



## SOATC Membership Benefits & Expectations

### ***What you can expect from the Club;***

- To have fun with your dog whilst learning new skills together in an environment that works with kind and reward based methods
- To meet new friends through training and Club social events
- To build a stronger relationship and better understanding between you and your dog
- Fair rates for both annual membership and training fees
- Free entry fees at the Club's agility shows for all helping members. Non-competing members will receive some free training sessions (agility or obedience)

### ***What the club expects from all members;***

- To train their dog in line with the club's ethos of kindness and reward based training
- To clean up after their dog at all times when training
- For all owners to be aware of, and responsible for their own dogs behaviour around other dogs and people
- To avoid nuisance noise by not allowing excessive barking on the field or leave dogs barking in cars. Please respect the residential area and other members around you.
- Dogs suffering or having been exposed to infectious or contagious disease, kennel cough as an example – will not be allowed to attend the club for training or socialising for a period of 21 days from the last symptom.
- When attending the club it is the owners responsibility to make their trainer aware of any behavioural issues their dog may have/or have had to protect the well being of all joining the training session.
- The free entry fee for agility shows is a significant saving to standard fees and reflects the clubs need for all members to help. The shows provide valuable income to the club to help ensure we continue to exist in the future and maintain equipment to a high standard. The shows are hard work and many hours have been put in by the committee ahead of the day to make the shows happen, the support of members in setting up, running and closing down the show is essential and whilst demanding at times it is also fun and very rewarding. If equally shared amongst all members we can all enjoy the day and running our dogs. The support and assistance of our members is vital to our future success and is very much appreciated.
- To have fun and enjoy their time spent training at the Club
- To abide by the clubs constitution - a copy of which can be found on our website ([www.soatc.co.uk](http://www.soatc.co.uk)) and on the notice board in the club hut.