



The Association of Professional Dog Trainers

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Membership Application

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Title _____

Business Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Country _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____ Website Address _____

Certifications: Please check all that apply:

Check Off	Certification	Certifying Body	ID Number	Expiration Date
<input type="checkbox"/>	CAAAB	Animal Behavior Society	NA	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CAAB	Animal Behavior Society	NA	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CABC	International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants	NA	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CCAB	Association for the Study of Animal Behavior	NA	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CDBC	International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants	NA	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CPDT-KA	Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers		
<input type="checkbox"/>	CPDT-KSA	Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers		
<input type="checkbox"/>	CBCC-KA	Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers		
<input type="checkbox"/>	NADOI-Endorsed	National Association of Dog Obedience Instructors	NA	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CDTA	International Association for Canine Professionals	NA	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PDTI	International Association for Canine Professionals	NA	
<input type="checkbox"/>	DACVB	American College of Veterinary Behaviorists	NA	
<input type="checkbox"/>	ABCDDT-L2	Animal Behavior College	NA	

The APDT office verifies the above certifications with certifying organizations. If a certification is found to be invalid, you will be notified by the APDT office and the listing will be modified.

Mailing Preferences: As a member of the APDT, you will automatically be added to the APDT news email list. Members receive our Speak! email newsletter (two times per month) and its purpose is solely to keep APDT members abreast of important APDT membership updates and news of interest to our membership. If you do not wish to receive any communications from the association, you can update your privacy and trainer search preferences in your online account.

Membership is for a full calendar year from the date application is processed.

Please choose a membership level:

Professional Premium - \$160* Professional - \$110* Supporting - \$89[†] Subscriber - \$50

*Professional Premium and Professional members may opt to receive just the digital version of *The APDT Chronicle of the Dog* for a \$10 discount. Check if desired

[†]Supporting members may opt to receive the print version of *The APDT Chronicle of the Dog* for an additional \$10. Check if desired

For additional information about our membership levels, consult the membership brochure or visit www.apdt.com.

Check Amount _____ Make checks payable to APDT.

Credit card payment can only be accepted by phone for security purposes. Please call 800-PET-DOGS.

Please mail completed application (with check payment only) to APDT, 2365 Harrodsburg Road, Suite A325, Lexington, KY 40504. Fax: 864-331-0767.

I agree that I have read the APDT Code of Professional Ethics and Standards of Practice and that I will strive to maintain the level of professionalism described.

Signature _____



Member Demographics

Gender _____

Month and year of birth (MM/YYYY):
____ / _____

Highest level of education completed:

High school

Trade School

Associates Degree

Bachelors Degree

Masters Degree

PhD

Other _____

Total annual income before taxes:

\$0-\$25,000

\$25,0001-\$50,000

\$50,001-\$75,000

\$75,001-\$100,000

more than \$100,000

Dog training employment:

Full-time

Part-time

Independent

Retired

Not employed

Works for another
trainer or company

Training focus (*Check all that apply*):

Agility

Nose work

Aggression and/
or behavior
modification

Police/military
Rally

Boarding

Search and rescue

Canine Good

Service dogs

Citizen or CLASS

Therapy dogs

Daycare

Other

Grooming _____

How did you hear about the APDT?:

APDT Facebook page

APDT LinkedIn page

Train Your Dog Month website

Trade organization (e.g. IAABC, CCPDT, etc.)

If so, which one? _____

Other _____

Code of Professional Ethics

Amended October 16, 2017

The Association of Professional Dog Trainers (APDT) is a professional organization of individual trainers who are committed to becoming better trainers through education. The APDT created the Code of Professional Ethics to set forth guidelines for APDT members. As such any member who violates this Code or is proven civilly liable for or convicted of any of the violations below is subject to discipline, up to and including removal from and/or denial of membership. The Board in its discretion may terminate the membership for any member who displays gross and/or egregious misconduct or displays any behaviors that are a misrepresentation of APDT and/or its membership. 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 the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall review the relevant information in a timely manner and provide the member/member applicant with a determination based on its findings.

- 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, misuse or misappropriation of logos, trademarks, theft of intellectual property, slander or libel, shall have his/her membership terminated immediately;
- failure to adhere to all applicable policies and by-laws of the APDT;
- representing 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;
- practicing veterinary medicine outside of the laws within their jurisdiction.

Standards of Practice

Adopted September 27, 2016

The Standards of Practice for the members of the Association of Professional Dog Trainers provide a framework of principles to convey a collective vision of professionalism, skills and values. As a member of the Association of Professional Dog Trainers (APDT), each individual member will undertake the following:

- To understand and promote Least Invasive, Minimally Aversive (LIMA)
- To work on achieving the goals found in the APDT's Body of Knowledge (BOK) required for those practicing as dog trainers and behavior counselors.
- To continue professional development by reading relevant material; attending conferences, workshops and seminars; and pursuing other educational opportunities.
- To refrain from representing dog training and behavioral information as scientific, unless the information is derived from peer-reviewed and published research.
- To refrain from offering guarantees regarding the outcome of training.
- To maintain professionalism at all times by:
 - Providing honest services
 - Treating all dogs and clients with respect
 - Respecting the privacy of member clients
 - Maintaining professionalism related to colleagues and other professionals and not condemning the character of their professional acts.

Please initial that you have read and agree to abide by the _____ Code of Professional Ethics and Standards of Practice.

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