

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 height 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? _____

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? _____

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!

