

## JOINING SICDTC

Membership in the Staten Island Companion Dog Training Club is open to all dog owners and dog lovers interested in the sport of dogs, however it is not mandatory to become a club member to take classes. SICDTC is supported entirely by its membership. You may apply for club membership after completing two 8 week training sessions and attending 2 monthly membership meetings. As an all-volunteer club, we encourage members to be fully active on committees and helping with trials, show-n-go's, demos, classes and other activities as their time and interest permit. Members do get a cost reduction on classes and seminars. Without our volunteer members, the trials and programs we hold during the year would not be possible. Membership dues are \$30.00 per year.

Club meetings are held on the third Friday of each month from September through June. Throughout the year, we schedule guest speakers covering various canine-related topics. You are invited as our guest to attend.

## OTHER SICDTC ACTIVITIES

Besides being a training club, we have various social activities throughout the year and an annual Membership Appreciation Dinner.

SICDTC hosts annual obedience and agility trials on Staten Island. Exhibitors from all over the Tri-State area travel here to compete for top awards, ribbons, and trophies.

SICDTC also does obedience demonstrations for local schools, youth organizations, and nursing homes.

## Staten Island's Only AKC Obedience and Agility Club Offers:

Puppy Kindergarten & Basic  
Beginner Obedience Classes,  
CGC classes, Competition  
Classes: Sub-Novice, Novice,  
Open, Utility and Agility  
Classes which are instructed by  
AKC, UKC, ASCA, AMBOR  
and NADAC titled instructors.  
Key Memberships and  
Hourly Ring Rentals are  
available  
Fully Matted and Gated 35'X85'  
Ring Space  
90'x 120' grass surface Agility  
Field

**\*Mixed Breeds Always  
Welcome\***

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**Staten Island Companion Dog Training Club, Inc.** is the island's only AKC Obedience and Agility training club. We have been serving the community since 1947 by promoting responsible dog ownership as well as preparing man's best friend for obedience competition. SICDTC is a not-for-profit organization comprised of a membership that volunteers its time to the continuing welfare of our canine companions.

**Our training facility** is conveniently located on Travis Avenue off the West Shore Expressway between South Avenue and Victory Boulevard in the warehouse complex next door to United Parcel Service. We are just minutes away from all four bridges. SICDTC offers classes throughout the week. The facility has a fully matted and gated indoor working space of 35'X85'. SICDTC also has a 90'X120' lighted outdoor agility training area, just 1-2 minutes away from our indoor training facility.

**Our instructors** have many years of experience and have earned obedience titles within various registries such as the American Kennel Club, United Kennel Club, Canadian Kennel Club, and the American Mix Breed Obedience Registry (AMBOR). Our instructors attend various dog-related seminars and are knowledgeable about certification on Temperament Testing, Canine Good Citizen Awards, and Therapy Dogs. They also participate in activities such as Herding, Field Work and Pet Therapy Visitations. Many of our instructors compete in national Obedience and Agility tournaments.

**Registration is open to both Purebred and Mixed Breed dogs. All dogs attending classes must have updated proof of vaccinations from your veterinarian.**

SICDTC offers a 10% discount on your first class if your dog has been adopted from a shelter and/or the dog has been spayed or neutered. *(Documented proof must be submitted with your application for either to apply.)*

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **How old should a dog be to begin training?**

Puppy Kindergarten is for puppies 9 thru 20 weeks of age. Dogs over 20 weeks can begin training in our beginner obedience class. Older dogs are trainable too! Remember, you CAN teach an old dog new tricks.

### **What will my dog and I learn?**

The instructors will teach you to communicate with your dog so that the dog will understand and obey basic commands. The following commands are taught in the Beginner Obedience Class: sit, stay, lie down, come when called, and walk in a controlled manner on leash.

### **Will my dog behave in class?**

Yes. The purpose of training with a group is to condition your dog to be in close proximity to other dogs and people. By the conclusion of the course, your dog should be able to perform all of the required exercises.

### **Do you housebreak dogs?**

Our instructors are available to offer suggestions on effective housebreaking, which is covered in greater detail in the Puppy Kindergarten class.

### **Can you teach my dog to be a watchdog?**

We do not train dogs for guard work. However, most dogs naturally have strong protective instincts and will bark when strangers are near your home.

### **What happens after beginner class?**

You will be amazed at how quickly your dog will learn the basic commands in such a short period of time. However, to improve both you and your dog's technique, we offer more advanced classes.

**Hourly Ring Rentals** are available for private practice time.

**Monthly Key Memberships** are available for those interested in renting weekly practice time.

## THE SICDTC CURRICULUM

**Puppy Kindergarten:** For puppies 9–20 weeks of age, providing early socialization, fun, and puppy training.

**Beginner:** For dogs 5 months of age and older that have had no previous obedience training.

**Canine Good Citizen prep:** For dogs and handlers that have completed the Beginner Class and want to refine what they have learned and learn the skills needed for the CGC test. The CGC test will be the last class.

**Therapy Dog class:** For those dogs and handlers interested in visiting nursing homes and other facilities with their dog (offered occasionally).

### **Competition classes:**

**Attention and Handling:** this is a 3 session class (24 weeks) that will teach the foundation skills for Novice exercises with games and attention work to build a solid relationship with your dog.

**Novice:** For dogs and handlers that have successfully completed Attention class and are preparing for actual competition.

**Open:** For dogs and handlers that have accomplished the Novice exercises and wish to begin retrieving and jumping for competition.

**Utility:** For dogs and handlers that have learned the Open exercises and wish to learn scent discrimination, hand signals, directed jumping, and retrieving for competition.

**Rally Obedience:** a slightly different type of obedience competition where the team completes a numbered course of obedience exercises.

**Agility:** Is a sport where dogs negotiate a course comprised of tunnels, ramps, and jumps. Dogs must master all basic obedience commands and be able to work reliably off leash to enroll in any of our agility classes.