

Welcome to Agility

AT SPORTSMEN'S DOG TRAINING CLUB

Welcome to the fun and fast-growing sport of Agility! Foundation class is designed to introduce you and your dog to agility from the ground up. Whether you are interested in competition or just a fun hobby for you and your dog, it's important to learn the correct foundation skills for each obstacle.

Foundation starts with learning teamwork, impulse control, balance skills, sending around obstacles and jumping skills.

SKILLS REQUIRED FOR AGILITY CLASSES

You must have at least one Obedience class (ie Beginner or CGC) prior to starting Agility, **and**:

1. A socialized dog that is **friendly** and well-mannered around other dogs and people.
2. Your dog should be able to sit and down on command and have focus on you.
3. Your dog should be able to walk on leash nicely.
4. Your dog should **come** when called, even when **off leash**, and not run away from you. Dogs which continually run off will be excused with **no refund**.

Additional obedience classes are always recommended as they will always help give you better success with your dog.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

1. You must have a **plain buckle collar** on your dog with **no tags**. Prong collars and choke chains are strictly prohibited in agility class!
2. You must wear rubber-soled shoes such as running shoes. Sandals, clogs and other open-toed or open-heeled shoes or high-heels are **not** allowed.
3. Bring lots of small, soft, high value **treats** for rewarding your dog and a favorite **toy** that can be thrown for your dog to chase. If your dog is not



particularly toy motivated you need to start working on that asap!

FITNESS

Agility is an active sport that requires that the dog and handler both run and move quickly. If you have any health problems please make sure you have your doctor's ok to participate.

Our dogs need to be in good shape as well. Jumping, turning and landing causes substantial stress on joints and the leaner your dog, the safer it is for him. Your dog should be fit and trim, even leaner than the average pet.

OBSTACLES

Your dog will be introduced to all of the agility obstacles at low or ground height so that they are very confident on them.

- Jumps: Bar, Double, Triple, Tire & Broad
- Tunnel
- Chute (a tunnel with fabric attached which the dog has to push through.)
- Buja Board (a wobbly board that helps acclimate the dog to the teeter)
- AFrame & Dog walk (lowered)
- Baby Teeter (very low practice teeter)
- Weaves

There will also be Contact training, Circlework, Teeter skills and much more. You can expect to spend 4-6 months in Foundation class or until you have acquired the necessary skills to advance to Beginner.

**So much to learn!!
Happy Hurdling!**