

Introduction to Agility

Prepares each dog with the basic skills they will need to enter into Basic One Agility and techniques will be taught to help improve the dogs body awareness. Work with the clicker will be taught and encouraged. Foundation skills will include some work on but not heavily focused on basic obedience skills. Additional skills that will be taught include: hand and target touch, perching, moving board and flat boards.

Graduation Requirements: Dogs must be able to exhibit basic foundation skills including target touch, flat board, basic obedience and attention towards handler.

Introduction to Dog Sports for Puppies (8 weeks to 8 months)

This class is designed to offer socialization and teach basic obedience and other skills needed to enter into Basic One Agility. Trainers will learn to use clicker training for marking, shaping, capturing wanted behaviors and puppy focus. Puppies will be encouraged to learn through experimentation of what is wanted of them. Through this process puppies will learn to sit, down, go to mat, hand touch, target, return on recall, walk on slightly raised flat board and modified buja board, straight tunnel, hard tunnel without chute, loose leash walking, walking through hoops and ladders.

Graduation requirements: Puppies should be able sit, down, target, hand touch, walk on flat board, go through a straight tunnel at full length (15 ft) and go through a hard tunnel (no chute).

Basic Obedience

This is a good starter class for dogs and handlers who have no previous training experience. This class is for older puppies and dogs. Dogs will be introduced to all of the basic obedience commands: heel, sit, down, stay, recall, stand for exam, direction and pace change. This is a good class to take before the Introduction to Agility classes; this class does not feed into Basic One Agility.

Basic One Agility

Pre-requisite: Introduction to Agility or Introduction to Dog sports for puppies.

Continue work from the Introduction to Agility class.

Introduce dogs to most of the agility obstacles: dogwalk, a-frame, regular jumps, tire jump, chute, tunnel, channel weaves, teeter.

Dogs will work up to jumping 4 jumps in a row; work up to three obstacle courses

Dogs will work on confidence with tip of teeter.

Dogs will work up to running through channel weaves with wires at a successful pace.

Targets will be used constantly so it is very important that dogs know this skill.

Graduation: Dogs will be able to walk over dogwalk and a-frame and stop at bottom to receive their reward. Dogwalk and a-frame will end at ¼ height.

Dogs will be able to confidently tip the teeter at a successful ending level.

Dogs will willingly run through a straight tunnel and through chute.

Dogs will be able to run through channel weaves with wires at a successful width apart.

Dogs will be able to jump 4 jumps in a row with minimal to no gating.

Dogs will willingly jump on and off table.

Dogs will be able to do each obstacle off leash; Dogs will be able to safely run two obstacles in a row.

Basic Two Agility

Pre-requisite: Basic One Agility

Continue work from Introduction to Agility and Basic One.

Dogs should be able to do each obstacle off leash.

Dogwalk and a-frame will move from $\frac{1}{4}$ height to $\frac{1}{2}$ height throughout the 8 weeks.

The goal of a more confident teeter at low heights will be worked on.

Weaves will continue to move in at a successful pace. Guide wires will still be in place.

Jumping continues with more height and longer sequences. The figure 8 will be taught at a jump.

Tunnels and chute will continue and short sequences will be added.

Targets will be used through whole session, continuing work on expected bottom.

Courses up to 6 obstacles will be worked towards.

Graduation: A-frame and dogwalk will be successful at $\frac{1}{2}$ height.

Bottoms will be closer to the expected end result.

Dogs will run willingly through curved tunnels and the chute.

Dogs will be doing channel weaves no closer than 2 inches in with all wires present.

Dogs will jump less than full height confidently over jumps in combination of straight and slightly curved lines of 5 jumps.

Skills One

Pre-requisite: Basic Two Agility

Skills learned from previous classes will continue to be worked on.

Drive to all the obstacles will be the main focus.

Introduce the front cross and practice it weekly.

Dogwalk and a-frame will move up from $\frac{1}{2}$ height to $\frac{3}{4}$ height.

Work on bottoms will be strongly encouraged.

Dogs will be introduced to the double jump.

Work on drive to the table with speed and consistency and solid sits and downs.

Pinwheel will be introduced and worked on, as well as serpentine of 2 jumps.

Weave poles will move in no closer than 1 inch. Wires will start to be removed.

Courses up to 8-10 obstacles will be worked on.

Graduation: Dogs will be on a $\frac{3}{4}$ height a-frame and dogwalk. Bottoms will be at a successful level. Dogs will be able to run small courses of up to 8-10 obstacles.

Dog and handler can successfully complete a 2 jump serpentine and a front cross. Dog can jump any jumps they have been taught with ease and confidence.

Skills Two

Pre-requisite: Skills One

Skills learned from previous classes will continue to be worked on.

Dogwalk and a-frame will go from $\frac{3}{4}$ height to full height. Target will still be used and the fading process will start throughout the 8 weeks.

Serpentine will continue with using more than 2 jumps and adding other obstacles.

Triple jump will be introduced, and a variety of jumps will be continued.

Continued work with a front cross and additional handling skills will be introduced.

Dogs will be running small courses 10-20 obstacles.

The tunnel underneath of the dogwalk and a-frame will be introduced and the idea of discrimination will be worked on, but not heavily.

Handlers will be working on distance from contacts, jumps, and sending to tunnels. Dogs will start to learn how to handle difficult turns.

Cross behind on tunnels will be worked on.

Weave poles will work to straight up without wires.

Graduation: Dogs will be at full height on all contacts with solid bottoms.

Dogs can complete weave poles straight up with minimal wires.

Dogs will be able to do short sequences of at least 10 obstacles.

Dogs and handlers will have some understanding of discrimination. Dogs will have a decent send to the tunnel. Dogs and handlers should have a good understanding of a serpentine.

Weaves Class

Pre-requisite: Basic Two

This class will concentrate on all aspects of weaving from the beginner to the different angles needed to enter from both sides. Dogs will become confident at finding entrances on their own. They will improve their rhythm, control and speed to complete 12 weave poles.

Agility Handling

Pre-requisite: Contacts, jumps, tunnels, and weaves all successfully completed.

Work on front cross, rear cross, blind cross, switch, tight or wrap. Serpentine, 180s and 270 turns. Discrimination, distance, sending to obstacles, and courses up to 21 obstacles.

Distance Agility

Pre-requisite: Contacts must be confidently at full height.

Handler gradually moves away from obstacles.

Layering of obstacles.

Advanced Agility

Pre-requisite: Contacts must be full height. Dogs must know weave poles. Successful completion of Handling Agility class.

Work on difficult entries for weaves.

Work on discriminations, serpentine, push/pull exercises.

Start line stays will be worked on.

Agility Games (Jan-Feb ONLY): order of games two weeks each of: Touch and Go, Weavers, Tunnelers, then one week each of Jumpers and hoopers.

Obedience

Advanced Basic Obedience

Pre-requisite: Basic Obedience

This class is for refining the basic skills and builds the foundation needed for the novice level. Class Max is 12.

Open and Utility Skills

Pre-requisite: Advanced Basic Obedience

Contact training director for additional information.

Rally-O

This class is an obedience obstacle course. All the skills used in training are reviewed and put together in different pattern every week. Come join us for a great time and fun in obedience! Basic obedience skills would help make this class more successful and fun.