# **Application for Membership**

The Rainier Agility Team (RAT) is a non-profit organization promoting the sport of dog agility.

### Types of Membership and Dues:

- Individual Membership: One vote at club meetings, \$25.00/year
- Family Membership: Up to two votes at club meetings, \$30.00/year

Dues for new memberships received after July 1<sup>st</sup> are prorated to half the annual rate. All memberships are renewable at the end of the calendar year and are due by Feb 15th. Past this date, membership expires and must be re-applied for as a new member. New members will receive gifted MIGS status after attending their first club meeting. Gifted MIGS do not have voting privileges.

## Some Benefits of RAT Membership:

- Electronic subscription to the Club Newsletter (RAT Tales)
- Free participation in practice sessions
- Participation in fall league
- Access to club internet list
- Access to documents and information not available to the general public

## Additional Benefits for Members in Good Standing (MIGS)

- Discount on RAT-sponsored events
- Priority admission to club-sponsored seminars and events (if permitted by the governing organization)
- Voting

#### How to Become a Member of the RAT:

1. Complete page 2 of this application, sign the WAIVER and write a check for your membership dues, payable to RAT. Send the application page with payment to:

RAT Membership (Sally Nickelson) 18411 9<sup>th</sup> Ave West. Lynnwood, WA 98037

- 2. Once your application has been received you will be added to the club internet list and you will be introduced to the club via email.
- 3. Then there is a 30-day period within which RAT members can submit written objection to your membership. If there are no objections, after this you are officially a member.
- 4. After you attend one general RAT meeting or volunteer at a RAT event, you will have *gifted* MIGS status and be eligible for all of the benefits of a MIGS, except for the right to vote. This special gifted status only applies to people who have not previously been a RAT member. Once you have volunteered at two trials you will have the right to vote.

#### Once You Become A RAT Member:

RAT is a working club! To provide seminars, trials and other club services, we rely on the voluntary participation of our members. Once you become a RAT member, get the most out of your membership through active involvement in club activities - volunteer to work at trials, serve on a committee, and attend RAT meetings!

To qualify for MIGS status after the first year, and keep voting privileges, you must have attended at least one club meeting and worked at least 2 RAT sponsored trials in the previous 12 months. We encourage you to begin working for MIGS status as soon as possible after you join RAT to retain all of your member benefits past your first year.



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Dog 1 Call Name:	Breed:		
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Dog 4 Call Name:	Breed:		
WAIVER			
This waiver releases the Rainier Agility Team, and all its officers, members and agents. I fully understand any and all risks involved to me and my dog in participating in agility classes, practices and events. I will hold harmless the owners and club members attending these classes, practices and events for any injury or accidents to me or my dog on the premises. I will be totally responsible for any damage or injury done by me or my dog while on the premises. I further agree to abide by the constitution and bylaws of the Rainier Agility Team.			
Date:	Signed:		_