

January, 2021



Iowa City Dog Obedience Club

Membership Privileges and Responsibilities

- The club website is <http://icdoc.org>. Please check it for announcements and more detailed rules and regulations.
- Dues are \$20 per year with a one-time initiation fee of \$10. Application for membership must be submitted with appropriate fees and signed by two members of the Iowa City Dog Obedience Club. The applicant must be present at the meeting during which his or her application is read.
- ICDOC meetings are held the first Monday of each month, with the exception of January, July, and September.
- ICDOC offers a variety of classes in competition Agility and Obedience for members and non-members. Tracking, Home Obedience and Puppy classes are also offered occasionally.
- Paying dues each year earns the right to one class at the reduced rate (\$42, for a 7-week class). For subsequent classes, work credits must be earned in order to qualify for the reduced rate. Please see the Class Fees and Credits form on the Classes page of our website. One credit is earned for about an hour's worth of work for the Club, for such activities as:
 - Attending meetings
 - Moving equipment for events, changes in training location, etc.
 - Stewarding at our trials
 - Editing the newsletter, working on the web site, writing the Minutes, etc.
- ICDOC agility equipment is located at Sue Ann Thompson's in North Liberty from mid-spring through the fall, and the club usually rents an indoor location for the winter months. Club members may purchase a training pass for each location.

- Members may apply for awards from ICDOC for any titles earned by their dogs during a given calendar year. An awards banquet is held each January where these awards are announced and distributed.
- ICDOC holds annual AKC-sanctioned obedience trials (the 14th weekend of the year; usually the 1st or 2nd weekend in April) and agility trials (the 49th weekend of the year; usually the 1st or 2nd weekend in December). Members are encouraged to show their dogs and/or help run the show. It is a great learning experience for all.
- ICDOC offers several social events throughout the year, including a January awards banquet and a 4th of July potluck picnic. Several other impromptu gatherings occur throughout the year.
- ICDOC tries to keep its members aware of dog-training activities in the surrounding area through announcements at meetings, via club emails and the monthly newsletter.
- Club emails are sent out as needed to distribute meeting minutes, match and seminar announcements, and other events/needs as arise. To send news to the entire membership, please email the club secretary the text and attachments to be forwarded.
- To facilitate communication between individual members, a membership list is distributed annually, with updates and corrections as needed. Members may also join the ICDOC Yahoo group (icdoc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). To join the list, send an e-mail to the above address from the e-mail account you want to use to communicate with the Group. You do not need to put anything in the subject line or body of the message.
- The ICDOC Board and Committee Chairs for 2021 are:
 - *President:* Mary Drexler
 - *Vice President:* Rebecca Gilchrist
 - *Secretary:* Lynne Zinnel, mcnative@hotmail.com
 - *Treasurer:* Kathy Stepp, kathrynstepp@gmail.com
 - *Board Members:* Barb Taylor, Michele Hartzler, Kate Cowles, Susan Griffith and Sue Ann Thompson
 - *Agility Training Director:* Becky Gilchrist, ericbeckygilchrist@gmail.com
 - *Newsletter Committee Chair:* Betty Hruska, BlackSheepBetty65@outlook.com