

BEGINNER 1 CLASS REGISTRATION FORM

(All classes are 6 week Sessions unless otherwise noted)

THIS CLASS IS FOR DOGS OVER 5 MONTHS OF AGE

PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THIS PAGE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

Thank you for your interest in training your dog with us at The Staten Island Companion Dog Training Club. Our classes are held in our training building at 75 Ellis Street, Staten Island, NY 10307. You can discover more information about our club through our website at www.sicdtdc.org

Fees for classes are \$185 and are by pre-registration only. If your dog has been adopted from a local shelter or a recognized rescue organization you are entitled to a 10% discount (\$166.50) on your first full 6 week training class only. Proof of adoption must be offered at registration. For all registrations, please include a copy of the dog's most recent vaccinations or titer records with your forms.

Proper training equipment is required. You can purchase items here or come to class already prepared. The items you will need for this class include:

- A well fitted collar that may be a Buckle or Martingale type. Your instructor may suggest another collar if there are special training needs.
- A Four foot leash of leather, nylon or Biothane—which is very easy to clean. Do not bring a Flexi, metal, or elasticized leash.
- A great quantity of soft, easy to chew treats such as cut up hot dogs, string cheese, ham. Do not bring kibble or biscuits that would cause crumbs. Cut these into small pieces.
- A bait bag or some way to hold the treats leaving both hands free to manage the dog.

In addition, please wear comfortable, flat, closed shoes such as sneakers to class. NO heels, flip flops, sandals, boots. This is for everyone's safety. Wear clothing that allows you to move, run, bend freely and fully.

Registration ends when the classes have been filled. Please send the completed **Registration form, behavior survey, Liability Wavier**, and a copy of your dog's most recent **vaccinations** or titer records to the Registrar listed below. **Please send these by electronic means:** scanning, attachments, or very clear photographs.

Sample Subject line: DOG SMITH BEG 1 REGIS INFO Send documents to:

Mary Jane Monahan at maryjanebeginner1registration@yahoo.com

Once this is received and your forms are complete, we will have our Treasurer contact you for billing, which may be through Paypal, a credit card or she will arrange another means with you. If you cannot send or receive electronic documents, please email the Registrar for an alternative registration method.

There are no refunds or credits after the first class in the session. Please be sure to provide an accurate, regularly checked email address. We must be able to contact you so please write clearly. You will be contacted by email or phone or text to confirm your registration in the class.

COVID-19 CONSIDERATIONS PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

We understand that our world has taken on a new risk that we all share, but by working together in smart and reasonable ways we can move closer to the kind of life we can all enjoy together.

In order to keep our classes safe for all, we are following guidelines established by NY State and the CDC and require all students and instructors to comply with the following:

- We ask everyone to carefully read and sign our Release and Assumption of Risk Agreement, including the Covid-19 Liability Release Waiver. Keep a copy for your records. We will consider your class registrations your ongoing agreement. Please return a signed copy to us.
- At each class meeting you will be asked to verify you are free of Covid-19 symptoms and have not been in contact with anyone under quarantine for any reason, including those traveling from any of the states listed by NYS.
- If you feel you are unwell...do not come to class. Please contact your instructor or registrar if you do become ill with Covid-19 so we can accurately trace any contacts that might include the club.
- To help limit the number of people in the building we are limiting training teams to One Handler and One Dog. That means no family members can be invited to observe or participate other than the primary handler. We are also, temporarily, eliminating our Junior Handler program because that always requires an extra person to accompany the Junior. We hope this can change soon.
- Please bring with you each session ONE training bag that may contain two well-fitted face masks (bring one extra) that you will wear upon exiting your car. Please ensure your masks fully cover your nose and mouth and do not require frequent adjustment as you speak. They should be made of appropriate materials. We suggest you begin to get your dog accustomed to seeing and working with you in the mask. Your bag can include your treats, a toy, your cleaning materials.
- We will have lots of materials for disinfecting the area, but it is a good practice to always bring a supply of your own gel, spray, or wipes that contain at least 60% alcohol. This way you can clean up your car door handles and other things you realize you have touched. You may want to help wipe the chair you sit on (Thank you!) and care for your own training bag as well. When visiting the bathrooms please use the materials you find there to wipe up touch points such as all handles, knobs, and surfaces. Bring poop bags as well and clean your hands after using them.
- Give your leashes a gentle bath before class by dunking them in a sink of soapy water, rinsing, then let them air dry. The instructors will not be touching your leashes...but since these often drag on the ground, or we cough (or collect poop!) and then grasp them again, they are perfect vectors for illness.
- Bring a play toy to class...but leave the fuzzy ones at home. They are harder to keep clean. Dunk the smooth plastic ones in a soapy bath and pat dry.
- Bring a pen for your use alone, for signing forms if needed, taking notes.
- Be prepared to receive class notes electronically. Either by email, or as attachments. You may need to learn how to download files. It is useful to create a separate folder in your computer for each class you take. We are trying to eliminate handling a lot of the paper we typically generate and the mail. We would like your help and cooperation—but realize not everyone has the same equipment or skills. If you do not know how to access something—TELL US—and we will try another way to get you the information you need for class.
- We have a small store, Barkingham Palace where you can buy treats, collars, leashes, toys and other things. In consideration of trying to limit exposure to the virus—we ask that you do NOT enter the store—but look from the observation window in the hallway. The store is small, and our store manager, Gladys, will be happy to pick up and point out anything you want to see. If your dog needs to be fitted with a new collar, she will bring you and your dog to an adjoining room...Ring A...where there is a lot more room to move and socially distance.
- Paying for items from Barkingham Palace: Checks, Paypal (using the QScan through your cell phone PayPal App) are ideal. We would like to minimize the handling of cash.

