

April 26, 2018



## New Member Application Package

Dear Prospective Member,

Thank you for your interest in joining WAG.

Please read the enclosed materials carefully. It is important that you fully understand what being a WAG member entails – not only the many benefits of membership, but the associated responsibilities and requirements as well.


WAG is a working club. Our volunteer members perform ALL functions of the club. Each member is required to contribute a minimum number of volunteer hours on an annual basis. Before joining WAG, you must be willing and able to fulfill that commitment. Many of our members are able to work considerably more hours and that enthusiasm is always welcome.

As you know, WAG is a great agility club with a solid training program and terrific facilities. Our membership consists of devoted, hard working and fun loving agility enthusiasts. We hope you decide to join us!

The WAG Board of Directors

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 There are **TWO** other documents you need. The most current versions can be downloaded from our website at [www.wagagility.com](http://www.wagagility.com)

7. Bylaws – *includes the club Constitution*
8. Policies & Procedures – *the day-to-day rules*

*If you are unable to download these yourself, please contact any WAG instructor or Board Member who will see that you receive printed copies.*



# WAG

## APPLICATION PROCESS STEP – BY – STEP Effective April 26, 2018

All applicants are required to complete a minimum 2-month up to a maximum 6-month Pre-Membership period during which time they must complete specific requirements. Once all requirements are met, the applicant may be voted in at least 2 months after submitting the application. All requirements **must** be met within 6 months or the application process starts over. Exception: worker hour completion is allowed after the 6-month deadline. If you do not complete your worker hours in the first 6 months, you must have completed them in 6 consecutive months.

### HERE ARE THE STEPS YOU NEED TO FOLLOW:

1. **Submit a completed Membership Application** to the Membership Chair either in person or to the Chair's mailbox (*in which case you should call or e-mail the Chair and notify him/her of your submission*).

▶ **ATTACH the completed Introduction/Questionnaire form to your application** which tells us about you, your dogs and dog activities and why you would like to become a member of WAG. This printed Introduction/Questionnaire will be filed with your application. **Include a picture of yourself with the introduction.**

▶ **IN ADDITION, you need to e-mail a copy of your Introduction/Questionnaire Form and picture** to the Membership Chair. Do not delay; this will be shared with the WAG membership via e-mail as soon as your membership application is delivered.

▶ **Your Pre-Membership period will NOT start until you submit all three parts:**

(1) Membership Application, (2) printed copy of your Introduction/Questionnaire, and (3) e-mailed Introduction/Questionnaire. This is our only way to give the entire membership a chance to find out who you are so they can get to know you.

▶ No money is due at this time.

2. **During the next 2 to 6 months, complete all Pre-Membership requirements**

See attached Pre-Membership Requirements Form for details. Among these requirements are:

▶ Attend a WAG General Membership Meeting – highly recommended. If not possible, notify the Membership Chair.

▶ Complete 16 hours of volunteer work for an individual membership or 24 hours for a household membership.

▶ Attend at least 8 hours of formal WAG class instruction. This is equal to one normal WAG class session.

Exception: For Level 1, completion of Level 1A PLUS registration and payment of Level 1B is required.

▶ Read WAG's Bylaws and Policies & Procedures.

3. **At the end of your pre-membership period...**

**MAIL or hand-deliver your completed Pre-Membership Requirements Form**

and your application fee (\$40 Individual/\$60 Household/\$10 Associate) to the Membership Chair.

(Make check payable to WAG.)

▶ Upon receipt, the Membership Chair will first verify your pre-membership period dates and the completion of your requirements and then will submit your membership application to be electronically voted on by the WAG membership.



# WAG

## PRE-MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FORM Effective April 26, 2018

- A. Submit a completed Membership Application & Introduction to the Membership Chair.  
 ▶ See “Application Process Step-By-Step” instruction sheet for full details.

- B. Complete all the requirements in this table and obtain all verification signatures.

