**Greater Victoria Dog Obedience Training Club Membership Application/ Renewal**

**May 15, 2024 - May 14, 2025**

**GVDOTC membership fees are paid annually and due by May 14th of each year. Membership is mandatory for everyone attending classes, except for those in Beginner’s class. Club membership ensures you are covered by our insurance while attending our club training, trials, and seminars. *By becoming a member, you are agreeing to our liability and aggressive dog policy as listed on page 2 of this form.* Membership entitles you to enter your dog at any of the AIOC (Association of Island Obedience Clubs) Trials, held by the Island Clubs throughout the year. These events are posted on the notice board, our website and Facebook page.**

**There is also a quarterly newsletter sent via email.**

**A copy of the Club Bylaws is available on the web site. Please consider volunteering to help with Club functions.**

**We would like your permission to include photographs of you and your dog, which we may include in our publications such as the newsletter and website. Please indicate whether or not you grant your permission for us to take photos of you and your dog:** **Yes** **No**

**Are you a member in good standing of any of the following Clubs?**

**CKC** **Yes** **No Breed club** **Yes** **No Dog sport club** **Yes** **No**

**Breed of dog Dog’s Name:**

**\*Fee Schedule $20.00 Individual ordinary membership.**

**$30.00 Family for people in same household.**

**$ 7.50 Junior membership (Under 16 years of age). Please indicate junior member by name.**

**All Fees payable to GVDOTC: by cash, cheque, or e-transfer to** [**treasurer@gvdotc.ca**](mailto:treasurer@gvdotc.ca)

**Please Print Clearly:**

**Name**

**Address City\_**

**Postal Code Phone E-Mail**

**Date**

**Amount Enclosed $ Cash/Cheque**

**Signature**

**Please complete and return to:**

**GVDOTC c/o Lorna Reid, 4028 Elise Place, Victoria BC V8X 4K1, or leave inside the front of the green membership box on class night and pick up membership card the next week.**

**\*\*A signature is required on page 2 of this form: IMPORTANT WAIVER.\*\***

**Will pick up membership from membership box at Tuesday class night.**

**Please return membership by mail, I have enclosed Postage Paid self-addressed envelope.**

**RELEASE**

1. This Release is directed to The Greater Victoria Dog Obedience Training Club, its members, trainers,

employees and agents (hereafter called “**the Club**”).

2. In consideration of the Club permitting me to enroll in a training class I hereby (for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns) RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE the Club of and from any and all matters, suits, actions, claims, judgments , damages and demands whatsoever which I now or hereafter may have or shall have by reason of any loss, damage, injury of death (howsoever caused and whether caused by any act, default or neglect of the Club) resulting from me being in and about any such training class or other event carried out or sponsored by the Club, and I hereby assume all risk of such loss, damage, injury and death and I further agree to Indemnify the Club and save it harmless from any cost, damage, claim or expense resulting therefrom.

**OR**

(Alternate to be used where the trainee is  **under 19 years of age** and to be signed by a parent or guardian of the trainee).

2. In consideration of your agreeing to permit to enroll in a training class I hereby agree to indemnify the Club and save it harmless from any and all matters, suits, actions, claims, judgments, damages and expense which the above named minor may now or hereafter may have or shall have by reason of any loss, damage, injury or expense (howsoever caused and whether caused by any act, default or neglect of the Club) resulting from the above named minor being in and about any such training class or other event carried out or sponsored by the Club.

3. I CONFIRM and agree that no dog shall be entered in a training class by me (or the minor named above) unless it has first received all inoculations recommended by a qualified Veterinarian.

**Policy Regarding Aggressive Dogs**

The Club’s Training Instructors have many years in dog obedience training and have the requisite skills

to address most dog behaviors. However, our instructors do not have specialized training to address aggression in dogs. The Club therefore has the following policy which we ask you to please read carefully.

GVDOTC Instructors will watch for aggressive dogs during classes. Any dog exhibiting aggression in the form of attacking or biting another dog or person, or a dog that is considered to pose a threat to other dogs or people, may be required to leave the class at the instructor’s option. Instructors will bring all aggressive tendencies to the attention of the Training Chair, who may, after observation, require that dog to cease training with GVDOTC. The Training Chair will provide the handler a clear explanation for this action, including the detrimental effect on other dogs in the class, risk of injury to dogs or people and possible liability for our Club. Upon request, a listing of trainers that specialize in your dog’s behavior may be given. A reimbursement of class fees may also be offered depending upon the circumstances.

**I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above GVDOTC policies.**

Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_