Beginner Class Registration Application and Behavior Survey

Registration is on a first come, first served basis, with the completed registration forms and your check or money order reserving your spot in class. Please indicate your first choice of class and your second choice of class.

1st Choice Class: _____ Day _____ Time _____

2nd Choice Class: _____ Day _____ Time _____

Name: _____ Home Phone Number: () _____

Work Phone Number: () _____ Cell Phone Number: () _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail Address _____

Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number: _____

Dog's Name _____ Breed: _____ M/F: ___ Age: ___ Spay/ Neutered? ___

Have you trained a dog before? Yes No If yes, when and where did you train?

How did you learn about our classes? Website Vet Word of mouth Other Advertising

Please elaborate: _____

Please indicate any specific problems you are having with your dog? _____

How long have you owned this dog and where did you get him/her?

Do you have children/other pets? Yes No . If Yes, how does your dog interact with them?

Describe your dog's reaction to strangers? _____

Has your dog ever attempted to bite or has bitten anyone? Yes No . If Yes, what were the circumstances and was there an injury? _____

Describe your dog's reaction to other dogs? _____

What do you hope to accomplish by attending class? _____

Release and Assumption of Risk Agreement
("The Agreement")

I have elected to enroll with Staten Island Companion Dog Training Club located in Staten Island, New York, ("the premises"). In consideration for my enrollment at said location, or at any other location within the State of New York, I represent, acknowledge and agree as follows.

I acknowledge and agree that this Agreement covers and is intended to release and provide other benefits, legal protections, and consideration to the Staten Island Companion Dog Training Club, and their respective and collective agents, owners, officers, managers, shareholders, affiliates, volunteers, participants, employees, and all other persons or entities acting in any capacity on their respective or collective behalf (collectively, "SICDTC" or "Releasee").

RELEASE OF POTENTIAL INJURIES

I acknowledge and agree that my voluntary enrollment in instructional courses, seminars, trials/events, use of the Agility Field, ingress and egress on the premises, membership, and/or participation in any other activities or meetings offered by SICDTC is inherently dangerous and I agree to assume these risks. These risks include, but are not limited to, damage to personal property, physical or emotional injury, illness, and contracting the novel Coronavirus, also known as SARS-CoV-2, (COVID-19) to myself, my dog(s), third parties, and/or any or all persons who enter the premises or otherwise participate in the above activities. I understand that such risks simply cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity, which I further agree is for instructional purposes and completely voluntary. I acknowledge and agree that, while the activities that take place at the SICDTC are monitored by SICDTC employees, trained volunteers, and/or members it is not feasible for the SICDTC to monitor the activities and actions of all patrons and dogs at all times or simultaneously. In addition, I acknowledge that the dogs at the premises, including my own, may be difficult to control, even when handled with the greatest amount of care. I assume any and all risks inherent in my participation or presence at the premises. Furthermore, while the SICDTC employees and staff seek to ensure the safety of all patrons, they may be unaware of a participant's health or abilities.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

