Canine Freestyle Federation Inc. and Federation Guilds
1995 to present

Introduction
Federation Guilds organize the membership at a more local/regional level. The purpose of a Guild is to:

- Promote interest in CanineFreestyle DogWork®
- Provide a venue where students and their dogs can attend classes and seminars to learn CanineFreestyle DogWork® as defined by the Federation
- Produce shows, demonstrations, seminars, etc.
- Provide a venue where local/regional members can organize, meet regularly, learn from each other, and sponsor events
- Promote and support the Federation the sponsoring organization

New Guild Packet (Adobe Acrobat required)
The following is a list of information and templates available for use in forming a guild and participating as an active Guild and member of the Canine Freestyle Federation Inc.

1. Application to become a guild
2. Sample constitution & bylaws
3. Membership list template
4. Federation individual membership application
5. Recent issues of the quarterly newsletter ***Paws to Dance*** published quarterly since 1997

Guild Membership Levels
There are 2 Guild membership levels within the Federation and no application fees for a Provisional or Full Guild Membership.

Provisional Guild -A Provisional Guild membership level created to

- form a Guild
- become familiar with the Federation as an organization
- support and aid the sport of CanineFreestyle DogWork® defined by the Federation in 1993
- practice holding Federation Events eg, a "Show N Go", Titling Events & Celebrations of DogWork

The designation Provisional Guild is preparation to be a full member Guild.

Full Member Guild Full member Guild membership allows Guilds to sponsor Federation licensed shows.

Information required to become a CFF Provisional Guild

Preliminary Meetings:
Hold preliminary meeting (s) to discuss your objectives for starting a Guild and the types of events you would like to host

Event Sites:
List possible sites for your events

Leadership Positions:
Each Guild must have at least 4 leadership positions ie,

1. President or Chair-to lead the Guild, primary contact on behalf of the Guild to CFF

2. Training Director–to ensure training opportunities, technically, creativity and artistically, are available to Guild members
3. Secretary/Treasurer-to document what the Guild is doing and handle financial affairs
4. Paws to Dance reporter to provide quarterly articles/updates on guild activities etc. for the Federation newsletter

Members:

It is recommended that when forming a Provisional Guild, there be at least 6 Federation members, with 3 in leadership positions. The leadership positions should include

1) President or Chair
2) Secretary/Treasurer
3) Training Director

There is no limit on the number of members allowed in a guild. All Guild members must be members of the Canine Freestyle Federation. A list of members with names, addresses, daytime phone numbers and e-mail addresses must accompany the application. CFF will send an updated membership list of Federation members in the guild area for future growth.