▶ **Applicant's Name - please print:** \_\_\_\_\_

Requirements		Date Completed	Whose Signature Required?	Verification Signature
1a	Date Membership Application & introduction delivered to Membership Chair's mailbox:		Board Member, Instructor or Member Chair	
1b	E-MAIL your written introduction and picture to the Membership Chair. ( <i>Due immediately</i> )		Membership Chair signs here after form is turned in & dates are verified.	
<b>Completion of both 1A and 1B <u>starts</u> your 6-month Pre-Membership Period</b>				
2	I have read WAG's Bylaws		Applicant	
3	I have read WAG's Policies and Procedures		Applicant	
4	Attend a WAG General Membership meeting and be introduced as a prospective member. <i>Prior to the meeting, ask the Membership Chair to add your introduction to the agenda.</i> Not mandatory, but highly recommended.		Any Board Member or Member Chair	
5	Attend 8 one-hour WAG classes (equal to one normal class session). Exception: For Level 1, completion of Level 1A PLUS registration and payment of Level 1B is required.		Instructor	
6	Completion of at least 16 (individual) or 24 (household) hours of volunteer work logged in Work Hours Log Book. ( <i>Applicant's hours logged must be signed off each time by a supervising member in the Log Book.</i> )		Any Board Member or Member Chair	
7	Completion of the 2 to 6-month Pre-Membership Period <i>Date must be at least 2 months after application was submitted.</i>		Membership Chair signs here after form is turned in & dates are verified.	

- C. MAIL or hand-deliver this completed form and your application fee (\$40 Individual/\$60 Household/\$10 Associate) to the Membership Chair: Julie Janke, N1674 Lotus Road, Genoa City, WI 53128 or drop off in the Membership Chair's mailbox in the WAG office. (Make check payable to WAG.)

Upon receipt, the Membership Chair will submit your membership application to be electronically voted on by the WAG membership.



# WAG

## WI-IL Agility Group

2807 N US Highway 12, Spring Grove, IL 60081

Phone: 815-675-9300

Web Site: [www.wagagility.com](http://www.wagagility.com)

<i>For Office Use only:</i>	
_____	Member Number
_____	Add to Member DB
_____	Work Sheet
_____	Invite to WAG-List
_____	Make Member folder

### WAG Membership Application

I request membership in the WI-IL Agility Group (WAG) as a

- Individual (\$40)  
  Household (\$60)  
  Upgrade from Individual to Household (\$20)  
  Associate (\$10)

#### Applicant Information

Primary Member Name:	
Additional Household Member Names: <i>(If children, list ages. Only members 18 years or older are eligible to vote.)</i>	
Street:	
City, State, Zip:	
Home Phone and Cell Phone:	Home Email:
Work Phone:	Work Email:
Breeds Owned:	

Owner Type: *Please check all boxes that apply to persons listed above.*

Exhibitor  
  Judge  
  Breeder  
  Interested Dog Owner  
  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### INSTRUCTIONS

*For full details on instructions see sheet entitled: Application Process Step-by-Step*

- A. Submit this completed form** to the Membership Chair either in person or to the Chair's Mailbox at WAG's office (in which case you should call or e-mail the Chair and notify him/her of your submission).
- ▶ **ATTACH the completed Introduction/Questionnaire form to THIS application (and picture)** which tells us about you, your dogs and dog activities and why you would like to become a member of WAG. This printed introduction will be filed with your application.
  - ▶ **No money is due at this time.**
- B. Complete the Pre-Membership Requirements during the next 2 to 6 months.**  
See "Pre-Membership Requirements Form" for a checklist on the remaining steps.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

<p><b>Julie Janke, WAG Membership Chair</b>          N1674 Lotus Road, Genoa City, WI 53128  <a href="mailto:membership@wagagility.com">membership@wagagility.com</a></p>
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# Work Hours Overview

The following relates to members' responsibilities and privileges as pertains to work hours. See *WAG's Policies and Procedures* for complete details.

