**Foundations Agility**

This class is intended for dogs new to the sport of agility, while handlers may be new or may have agility experience with other dogs. Dogs must have basic obedience (sit/stay/recall) including off leash in an enclosed area. There will be times when several dogs are working at the same time in different areas of the ring while learning skills. By the third or fourth week of class, handlers will need to “walk the course” (look at a sequence of obstacles and make a plan on how to tell the dog where to go)—dogs will need to be put in the car, crated, or held by someone not in the class during this time (5-10 minutes at a time, 1-3 times per class). Please plan on coming 15 minutes early to help set up equipment and stay a few minutes after class to help put it away.

We will focus on teaching the building blocks for a confident, safe, and happy agility partner! Jumps, tunnels, contact end behavior/not full heigh contacts, and other equipment will be used for games that will help dogs with focus, strength, and future agility classes. Exact skills and activities will depend on wants and needs of the class.

Handlers must be IDTC members, have taken previous IDTC classes, have instructor permission to be eligible for this class. If you are not sure whether this class is right for you, please contact the instructor, Abby Christman at ajc93@cornell.edu. Class will fill on a first come, first served basis.

To register:

Fill out application below

Sign liability waiver

Include copy of updated vaccination records

Class fee: check payable to IDTC ($20 for active members, $70 inactive)

Registration materials can be sent to Abby Christman, 109 Penny Lane, Ithaca, NY 14850. If you prefer, the application (including waiver and vaccine record) can be emailed to ajc93@cornell.edu and check brought on the first night of class.

Handler information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dog information:

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M F Spayed/Neutered: Y N

Length of time owned: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Any health concerns? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What classes have you taken with this dog and when? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is your comfort level with this dog:

Off leash (enclosed area) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Around other dogs \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Working with distractions \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How would you describe your dog: (check all that apply)

 \_\_\_ Shy \_\_\_ Sensitive \_\_\_ Low-energy \_\_\_\_ Stubborn

 \_\_\_High-Energy \_\_\_Impulsive \_\_\_ Excitable \_\_\_ Aggressive

 \_\_\_ Eager to please \_\_\_ Independent \_\_\_\_ Other:

 \_\_\_ Confident \_\_\_ Timid

What agility experience does the handler have? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What agility experience does the dog have? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Goals with this dog (agility or non-agility related): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What are you most looking forward to doing or learning in this class? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Please check what best applies to you:

 \_\_\_ I know I want to compete with this dog! (organization(s), if known: \_\_\_\_\_)

 \_\_\_ I don’t know anything about agility competitions, so maybe?

 \_\_\_ Forget shows, I just want to have fun with my dog and try something new!

**IDTC LIABILITY RELEASE**

To be signed by dog's trainer and owner (if different from trainer), and by parent or guardian if trainer is under 18 years of age

I understand that training a dog is not without risk to me or my dog in the form of injury; and in consideration of training my dog, I expressly assume this risk and hereby waive and release the Ithaca Dog Training Club, its employees, officers, members, and agents, and the Club's landlord, from any and all liability of any nature for injury or damage my dog may suffer as a result of training or of any action in connection therewith.

I also understand that my attendance at dog training classes is not without risk to me, members of my family or guests who may attend, or my dog, because some of the dogs to which we may be exposed may be difficult to control and may be the cause of injury even when handled with the greatest amount of care. In consideration of training my dog, I expressly assume this risk and hereby waive and release the Ithaca Dog Training Club, its employees, officers, members, and agents, and the Club's landlord, from any and all liability of any nature for injury or damage resulting from the action of any dog.

Furthermore, in consideration of training my dog, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Ithaca Dog Training Club, its employees, officers, members, and agents, and the Club's landlord, from any and all claims by me, or by any member of my family, or by any other person accompanying me to these training classes, resulting from the action of any dog, including my own.

**Trainer:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Printed name Signature Date

**Owner:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(If different from trainer) Printed name Signature Date

**Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Printed Name Signature Date