



Membership Standards of Conduct

These guidelines are meant to be helpful. They are not meant to encroach upon the discretion of an individual except to the extent that their methods are inconsistent with the Code of Ethics. The function of instructors is to guide the student in our classes with the methods, techniques, and understanding to accomplish his goal.

It is understood that:

1. Those approved for membership will retain a constant interest in self-improvement by keeping an open mind to new ideas.
2. Members may inform the public of their membership, but may not advertise themselves, their classes, or clinics as being “sponsored” by Wolverine Dog Training Club (WDTC) without prior written consent of the WDTC board.
3. Members should be willing to share knowledge and experience with other members and assist in the development of potential instructors.
4. Members will endeavor to impart helpful information of the betterment of dog ownership.
5. Members will support the goals of WDTC in word and in action.
6. Members should consider themselves as professionals in their fields and conduct themselves accordingly, with tact and with courtesy, in both speech and appearance.
7. Members will bear in mind that the reason that brought the owner and his dog to them is of primary importance, and will direct their efforts to its solution using methods appropriate to each case.
8. Members will make every effort to familiarize themselves with breed characteristics and trainability for the needs of the owner.

9. Members should be willing to demonstrate with an owner's dog. Members should also be willing to get help from others for those problems for which they have no immediate solution.
10. Members will use and promote humane methods of training. Members should always consider the public image of dog training, and remember that they are representative of the dog sports of our club and the business of dog training and education of dog owners.
11. Members will keep the desired goal in mind, which is a dog that enjoys the training, a willing worker, and is responsive and obedient to the owner.

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Code of Conduct

As a member of The Wolverine Dog Training Club (WDTC), I will:

- encourage and assist in the mission of the club.
- encourage, practice and develop positive dog training.
- treat all dogs and their human partners with respect.
- use a positive approach to teaching people and dogs and will not use force, fear, pain or intimidation.
- foster and maintain the highest degree of sportsmanship.
- respect the privacy and hold in confidence all information obtained through membership, class or trial registration.
- demonstrate what it means to be a responsible dog owner in training, tests, matches and trials.

WDTC believes strongly in a positive approach to teaching people and dogs and will not tolerate the use of force, fear, pain or intimidation. Any WDTC member who is found to be acting in a manner that is inconsistent with this Code will have her or his membership reviewed by the WDTC Board, which shall have the right to terminate membership.

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