
5. New members shall be considered “active” at the time of membership approval.

Section 2. ELECTION TO SENIOR MEMBERSHIP

- a. An applicant for Senior Membership shall supply the following information to the Club:
 1. Name of applicant, address and phone number.
 2. Registered name of dog, call name of dog, and breed of dog.
 3. Documentation of the Performance Title or written sponsorship from a Senior/Life Member.
- b. The application shall be submitted to the Vice-President.
- c. Applicants can only be elected to Senior Membership at a general membership meeting.
- d. Affirmative votes of 2/3's of the Senior and Life members present at the Meeting shall be required for election to Senior Membership.

Section 3. PRIVILEGES, RESPONSIBILITIES and DEFINITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

- a. Associate Membership:
 - 1. Annual Membership Dues
 - 2. Reduced training fees per session
 - 3. May vote at General Membership Meetings.
 - 4. May not hold office.
 - 5. May serve on any committee.

- b. Senior Membership:
 - 1. Annual Membership Dues
 - 2. Reduced training fees per session
 - 3. May vote at General Membership meetings
 - 4. May hold an office.
 - 5. May serve on any committee.

- c. Life Membership:
 - 1. One training fee for life.
 - 2. All of the privileges of Senior Membership.
 - 3. No Annual Membership Dues

- d. Auxiliary Membership:
 - 1. Annual Membership Fee
 - 2. Pays no training fees
 - 3. May vote at General Membership meetings if membership is "active".
 - 4. May not hold office.
 - 5. May serve on any committee.

- e. Definition of "Active" Membership
 - 1. All applicable Dues and Fees must be paid.
 - 2. Must attend at least 50% of the meetings during the preceding 12 months or from the date of membership approval for new members of less than 12 months. Substantial service to the Club, such as being a trainer or phone caller may substitute for meeting attendance.
 - 3. Must provide service to the club at one or more club functions.
 - 4. Any Associate, Auxiliary, Senior or Life Member whose membership becomes "non-active" returns to "active" status after payment of any appropriate dues and training fees and attending one additional business meeting. (*Exceptions to be voted upon by the general membership.*)

Section 4. TRAINING PRIVILEGES and RESPONSIBILITIES for Members & Non-Members

- a. Individuals enrolled in training must be 14 years old or older and physically able to restrain their dog. Exceptions to be voted upon by the Training Director and the trainers.

- b. The Club shall have no liability for any damages incurred to persons, animals, or property. Waivers must be signed by all individuals enrolling in the training classes.

- c. An Associate Member is entitled to pay a reduced fee. (See Section 5.)

- d. A Senior Member is entitled to pay a reduced fee for training. (See Section 5.)

- e. A Life Member is entitled to train without paying any fees. (See Section 5.)

- f. Responsibilities for all individuals: All dogs shall be inoculated against DHLPP and rabies.

Note: The Training Director or class instructor may request verification of the above at any time. Bordatella vaccines (for kennel cough) are highly encouraged.

