

Dog Agility Classes

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Location: All classes will be held outside, on grass. If any group classes are canceled due to weather, a class will be added. We are located in the rural area of De Soto and have 5 acres with a lake that allows plenty of room for the dogs to run.

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Prerequisite: All dogs must have a reliable recall and can be trusted off leash. They must be 10 months of age or older (if a giant breed then 1 year). You must have a copy of the up to date inoculation(s) at the first class. Dogs must be healthy and fit for jumping; handlers must be able to keep up with their dog or at least jog with their dog on course. If more than one person in a family wishes to train the dog, they must decide who will train for that class and all must attend sessions (no trading handlers during the middle of a class).

Needed for class: Only one dog allowed per handler (Competition Level classes allow more than one dog). Easy clip on or slip off leash. If using a collar it must be a buckle collar or snap collar, for safety reasons. No tags on collar or anything else hanging that might catch on equipment (this is a safety rule). For group classes at the 2nd level and above a dog kennel is helpful for the dog to stay in while we practice different handling techniques. Unless your dog has a reliable stay that you can trust when you are out of sight" or moving on course to practice handling techniques. In some cases it will be ok to tie your dog to the fence, but only if they behave. Treats (bring a couple different kinds and very, very small), play toy and tug toy (if dog will tug), and a smile.

Class Info: All classes will be outside. The beginners will start in a small fenced area. In case of heavy rain or bad weather conditions classes may be canceled and would be rescheduled/extended by a week. Please call before leaving for class if the weather looks questionable and you haven't received a call from the instructor to cancel class. Dress in layers in case of weather changes.

If you miss a group class there is no make-up class time available. If there is another group class available at the same level of the one you are in, you may be allowed to make up your missed class by joining the other class for a session (this must be approved by the instructor).

Note: All classes start promptly, there will not be any make up times available unless the class is canceled due to the weather. Plan on arriving at least 10-15 min ahead of time to potty your dog before class and setup a location for their water bowl and training aids (toys, treats, targets). Everyone is responsible for cleaning up after their dog, make sure to bring clean up bags and carry them with you when you potty your dog.

Contact me ahead of time before signing up for class so we can cover if your dog qualifies for beginning agility or needs more basic obedience first. If you have had prior experience in an agility class or have started showing in agility call me to find out what level class you should be in.

Cost: Check Web site or call for current class fee. All group class fees are for 8 week sessions (min. 4 students). Contact instructor if interested in level 2 or above classes or private sessions.

For class information and to sign up contact – Instructor – Carol Ely - 618-867-3023 or email – carol@canineteamtraining.com Payment and proof of vaccinations required at first class. Payment can be by check or sent through the secure site of PayPal www.paypal.com to carol@canineteamtraining.com