The Releasing Parties hereby forever, irrevocably and unconditionally release, waive, relinquish, discharge from liability and covenant not to sue SICDTC, and their successors, predecessors-in-interest, and insurers (collectively, the "Releasees") from any and all claims, demands, rights, actions, suits, causes of action, obligations, debts, costs, losses, charges, expenses, attorneys' fees, damages, judgments and liabilities, of whatever kind or nature, in law, equity or otherwise, whether now known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, and whether or not concealed or hidden, related to or arising, directly or indirectly, from my enrollment, participation, and use of the premises and/or its equipment, my entry into the premises, the condition, maintenance, inspection, supervision, control or security of the premises, the failure to warn of conditions in connection with the premises, and/or the acts or omissions of SICDTC or any of the Releasees, including, without limitation, the negligence of Releasee, any claim of negligence, failure to warn or other omission, property damage, personal injury, emotional injury, illness, bodily harm, paralysis or death. I agree to assume and accept all risks arising out of, associated with or related to participation in the activities offered by and the SICDTC and use of the premises, including any and all risks caused by the negligence of Releasee. I understand that this release and waiver applies to participation in instructional courses, seminars, use of the Agility Field, trials/events, ingress and egress from the premises, and all activities that I engage in at the premises, whether inside or outside. In the event that any claim released herein is brought by, or asserted on behalf of, the Releasing Parties, or by any other party, I shall immediately defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any suit, claim, loss or liability, including reasonable attorneys' fees, associated therewith arising from my presence or my dog's(s') presence at the premises and from any alleged liability of SICDTC, including its own negligence.

COVID-19 LIABILITY RELEASE WAIVER

The World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have declared the novel Coronavirus, also known as SARS-CoV-2, (COVID-19) a worldwide pandemic. Due to its capacity to transmit from person-to-person through respiratory droplets and other means, the risk of transmission cannot be eliminated even through adherence to state, federal, and local guidelines.

In consideration of my participation in the foregoing, the undersigned acknowledges and agrees to the following:

- ✓ I am aware of the existence of risk by virtue of my presence at the premises and/or my participation in courses, seminars, or activities of the SICDTC that may cause injury or illness such as, but not limited to Influenza, MRSA, or COVID-19 that may lead to paralysis or death;
- ✓ I have not experienced symptoms of fever, fatigue, difficulty in breathing, or dry cough or any other symptoms relating to COVID-19 or any communicable disease within the 14 days prior to the start date of any activity in which I enroll;
- ✓ I, or any member(s) of my household, have not traveled by sea or by air, internationally within the past 30 days prior to the start date of any activity in which I enroll;
- ✓ I, or any member of my household, have not visited any area within the United States that was reported to be highly affected by COVID-19, including any location with a travel advisory as designated by the State of New York (see <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>) in the past 30 days prior to the start date of any activity in which I enroll;
- ✓ I, or any member(s) of my household, have not been diagnosed or tested positive as being infected with the COVID-19 virus within the last 30 days;
- ✓ I agree not to enter the premises, interior or exterior, including the Agility Field, or participate in any instructional classes or other activities if any of the above circumstances arise.

Following the pronouncements above I hereby declare the following:

I am fully and personally responsible for my own safety and actions while and during my participation in any activities at the premises of the Staten Island Companion Dog Training Club ("SICDTC") and I recognize that my voluntary participation or presence at the premises renders me, or any person or dog I bring to the premises, at risk of contracting COVID-19.

With full knowledge of the risks involved, I hereby release, waive, discharge SICDTC, its board, officers, independent contractors, affiliates, employees, representatives, successors, agents, and assigns from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever, directly or indirectly arising out of or related to any loss, damage, injury, or death, that may be sustained by me, my dog, my family, or anyone that I bring to the premises related to COVID-19 while participating in any activity while in, on, or around the premises or while using the facilities, including without limitation any negligence of the Staten Island Companion Dog Training Club, that may lead to unintentional exposure or harm due to COVID-19. My voluntary participation and presence at the premises assumes the risks set forth above.

I agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless SICDTC from and against any and all costs, expenses, damages, lawsuits, liabilities and/or claims arising whether directly or indirectly from or related to any and all claims made by or against any of the Released parties due to injury, loss, or death from or related to COVID-19 including without limitation any negligence of the Staten Island Companion Dog Training Club.

In case any one or more of the provisions of The Agreement shall be held invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions contained in this Agreement will not in any way be affected or impaired.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read the foregoing Agreement and understand its contents; I am at least eighteen (18) years old and fully competent to give my consent; I have been sufficiently informed of the risks involved and give my voluntary consent in signing it as my own free act and deed; and, I give my voluntary consent in signing this Liability Release Waiver as my own free act and deed with full intention to be bound by the same, and free from any inducement or representation.

This Agreement will remain effective throughout my participation in the above referenced activities.

NAME (Print)

DATE

SIGNATURE