Section 5. DUES and FEES

- a. TRAINING FEES:
 - 1. All Training Fees are determined by a vote of the Trainers based upon recommendations from a 2/3's vote at a Trainers Meeting.
 - 2. Where applicable, prorating of Fees may apply. See current Fee List.
- b. Non-members:
 - 1. Initial Training Fee followed by Session Fees.
 - 2. Session Fees are payable on or before the first class of each session.
 - 3. Where applicable, prorating of Fees may apply. See current Fee List.
- c. Associate Members:
 - 1. Initiation Fee shall be \$25.00 per individual (refundable if membership is denied).
 - 2. Annual Dues of \$25.00. (Initiation Fee will count as dues for the year if membership accepted.)
 - 3. Annual Dues shall be payable by the end of the 1st Quarter of the calendar year.
 - 4. Session Training Fees shall be about 20% less than non-member fees and payable on or before the first class of each session. See current Fee List.
- d. Senior Members:
 - 1. Annual Dues of \$50.00.
 - 2. Annual Dues shall be payable by the end of the 1st Quarter of the calendar year.
 - 3. Session Training Fees shall be about 50% less than non-member fees and payable on or before the first class of each session. See current Fee List.
- e. Life Members:
 - 1. One Time Individual Fee of \$100.00 shall be payable at the time of application for Life Membership.
 - 2. No Training Fees except for Special Classes or Events
- f. Auxiliary Members:
 - 1. Initiation Fee shall be \$25.00 per individual (refundable if membership is denied).
 - 2. Annual Dues of \$5.00. (Initiation Fee will count as dues for the year if membership accepted.)
 - 3. No Training Fee since not training a dog.
- g. Trainers Fee:
 - Trainers shall consult with the Training Director concerning any fees for classes, if appropriate.
- h. Special Classes or Events
 - 1. Fees for Special Classes or Events will be determined by the Trainers.
 - 2. All Members are subject to payment, including Life Members.
- i. Re-Instatement Fee:
 - 1. The Re-Instatement Fee for terminated members is payable at the same time as the request for membership re-activation.
 - 2. The Re-Instatement Fee is equivalent to the Annual Dues for the membership level.
 - 3. Refundable if the request is denied.

Section 6. LEAVES OF ABSENCE

- a. A Leave Of Absence will be granted upon written request which must be submitted to the Club.
- b. The request will be presented and voted upon at a General Membership Meeting.
- c. All Fees and Debts to the Club must be cleared in order for the leave to be granted.
- d. If the leave is granted by the Club
 - 1. The Re-Instatement Fee will be waived.
 - 2. All Fees which would have accrued during the leave are waived.

Section 7. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- a. By Resignation: Any member in good standing may resign from the Club upon written notice to the Corresponding Secretary; but no member may resign when in debt to the Club.
- b. By Lapsing: Any member whose membership status has been "non-active" for one full year shall be considered as lapsed and may be terminated unless a Leave Of Absence has been granted by the Club.
- c. By Expulsion: Any member may be expelled by a 2/3's vote of the "active" members present at a Club Meeting after a "hearing". (See Article VI, Sections 2 & 3).

Section 8. RE-INSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

- a. After a Termination Of Membership, a written request accompanied by the Re-Instatement Fee, must be submitted to the Club and voted upon by the General Membership. An affirmative vote of 2/3's of the "active" members present at the General Membership Meeting shall re-instate a membership. If membership is denied, the Re-Instatement Fee shall be refunded.
- b. After a Termination Of Membership, the re-instated member shall be considered "non-active" until such time as they have
 1. Paid any applicable Training Fees, and
 2. Attended an additional Business meeting
- c. After a Leave Of Absence, the re-instated member shall be considered "non-active" until they have paid any applicable prorated Training Fees for the current session.
- d. The level of membership remains the same when an individual is re-instated. (i.e., Associate remains Associate; Senior remains Senior; and Life remains Life.)

Article II -- MEETINGS

Section 1. ANNUAL MEETING

- a. The Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held in November.
- b. The Quorum for the Annual Membership Meeting shall be two officers and three additional "active" Senior and/or Life Members.
- c. The Election of Officers for the next year shall occur at this meeting.

Section 2. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

- a. General Membership Meetings shall be held during the first week of each month, if possible.
- b. The Quorum for a General Membership Meeting shall be two officers and three additional "active" Senior and/or Life Members.

Section 3. TRAINERS MEETINGS

- a. Trainers Meetings shall be held at the discretion of the Training Director.

Section 4. SPECIAL MEETINGS

- a. Special Club Meetings shall be called by:
 1. The President; or
 2. A majority vote of the "active" Senior and Life Members present at a General Membership Meeting; or
 3. The Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by ten percent (10%) of the "active" Senior and Life Members.
- b. Such a meeting shall be held within thirty (30) days.
- c. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Corresponding Secretary to all "active"