

## **GUIDELINES FOR CBDTC CANINE CURRENCY**

The Canine Currency was developed as a reward for members for voluntary service to the club. Our club is built on the service of its members without which it would not function. Each member in good standing, as defined in the constitution, by-laws, and standing rules is eligible to earn Canine Currency.

Canine Currency replaces our older reward program of half price training for members in good standing that have provided volunteer service to the club. Many of our members have been unable to take advantage of the older program and the Canine Currency was developed to allow ALL members equal opportunity to enjoy the benefit of their service to CBDTC.

Canine Currency is designed as a self reporting honor based program for our members. Each member maintains their own record of volunteer service on the Canine Currency form. It is incumbent on the member to maintain their form in a current status and they are honor bound as to its accuracy.

The Canine Currency form is on the website at [www.columbiabasindogtc.org](http://www.columbiabasindogtc.org), included in the standing rules, attached within this program guideline or available from any club officer, director or board member.

The Canine Currency program will be administered by the club Vice President or as designated by the Vice President. Currency forms will be “cashed” by the Vice President. and “payment” made in the form of the club item of choice or if the member chooses, carried over in their account for the remainder of the club year. The Vice President or designated administrator of the Canine Currency Program will maintain a ledger sheet, either electronically or hard copy, of the earned currency of each member. Members may ask to review their balance at any time.

The Canine Currency is based on quarters of service within the club year as defined in the by-laws. Each voluntary service has a currency value attached and the total value per quarter is determined by how many times that service was offered by the member. For example: if you volunteered to be a class assistant you would be eligible to earn up to 50 currencies per class session. An 8 week session would be valued at 400 currencies. You may then use your 400 currencies toward purchase of a club item or roll it over to the next quarter and continue to earn. With the exception noted below, Currency earned must be used each club year, as defined in the by-laws, and cannot be rolled from club year to club year. A 45 day grace period is allowed after the end of the club year to insure a correct tally and decide what item or service the member would like to purchase.

As our annual training schedule does not allow for each class to be taught each session it would not be beneficial to our membership to restrict use of Canine Currency to purchase a training voucher to the year earned. However for ease of accounting and accuracy there must be a time limit imposed on this. In order to facilitate the member’s training needs and insure equitable administration of the program, Canine Currency may be used to

purchase a voucher for training that is carried over into the next club year. The voucher must be purchased within 45 days of the end of the year but may be used in the following year.

Items available for purchase with Canine Currency may change from time to time based on availability. Examples of items available for purchase are club logo polo shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, tote bags and training vouchers. Other items that may be available include leashes or other dog related items.

When a member cashes in currency for a club item, their ledger balance will show a deduction for the “cost” of the item. If all currency is not used within 45 days of the end of the club year their balance will automatically adjust to zero.