

Your APDT membership also provides many value-added benefits which include:

- PR, social media, website, logo and marketing materials to promote your personal business
- Membership discounts to over 50 online dog industry retailers
- Access to health and liability insurance through Worldwide Insurance Services and Business Insurers of the Carolinas
- Access to employment and internship listings
- The quarterly *The APDT Chronicle of the Dog* magazine with science-based articles and special features written to further your training knowledge



The Association of Professional Dog Trainers (APDT) is the premier association for professional pet dog trainers in the world. Whether your focus is puppy classes, dog sports and competition training, or you work with professional dogs in search and rescue, service dog work, law enforcement or other allied professions, APDT's educational offerings cover multiple areas of interest, learning theory, behavior, health, nutrition, laws and regulations, business development and management, along with a variety of general industry specific topics. For more information on what APDT has to offer, visit apdt.com/education.



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Building Better Trainers Through Education





The APDT

The Association of Professional Dog Trainers (APDT) is proud to be an industry-leading association for trainers to network with each other, provide educational opportunities, and grow professionally within the dog training and behavior profession.

The origins of the APDT can be found in our current role – offering dog trainers a forum through which they could network with one another and provide educational opportunities. Founded in 1993 by Ian Dunbar, Ph.D., BVetMed, MRSVS, our association has grown to more than 5,000 members world-wide. We welcome all individuals who work within the dog training and behavior profession, and are proud to be the leading association for dog training and care professionals.

The APDT Goal

The APDT's Goal is to advance excellence in the profession of both dog training and behavior consulting. The association strives to be the leader in building and promoting dog training and behavior consulting as professional careers.

APDT Core Purpose and Vision

The APDT's Core Purpose and Vision is to be the leader in building and promoting dog training and behavior consulting as a profession and to offer the best educational services to our members and the communities they serve.

Core Beliefs

- We believe in the fundamental value of the special relationship between dogs and humans, which benefits the individual and society as a whole.
- We believe in the fundamental value to society of the profession of dog training and behavior consulting.
- We believe in treating our human clients and their dogs with honesty and respect.
- We believe that dog training and behavior modification should be based on critical thinking, open inquiry, shared knowledge and standards of practice.
- We believe that reward-based training enhances the human-animal bond.



Core Values

- **Professionalism** – We will act respectfully and responsibly to dogs and people and colleagues alike.
- **Excellence** – We place value and importance on lifelong learning, continuing education and the pursuit of knowledge.
- **Integrity** – The APDT values honesty and integrity, and we will conduct our business with professional ethics and respect.
- **Inclusiveness** – We welcome anyone seeking to learn more about dog training and behavior and its application in a variety of working environments.
- **Collaboration** – Working collaboratively with colleagues and allied animal professions is the best means by which we can all succeed.
- **Service** – We believe in the value of our members' contribution to our association, and to the clients and communities they serve.

Benefits of Membership

APDT membership means joining an association of professionals who care about the dog training and behavior industry. With more than 5,000 members around the world, we offer numerous opportunities to network, educate, learn and share experience, guidance and help. The APDT offers varying levels of professional membership to help best suit your specific needs. With beginning and experienced trainers, veterinarians, shelter workers, breeders, competitors and more, you are sure to find the best fit for you, your business and your needs.

APDT Membership Levels

Professional Premium Members Provides additional benefits, services and discounts for members who want to increase their service level from the association. These benefits include ability to become a C.L.A.S.S. Evaluator by taking the tests online without paying an additional fee; the ability to register earlier than other members for the annual conference; a higher rate of discounts for a variety of APDT programs, as well as a highlighted trainer listing. \$160/year

Professional Members Designed for members who are full and part-time trainers and behavior consultants who work for income or as volunteers. These members teach group classes, do private consults, and may work in a shelter, veterinary or other training setting such as service dog, animal assisted intervention, working dog, and sports dog training, to name a few. \$110/year

Supporting Members This membership category is for those who are interested in learning about training and behavior, but who are not trainers. Supporting members would include vendors, allied professionals, veterinary students, veterinary technicians, veterinarians, students and apprentices, groomers, daycare/boarding play group monitors, pet sitters, and shelter workers. \$89/year

Subscribers Non-members may continue to subscribe to The APDT Chronicle of the Dog quarterly magazine for \$50/year for a mailed copy and \$25/year for digital subscriptions. In addition, Professional Premium members may purchase additional subscriptions for a discounted rate.

Multi-Employee Business Membership Discounts APDT offers multi-employee discounts for companies that have more than one individual who qualifies for membership. Each individual will be treated as an individual member regarding benefits, services, voting rights and their member account. Multi-employee memberships must be purchased by the company. Please note, the business itself will not be considered a member.

# of Employees	Supporting	Professional	Professional Premium
1	\$89	\$110	\$160
2-5	\$84 each	\$105 each	\$155 each
6-10	\$79 each	\$100 each	\$150 each
11 or more	\$74 each	\$95 each	\$145 each