

Join NYOC's Canine Demonstration Team



The North York Obedience Club is a not-for-profit organization made up of volunteers and their dogs. The Canine Demonstration Team consists of a group of dedicated members who perform with their dogs approximately once a month at public locations such as hospitals, retirement homes, children's facilities, Scouts and Girl Guide meetings, etc. Our shows include obedience routines set to music as well as tricks and agility exercises. At the end of each performance, the dogs visit with the audience to the delight of everyone.

Benefits of Belonging to the Demonstration Team

- enjoy some special time with your dog
- develop your dog's obedience skills
- share your dog with seniors
- give seniors a chance to remember their own pets
- offer joy, laughter and stimulation to seniors
- help children learn how to meet and greet dogs
- show children some skills and tricks that family pets can learn
- prepare you and your dog to move into more advanced individual visits to seniors homes
- enjoy socializing with other NYOC members and their dogs

Expectations for Dogs

- friendly, enjoy meeting people, absolutely no aggression
- can do basic obedience work: sit, stay, heel on leash, stand for exam, come
- not necessarily "perfect" at obedience work

Expectations for People

- enjoy chatting with seniors
- enjoy working with your dog
- come out regularly to practices on Tuesday evenings after the regular training classes, September to May
- be available for performances once a month usually on a Wednesday, September to May

How to Join

- discuss joining the team with the chairperson for the team (email demoteam@nyoc.ca or call 416-222-4109)
- observe a performance team practice or observe one of our performances at a seniors' residence
- participate in several practices
- come to a performance and observe without your dog
- come to a performance with your dog, interact with seniors before and after the drill but do not perform
- start performing with the team