



School for Dogs & Their People



Are You Ready for AGILITY?

Yeah, the season is starting! Maybe you've seen it on TV, or on YouTube, or in real life, and you've wondered: *Could my dog do that?* The answer is almost always--**Yes!**

In my over fifteen years experience teaching "regular pet owners" with "regular pet dogs" to enjoy the sport of Agility, what's stood out the most is--I've been shocked. I'm shocked every season by **how good your dogs are**. How quickly they learn and how much progress they make. How much shy or timid dogs gain confidence and blossom; how athletic, confident dogs take to agility like they were born for it. The only thing that hasn't shocked me is how much fun we have.

The 4-Week Introductory class is designed to be just that: a fun 4 week try-out to check out the sport and see if it's right for you and your dog. Neither you nor your dog have to be "special," or athletic, or perfectly well trained: wherever you start, you'll get better as you go. That said, there are two things to consider:

For New Dog/Handler Teams:
Agility 1: Introduction to Obstacles
4 Wednesdays at 6 pm
Begins May 22nd - Cost: \$75

Agility 2: Sequences - TBA

1) You--and your dog--do have to be able to be safe. *Agility is a sport.* If you have issues that prevent you from handling a running dog around the course safely--if you can't run on dirt, hang on to a leash or catch your dog when necessary, it might be too much of a struggle. And the same is true of your dog: if your dog has health challenges like bad hips or elbows, is elderly, or is seriously overweight, agility may not be right for them. *Please note that young puppies are still developing, and until their growth plates close around 14 months of age, they should NOT be jumping full height or doing weaves; classes are recommended for dogs over 1 year of age.*

For Returning Teams (permission of instructor*):
Agility 3 (formerly AG 2) - Ongoing
Wednesdays At 7:15 pm
Saturdays at 10 am

Agility 4 (formerly AG 3) - Ongoing
Tuesdays at 10 am (Field)
Skills & Drills - Wed. at 3 pm (Field or School)
***Returning Teams, please call or e-mail about space**

2) You and your dog have to be able to have fun! Agility class is for Agility--it isn't the place to teach "obedience." Your dog doesn't have to be an obedience champ, but if they are totally out of control, unable to focus around other dogs, fearful or reactive--believe it or not, as long as they can be all those things *safely*, they're welcome in class! The challenge is--you as the handler have to be prepared to be a paragon of patience, sensitivity, humor and more patience while we gently and kindly work your dog through it. If you're the kind of person who is

easily frustrated, or gets upset that your dog isn't performing immediately or as well as the other dogs, you may not have as much fun. If you're worried about your dog's level of training, check with me first!

Need more information? Visit my website at:
www.clickercoachdogtraining.com



Preparation for CGC is back!
Mondays at 7:15 pm starting May 20th
Ongoing - \$65 per 4 sessions
This is a super fun class with loads of practice working around other dogs on the CGC test items--from polite greetings to stays to ignoring distractions.

Helpful links: [Google AKC CGC](#)

Upcoming Classes
Puppy 2: The Next Level
5 Tuesdays at 6 pm starting May 7th

Puppy Manners 1
Pups 12 weeks - 6 months
5 Thursdays at 6 pm beginning May 23rd

Basic Manners & Obedience
Adolescent & Adult dogs over 6 months
5 Mondays at 6 pm starting June 3rd