

Agility Class Outline

The below information is only a basic outline. Every class session can and most likely will be different.

Group Class Info –

First day of class – We will have a lot to cover before working with your canine partner. The first ½ hr is to cover - Payment must be paid in full before beginning class. **Liability release req. to be signed before training.** Waiver will be given out at first class and must be signed before beginning class. If payment has not been made before the first class, plan on arriving 15 min early to make the payment, so paperwork can be done without interfering with class time. You must bring a copy of the current dog vaccinations for my review.

2nd Day of class - You will be required to show a copy of inoculation(s) if you did not have it for the first class before starting class or your dog will not be allowed to participate in class, nor allowed in the training area by the other dogs.

Beginning Agility Level 1 - Introduction

What you can expect to cover in this class (time and group needs can effect if we have enough time to cover all) –

- o Motivation –what makes your dog motivated to learn
- o Breed differences - what they were bred to do and how to make that work for you.
- o How to measure the height your dog will be jumping
- o Touch command and Targeting
- o Proper Dog/Handler etiquette and distance when meeting another dog and handler. Also when waiting your turn to run a course or do an obstacle.
- o Working your dog on both sides of your body (obedience teaches only the left side).
- o Teach your dog to follow your body language – shoulders, feet and hands
- o Handlers will learn commitment point of an obstacle (will be different for different dogs)
- o Introduction to jumps – Bar, panel, broad, wing,
- o Introduction to tunnel, chute barrel, tire jump and table
- o Introduction to the teeter as stationary board, training ladder & wobble board
- o Introduction to the lowered A Frame and low teeter
- o Start lead-out training, and weave pole entry
- o If time permits introduce lowered A frame and lowered Dog walk

Agility Level 2/3

To begin the level 2 class you must have attended the intro class level 1 session and/or have instructor permission to take level 2 and your dog must be proficient with taking all obstacles (except the weaves, which we will continue the training in level 2) or have prior agility experience and tested by instructor prior to class.

What you can expect to cover in this class (time and individual needs can effect if we have enough time to cover all) –

- o Continue to work on Motivation
- o Practice handling techniques
- o Introduction to – Double bar and triple bar jumps

- Introduction to curved tunnels and barrel with chute
- Working on different entry points to tunnel and chute
- Introduction to Tire jump at full height
- Introduction to the teeter and having fun with teeter contact
- Targeting – phasing out the target and random use
- Handlers will learn to extend the commitment point of an obstacle
- Fine tune handling techniques on all jumps
- Practice handling small mini courses & sequence jumping
- Obstacle discrimination
- Releasing the Velcro dog – working at a distance
- Teeter at full height and in sequences
- Working 6 Weave poles
- A Frame, and Dog Walk with drive to contact point

Competition Agility

What you can expect to cover in this class (time and individual needs can effect if we have enough time to cover all) –

- Continue to work on Motivation
- Handlers will work advanced handling techniques
- Handlers will learn to work with some distance handling of their dog
- Practice handling small mini courses and full sized courses
- Increasing speed along with accuracy – where seconds count
- Learn how to know if the course is safe for your dog
- Handlers will learn to extend the commitment point of an obstacle
- Fast table responses
- Work on different entry points to all obstacles
- How to walk a course at a show trial
- How to setup a good lead out for speed and accuracy
- 12 Weave poles - entries around the clock & at a distance
- Course discriminations when obstacles are close together
- How to fill out the premium for entry into a show
- What to expect at an AKC agility show
- Some videotaping of course handling may be done to help handlers see their handling skills