

Agility Classes Discriptions 2017

Foundations & Handling I

Description: Start your agility training with this class by using games to teach your dog to be calm, come when called, and focus on you regardless of distractions. We will introduce handling maneuvers and directional cues such as “in”, “out”, “tight”, and “switch” focusing on groundwork using of tunnels, hoops, and gates. These activities will prepare you and your dog to do agility safely, confidently, with clarity and will give your dog a clearer understanding of effective use of body language and path work for directing your dog. At the conclusion of the session, you and your dog must demonstrate the skills needed to enroll in the next level class. You may be asked to repeat the class..

Prerequisites: Minimum age - 4 months. This class will be limited to 8 dog/handler teams.

Handling II & Intro to Obstacles

Class Description: This class continues to work on the skills you learned in Foundations & handling I and will add more difficult sequences and directional clues, pinwheels, serpentine, etc. Your dog will be introduced to all agility obstacles including weave poles.

Prerequisites: Completion of Foundations & Handling I within the past year.

Intro NADAC

Description: Dogs enrolled in this class will continue training longer sequences, including weave poles and will work up to full height obstacles during the session.

Prerequisites: Dogs must have completed Handling II & Intro to Obstacles or have equivalent training experience

Novice NADAC

Class Description: This class is design for those dog/handler teams who plan to or are currently competing in Intro/Novice NADAC and will focus on speed and flow through courses. Emphasis will be placed on proofing skills learned in the Handling II & Intro to Obstacles class and will include longer sequences and/or Novice level courses. Handlers will learn how to direct their dogs to obstacles and through various length sequences/courses.

Prerequisites: Completion of Handling II & Intro to Obstacles within the past year. Dogs must be able to perform all obstacles at full height except Weave Poles.

Intermediate NADAC

Class Description: This class is designed for teams who are currently competing in NADAC. The class will focus on proofing performance and refining handling skill focusing on NADAC style courses at the Open level or above. Dogs need to be proficient at weaving 6 – 12 weave poles. Course analysis and handling help will be provided.

Prerequisites: Must have completed Novice/Intermediate Agility or have the approval of Agility Training Chair.

Beginner AKC

Class Description: The class will introduce students to AKC agility equipment (including contacts, tunnels, and jumps), short sequences, and handling techniques. No weave poles.

Prerequisites: Dogs must have completed a foundation agility class or have the permission of the instructor. Prior obedience training is recommend; no dogs under age of 8 months.

Intermediate AKC –

Description: Students will work with mini courses, concentrating on crosses, lateral distance and reading courses based on the dog's strengths. Students will work on weave poles off to the side.

Prerequisites: Dogs must be able to do all the obstacles at full height except weave poles.

Advanced AKC-

Description: Students will work with more advanced courses, concentrating on crosses, lateral distance and reading courses based on the dog's strengths. Students will be given help with “reading the lines” on the course and how to handle those lines.

Prerequisites: Dogs must be able to perform all obstacles and be competing at the open or excellent levels.

Additional “Special Skills” classes such as the one listed below may be offered in the future.

Jump Grid Class

Class Description: This class is based on Susan Salo’s jump grid training. The grids presented each week will focus on different aspects of jumping.

Prerequisite: Dogs in this class must be 1 year or older. Dogs should have a start line stay and be able to be sent to a target. Handlers need to commit to practicing with their dogs between classes.

**** Please add the following to ALL class notes: Applications must be received by 5:00 PM on the Thursday prior to the start of the sessions in order to be included in the class.