

Agility Foundations

In this class, dogs will be introduced to the different types of agility jumps (regular, double, triple, broad, high), tunnels, table, and start learning 2 on/2 off end behavior on all three contacts (teeter, dog walk, A frame). Jump grids and other activities will be used to teach dogs to find and drive their line to the next obstacle, but sequencing will be kept to a minimum. Handler skills will focus on staying connected with the dog and properly rewarding the dog. Weaves will be mentioned, but not taught as a dedicated weave class is best to make progress. As crating is a fundamental skill for trialing and advanced agility classes, dogs should be crated when it is not their turn in the ring.

Agility Foundations will be geared towards handlers who want a safe and confident start to their dog's competitive agility career, as well as dog/handler teams who are brand new to the sport, and dogs who may be a little timid or sensitive. Dogs should have taken at least Beginner 2 or CGC, have a solid stay and recall off-leash, and be comfortable and under control if another team is working in the ring at the same time. This class will be off-leash in a secure area.

After completing this class, the regular progression will be for students to take Agility 1 but some teams may be ready to go into Agility 2.