



The Association of Pet Dog Trainers Membership Application
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Name _____ Company Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Province/Country _____ Zip Code _____

Day Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Fax _____

E-Mail _____ Web Site Address* _____ APDT Member # _____

**Professional & Full members may have their Web sites listed in the Trainer Search Database*

Certified? Y / N (Review list on page 2 for approved certifications for Professional Membership)

Certifications: (please list): _____ Expiration Dates: _____

As a member of the APDT, you will automatically be added to the APDT Broadcast email list. The Broadcast list is very low volume (2-4 posts per month) and its purpose is solely to keep APDT members abreast of important APDT membership updates and news of interest to our membership. APDT does not sell or otherwise distribute the email addresses of its membership except through the APDT membership directory and online trainer search.

Attention Professional & Full Members: Upon approval of your membership you may enter the Member Area and include the types of dog services you offer for listing in the membership directory/Web site trainer search. If you would prefer NOT to be included in the trainer search directory please select the following:

I do NOT wish to be included in the trainer search

I do NOT wish to have my name and mailing address made available to outside parties providing pet-related products or services.

Membership is for a full year from date of application approval through the end of the month of the following year.

Annual Dues – Please choose one: Professional - \$150 Full - \$100 Associate - \$100

For additional information about our membership levels visit the APDT Web site at www.apdt.com

For Professional Members: I understand that the APDT office verifies certification with approved certifying organizations to ensure that Professional Members are in fact certified. I understand that if it is discovered that I do not hold the certification that I have stated I have that my membership will be activated at the Full membership level and I hereby forfeit the cost difference of \$50.00. Likewise, if my certification expires during the one-year membership period, my membership will be deactivated to Full Membership if my certification is not renewed at that time and I will forfeit the cost difference of \$50.00.

I agree that I have read the APDT Mission Statement and Code of Professional Conduct and Responsibility (located on page 3) and that I will strive to maintain the level of professionalism described.

Check Amount: _____ Credit Card: Visa MasterCard American Express Discover

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name as it appears on the card: _____ 3-digit security code: _____

Is the credit card statement address the same as above? If not:

Mailing Address: _____ Member #: _____

City _____ State _____ Province/Country _____ Zip Code _____



Certifications Approved for APDT Professional Membership

Certification	Organization
CPDT-KA - Certified Pet Dog Trainer	Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers
CDBC - Certified Dog Behavior Consultant	International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants
<p>In addition, the following certifications* may be accepted with special consideration by providing the APDT with evidence that the member's practice is focused on dog training and behavior. This evidence may include: Biographical information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ A letter from the certifying organization ◦ Research studies they've been involved with ◦ Colleague references ◦ Business materials describing their practice 	
CAAAB - Certified Associate Applied Animal Behaviorist*	Animal Behavior Society
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CABC - Certified Animal Behavior Consultant*	International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants
CCAB - Certified Clinical Animal Behaviourist*	Association for the Study of Animal Behavior
DACVB - Dipomate American College of Veterinary Behaviorists*	American College of Veterinary Behaviorists
<p>The certification review board has determined the following certifications do not meet the criteria for consideration for APDT Professional Membership. Any membership renewal or application for APDT Professional membership received after June 1, 2009 will be required to meet these new guidelines. Members who renew prior to June 1, 2009 with the CDT or NADOI designations will be allowed to renew at the professional level for a period of one year, at which point they will have to have one of the approved designations to continue to remain at the professional level.</p>	
CDT	International Association of Canine Professionals
NADOI-endorsed	National Association of Dog Obedience Instructors



Mission Statement

The mission of the APDT is to enhance the human-dog relationship by educating trainers, other animal professionals and the public and advocating dog-friendly training.

APDT Code of Professional Conduct and Responsibility

The APDT created the Code of Professional Conduct and Responsibility (the “Code”) to set forth aspirations and guidelines for APDT members of all levels to provide outstanding service and pursue continuing education. It is the hope of the APDT that the Code will also provide owners of pet dogs with the confidence that APDT trainers are knowledgeable, caring and conscientious and will help them achieve their training goals through the use of dog-friendly training.

As a member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT), I will strive to:

- Provide honest, professional services of the highest standards.
- Develop and apply training programs in line with the APDT’s mission of advocating dog-friendly training.
- Assess my own knowledge, experience and qualifications and work within my professional limits.
- Continue professional development by reading relevant material; attending conferences, workshops and seminars; and pursuing other educational opportunities.
- Treat all dogs and clients with respect, taking into account their physical and psychological well-being and respecting clients’ wishes regarding the training of their dogs.
- Refrain from representing dog training and behavioral information as scientific, unless the information is derived from legitimate research.
- Refrain from giving guarantees regarding the outcome of training, because there is no sure way to guarantee the cooperation and performance of all parties involved and because the knowledge of animal behavior is incomplete. This should not be confused with a desire to guarantee client satisfaction with professional services.
- Respect the privacy of my clients and hold in confidence all information obtained in the course of professional services, unless otherwise agreed upon in advance. I will use discretion in revealing information regarding dogs displaying potentially dangerous behavior.
- Incorporate what it means to be a responsible dog owner into training programs.
- Be respectful of colleagues and other professionals and not falsely condemn the character of their professional acts.

While the Code sets forth aspirations, and not obligations, any APDT member who is found to have been found civilly liable for or convicted of charges involving:

- Cruelty, abuse or neglect to animals or humans;
- Crimes against humanity including but not limited to any violent crimes (i.e. murder, kidnapping), assault or endangerment of the lives of others;
- Burglary, robbery, arson;
- Business fraud, plagiarism or copyright infringement, slander or libel,

Shall have his/her membership terminated immediately as provided by the APDT by-laws.

Member applicants who are found to have been convicted of any of these crimes will have their applications denied. Such applicants are welcomed and encouraged, however, to take advantage of the review and appeal process to present evidence of rehabilitation that may be sufficient to reverse the denial.

Furthermore, any APDT member who represents him or herself as an official spokesperson for the APDT without prior written approval of the Board of Directors shall have his/her membership terminated immediately as provided by the APDT by-laws.

The relationship between dog trainers and veterinarians must be cooperative for the benefit of dogs and their people. It is required that APDT members understand that medical diagnosis, prognosis, prescription of, or recommendations for, administering medication are all part of veterinary medicine and not the dog training profession. Any and all suspected medical problems must be referred to a veterinarian before beginning or continuing a relationship with a client.

Finally, if any member is found to be acting in a manner that is egregiously inconsistent with this Code or the general mission of APDT, APDT shall have the right to terminate his/her membership after a fair and reasonable adjudication.

Any member or member applicant who wishes to appeal the termination of his/her membership or refusal of his/her membership application and have APDT reconsider its action may do so by providing relevant information to a committee appointed by the Board of Directors. This committee shall review the relevant information in a timely manner and provide the member/member applicant with a determination based on its findings.

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