## Responsibilities

### WORK REQUIREMENTS - MINIMUM:

1. For individual memberships are 32 hours per calendar year. For household memberships are 48 hours per calendar year. Failure to fulfill the work requirement within the calendar year will cause the membership to be not in good standing and a fine of \$10.00 per hour of the work requirement not met to be assessed. Failure to pay this fine will cause the membership to be terminated and all membership privileges will end.
2. Members joining mid-year will have their work hours requirement prorated for the remainder of the calendar year.
3. Members are required to seek out ways to fulfill their work hours commitment. The club is NOT responsible to find ways for you to carry out your responsibility.

## Privileges

### REWARDS FOR WORK HOURS:

1. **WAG MEMBER CARDS** are earned for **ALL** hours recorded in the Work Hours Log Book for ANY work done for the club.
  - a. WAG Member Cards are earned starting with the 1<sup>st</sup> hour worked as a member (and includes any additional hours worked over the pre-membership requirement).
  - b. WAG Member Cards are issued by the Membership Chair quarterly once your minimum annual work requirement is met (32 hrs/individual or 48 hrs/household).
  - c. Do not lose WAG Member Cards as they are not replaceable.
2. **WAG Bucks** are earned for all work hours performed at WAG agility trials. In addition, ALL trial work hours are to be recorded in the Work Hours Log Book. Trial hours count toward **BOTH** earning WAG Bucks **AND** the accumulation of WAG Member Cards.
3. See WAG Policies and Procedures for the value of the cards.

# WAG Agility Membership Introduction/Questionnaire

*\* Please answer any and all questions that apply that will help us get to know you, thank you! \**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you discover the sport of Agility? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How many dogs do you have? \_\_\_\_\_ How many do agility currently? \_\_\_\_\_  
What are their names, ages, and breeds? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What types of dog related activities do you currently do? (Agility, Obedience, Nose work, Barn hunts, Therapy, Herding, Jogging, Walks at the Park, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How long have you owned dogs? \_\_\_\_\_

If you've done dog sports in the past, for how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you done dog show trials? If so, what venues? (AKC, UKC, CPE, TDAA, etc.) What titles have you achieved? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What training classes are you taking currently? (at WAG or any other training facility) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to be a member of WAG? (Do you have any special skills that you will bring to the club? e.g. vet, judge, computer skills, handyman skills, cleaning, organization, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Are there any other comments and/or  
a brief introduction you'd like to  
provide about yourself?

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(Word file available upon request.)

**Remember to include your picture with the email!**

## Quick Links on Agility and their Venues for your Reference:

Dog Sport Venue Links	Link
American Kennel Club (AKC)	<a href="#">AKC</a>
Canine Performance Events (CPE)	<a href="#">CPE</a>
United States Dog Agility Association (USDAA)	<a href="#">USDAA</a>
Teacup Dogs Agility Association (TDAA) aka "Teacup"	<a href="#">TDAA</a>
UK Agility International (UKI)	<a href="#">UKI</a>
Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA)	<a href="#">ASCA</a>
North American Dog Agility Council (NADAC)	<a href="#">NADAC</a>
United Kennel Club (UKC)	<a href="#">UKC</a>
Agility Association of Canada (AAC)	<a href="#">AAC</a>
Dog on Course North America (DOCNA)	<a href="#">DOCNA</a>

Additional Reference Links	Link
<b>Dog Show Scores</b> is a page dedicated to all dog sports through AKC (Agility, Obedience, Rally Obedience, etc.) and helping to provide details on specific dogs and/or clubs for results from those specific trials.	<a href="#">Dog Show Scores</a>
<b>Agility Events</b> is a page that helps with searching for events in the area - the events are sorted by state and specific venue.	<a href="#">Agility Events</a>
<b>Agility Nerd</b> is a blog that was created to discuss the addiction that is agility. This is a great way to learn new techniques and improve your understanding and skills of Agility.	<a href="#">Agility Nerd</a>
<b>Dog Patch</b> is a page that provides comprehensive coverage of canine sports.	<a href="#">Dog Patch</a>
<b>Clean Run</b> is a page that provides you with products on dog training, equipment, books, videos, etc. that will help with improving your dog training skills.	<a href="#">Clean Run</a>