

# National Police Canine Association - Standards & Training

## Classes of Membership and Fees

### Regular (K-9) Member

Regular K-9 membership may be conferred on commissioned law enforcement and corrections officers (municipal, county, state, federal, or military) assigned full time duties as a canine handler or trainers of police service dogs. A regular member may vote and hold office in the association.

### Associate Member

Associate membership may be conferred on:

1. retired or former regular (K-9) members;
2. direct supervisors of canine units;
3. handlers or trainers of police service dogs for law enforcement agencies who do not qualify for regular membership, including part-time or reserve law enforcement officers;
4. full-time canine handlers employed by qualified and approved corporate members;
5. commissioned law enforcement officers actively associated with a law enforcement agency's K9 unit as helpers or decoys; and
6. prosecutors and legal advisors employed by law enforcement agencies.

Associate members may vote, but may not hold office in the association. \*However, a retired regular (K-9) member whose membership was in good standing at the time of retirement is eligible to hold office in the association.

### Support Membership

Support membership may be conferred on any individual or company that is interested in supporting the association. Support members shall not be entitled to vote or hold office in the association.

### Corporate Membership

After review by the Standards of Training and Certification Committee and approval by the Board of Directors, corporate membership may be conferred on any company who employs full-time canine handlers and is licensed by the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration, ATF, or any state agency (as applicable). Corporate members are not entitled to vote or hold office in the association. Canine handlers employed by qualified corporations will be allowed to join the association under the associate membership, and will be limited to certifications and other specific corporate training.

### Membership Revocation

The NPCA retains the right to revoke any membership (without refund of fees) at anytime due to changes in the member's qualifications or employment status, failure to comply with the association's membership requirements, failure to pay annual fees, or conviction of a felony. If membership is revoked for any other reason, the NPCA will refund a pro rata share of the annual fees for the current year.

### Membership Fees

Membership fees shall be payable and submitted in full with the application for membership.

Membership fees are paid annually and are due on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

New members joining on or after October 1<sup>st</sup> will be considered fees paid for the following year.

**Regular Membership**            \$ 40.00 yearly

**Associate Membership**        \$ 40.00 yearly

**Support Membership**            \$200.00 minimum

**Corporate Membership**        \$100.00 yearly

**Corporate-Individual Fee**     \$ 50.00 yearly

Once the Corporation has paid their yearly fees, each individual with the corporation wishing to be a member, must pay the corporate individual fee, allowing said individual to certify with a canine.

**Certification Fees:**            \$ 20.00  
(For each certification-per team)  
(Must be a paid member)

**Any Regular or Associate K9 Team (handler and dog) holding a current Regular or Associate membership, may attempt certifications in the profiles they have been trained (Human Concealment exception) and offered by the association. Handlers employed by a corporation or private company can only attempt certification if their employer is a current corporate member and in good standing with the Association.**

**We make every effort to limit our expenses and to avoid the need to increase fees, but we retain the right to increase fees as needed. We will provide our members notice of any fee increases as far in advance as possible.**