

Member Training Discounts and Incentives

About the Staten Island Companion Dog Training Club

- SICDTC is a volunteer membership club and we rely on each other - our SICDTC Training Community – to fulfill our mission of advancing dog training, educating the public and promoting responsible dog ownership, preparing our dogs for competition, and conducting trials and matches.
- We host hundreds of training classes each year, from Puppy Kindergarten, Beginner Obedience, Tricks, Agility for Fun, and Therapy Dog to Competition-Level training in Agility, Nosework, Obedience, and Rally.
- In addition, we host many AKC Agility, Fast CAT, Nosework, Obedience, and Rally Trials, as well as match shows, each year
- Our SICDTC members serve as Officers and Directors of the Club, as Training Directors and Instructors, and as Building Managers, Cleaning Crew, Registrars, Trial Chairs
- It takes all of us to pitch in – with jobs large and small – to be successful

Membership Requirements

- Attend at least four (4) of the regular monthly club meetings
- Volunteer sixteen (16) hours of service for the Club, including four (4) hours at performance events conducted by the club (Agility, Fast CAT, Nosework, Obedience, Rally and/or any other performance event conducted by the club)

Membership Benefits (Members in Good Standing)

- Training Discounts – member rate for classes, seminars, and key time/ring rentals
- Voting Privileges
- Eligibility for election as an Officer or Director of the Club

FAQ:

Do I get extra credit for volunteering more than 16 hours?

- Yes! Members receive one free hour of ring rental for every 4 hours above the 16-hour minimum (volunteer 20 hours = 1 hour free ring rental; volunteer 24 hours = 2 hours free ring rental)
- **OR** Members who haven't attended 4 club meetings can trade 4 volunteer hours for one meeting (volunteer 20 hours = 1 meeting)

What happens if I don't volunteer 16 hours?

- There are many opportunities to support our Training Club. If you need help finding an outlet for your volunteer skills, speak to a Board Member, Training Director, or one of your Instructors.
- If you have an extenuating circumstance that prevented you from completing your hours, speak to a Board Member or Training Director about submitting a letter of explanation for the Board to review.
- Members who are short hours as of June 30th will be given extra time to make up those hours at our summer events. Any member who is still short hours on Sept. 1st will remain in poor standing for the entire club year (the member pays the non-member rate for classes, seminars, and key time/ring rentals, and cannot vote or hold office). Members who make up their short hours during the summer must complete an additional 16 hours to be in good standing for the following year.

What happens if I don't attend 4 meetings?

- Members can trade 4 volunteer hours above the 16-hour minimum for one meeting (volunteer 20 hours = 1 meeting)
- If you have an extenuating circumstance that prevented you from attending meetings, speak to a Board Member or Training Director about submitting a letter of explanation for the Board to review.

SUMMARY OF TRAINING DISCOUNTS AND INCENTIVES

The following positions are credited for 16 hours of volunteer service, incumbents must still work a trial job. Hours will be prorated for positions held less than the full Club year.

- Officers and Directors: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Board Members
- Training Directors: Agility, Nosework, Obedience, and Rally
- Barkingham Palace Manager
- Building Manager
- Cleaning Crew Supervisor
- Jobs Tracker/Member Hours Coordinator
- Match Show Coordinator
- Membership Coordinator
- Ring Rental Coordinator
- Voicemail
- Waiver Coordinator
- Webmaster

The following positions are credited hourly, based on hours worked and reported to the SICDTC Job Tracker/Member Hours Coordinator, incumbents must still work a trial job:

- Trial Chairs: Agility, Fast CAT, Nosework, Obedience, and Rally
- Trial Secretary: Nosework, Obedience, and Rally
- Hiring AKC Trial Judges: Agility, Nosework, Obedience, and Rally
- Filing AKC Trial Paperwork: Agility, Fast CAT, Nosework, Obedience, and Rally
- Property Caretaker
- Raffle Coordinators
- Rainbow Bridge and Ribbon Wall
- Ribbons Coordinators: Agility, Nosework, Obedience, and Rally
- Social Media Manager
- Sunshine and Clouds
- Volunteer Coordinators: AKC Agility Trials, Obedience Match Shows

The following assignments are credited hourly:

- Class Instructors and Assistants: Agility, Nosework, Obedience, and Rally. Instructors and Assistants will be credited one hour for each class (8-week class is 8 hours; 6-week class is 6 hours) AND they they will receive a \$20 discount for classes. Their volunteer dedication to the Club and our SICDTC Training Community is time consuming – and our Club's success is due in very large part to their commitment. Instructors and Assistants are responsible for reporting

these hours to the Jobs Tracker/Member Hours Coordinator and must still work a trial job. Keytime incentives, as provided for in the relevant Training Committee Guidelines, still apply.

- Class Registrars: Agility, Nosework, Obedience, and Rally. Registrars will receive a \$20 discount for class and one hour will be credited for each class/session registered. Registrars are responsible for reporting these hours to the Jobs Tracker/Member Hours Coordinator and must still work a trial job. Keytime incentives, as provided for in the relevant Training Committee Guidelines, still apply.
- Agility Trial Volunteers: One hour will be credited for each class worked; classes longer than one hour will be credited for time worked. \$2 Bark Bucks and raffle tickets for each class worked.
- Agility Trial Ring Captains/Assistant Ring Captains: Time will be credited for duration of hours worked, plus \$10 Bark Bucks for a full day/\$5 Bark Bucks for a half day
- Obedience, Nosework, and Rally Trial Volunteers: Time will be credited for duration of hours worked, plus \$10 Bark Bucks for a full day/\$5 Bark Bucks for a half day
- Setup/Breakdown: Agility, Nosework, Obedience, and Rally. Time will be credited for duration of hours worked