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Agility - Puppy Foundation I: Puppies must be at least 12 weeks old (and up to 12 months old) and have appropriate shots. Attention exercises and games are used to prepare puppy for success in later Agility classes.

Agility - Puppy Foundation II: Will cover more advanced skills for the young dog (20 weeks to 12 months of age). For example: Discrimination following the handler. Tricks: weaving between legs, walking on hind legs, standing in a box etc. Focus skills etc.

Agility - Agility Prep: Prerequisite is 8-week basic obedience class above puppy level; and dog must have appropriate shots. Dogs should be at least 12 months old.

Agility - Beginning I and II Agility: Prerequisite is 8-week agility prep class and the recommendation of the head trainer (signed form for class placement); and dog must have appropriate shots.

Agility - Intermediate I and II Agility: Prerequisite is at least 16 weeks beginning agility and the recommendation of the head trainer (signed form for class placement); and dog must have appropriate shots.

Agility - Competition (Advanced) Agility: Class participation is on an "Invitation Only" level. The head trainer determines if the handler/dog team is ready to work at this level.

Agility - Master Handling: Competing at Open or Excellent/Elite level in AKC, ASCA, NADAC, or USDAA. Students should have completed Advanced Agility class.

Agility - Front / Rear Crosses: Dogs and Handlers should be familiar with crosses and have finished Beginning I agility.

Agility - Games classes: Novice and Advanced handlers are introduced to the following Games: FAST (AKC), Snooker and Gamblers (USDAA). Courses are set and rules are discussed in this class.

Agility – Novice Skills: This class is for dogs who have completed or are currently in Beginning I. The skills session is an opportunity to practice the new skills students learned in class. Shot records must be brought to class.

Agility - Intermediate I and II Skills: This class has a focus on handling skills and obstacle performance in more complex sequences. Participants should have completed Beginning I and II. Shot records must be brought to class.

Agility – Advanced Skills: This is an Advanced Handling Skills Class, designed for dogs that have obstacle performance and can work sequences of at least 10 obstacles up to the dogs that are competing through the OPEN level. The focus will be on handling skills – what does the handler do BETWEEN the obstacles! Shot records must be brought to class.

Agility – Masters Handling: This class is for Handler / Dog teams that are competing at AKC Master/Excellent, USDAA Master, ASCA Elite or equivalent level. From week to week it may include a full course and/or shorter drill sequences. Shot records must be brought to class.



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Agility – Competition Drill: The drill offers both a Master level course and a Novice/Open course. Walking the course starts promptly at class start time and the first dog on the line 15 minutes afterwards. There is no instruction for this drill. However, conversation and analysis is encouraged! Shot records must be brought to class.

Agility – Games: Distance, Direction and Discrimination: This will be a Saturday afternoon 2 hour skills class, focusing on skills such as: Commitment to obstacles, Independent obstacle performance, Proofing Direction changes, Tunnel/Contact discrimination, Threadle cues, Game strategy. Approval of the instructor is required for participation. Shot records must be brought to class.

Obedience – Kindergarten Puppy Training (KPT) Class: Socialize your puppy with people and other puppies and expose them to new experiences. Puppies are introduced to basic exercises such as sit, down and walking nicely on a loose leash using motivational methods. You'll have an opportunity to discuss problems you may encounter with a knowledgeable instructor. These include house breaking and chewing as well as other training issues.
Available to puppies 6 months and younger.

Obedience – CGC Class: This is a four-week class and will help you pass the Canine Good Citizen Test which is given during the last class. You will have a chance to practice each exercise on the CGC test and thereby build the confidence of you and your dog. Your dog should already know how to sit, down, stay and come to you as this is not a teaching class.

Obedience – Basic Novice Class: The objective of the Basic Novice class is to teach basic obedience and to develop a well schooled, happy and obedient family pet. Dogs must be at least 6 months old to be entered in this class. Dogs that have completed the KPT class may be younger. Dogs will be taught controlled walking, coming when called, sit-stay, down-stay and stand for examination. Responsible dog ownership and grooming will be discussed.

Obedience – Intermediate Novice Class: The goal of this class is to teach and refine those exercises listed as novice exercises in the AKC Obedience Regulations. Dogs enrolled must have a working knowledge of the Basic Novice exercises. Heeling, sit and down stays, fronts and finishes will all be addressed.

Obedience – Novice Drill: The goal of this class is to prepare dogs to compete in the Novice class at AKC Obedience trials, to train handlers in trial procedure and to enhance Novice skills. This is a drop in class which dogs may attend when they are ready.

Obedience – Beginning Open Class: The goal of the open class is to teach those foundation skills needed for Open Exercises in the AKC Obedience Regulations. These include retrieving, jumping, the drop on recall and out of sight stays. Dogs must have Basic Novice skills to participate.

Obedience – Intermediate Open Class: Dogs enrolled in this class must have completed a Beginning Open class or its equivalent. The goal of this class is to combine the foundation skills into Open exercise in the AKC Obedience regulations.



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Obedience – Open Drill: The goal is to prepare dogs to compete in the Open class at AKC trials, to train handlers in trial procedures and to perfect the performance of dogs and handlers. Dogs attending must have a basic knowledge of all Open exercises. This is a drop in class which dogs may attend when ready.

Obedience – Beginning Utility Classes: The goal of this class is to teach foundation skills needed for Utility Exercises in the AKC regulations. These skills include signals, scent work, and taking direction. Dogs must have a solid retrieve in order to participate in this class.

Obedience – Intermediate Utility Class: Dogs enrolled in this class must have completed a Beginning Utility class or its equivalent. The goal of this class is to combine the foundations skills into the Utility exercises in the AKC Obedience Regulations.

Obedience – Utility Drill: The goal is to prepare dogs to compete in the Utility class at AKC Trials, to train handlers in trial procedure and to enhance the performance of dogs and handlers. The Instructor may schedule and conduct activities that will provide practical trial experience for the dog and handler under competitive conditions.

Obedience – Super Drill: The goal is to prepare dogs and handlers for competition in any level of classes offered at an AKC Obedience trial. Training for competition at all advanced levels. The instructor may schedule and conduct activities that will provide practical trial experience for a dog and handler under competitive conditions. Activities conducted may also include those that allow dog and handler to exhibit the usefulness of obedience training other than those required by the AKC Obedience regulations. Super drill may be considered a series of "mini clinics" and is a drop in class which dogs may attend at any time.

Tracking – Introduction: The basic skills a tracking dog needs are to follow the ground scent of a tracklayer and locate, then indicate, articles the tracklayer has dropped. This four-week class starts the "nose down" behavior that leads to following ground scent (Search) and also starts targeting of articles (Locate) and finally the behaviors that tell his handler he has found the article (Report).

Rally - Beginning (6-week class): The first four weeks will focus on the novice exercises. The next two weeks will introduce the advanced and excellent exercises with instruction on how to start training for them. There will be "mini" practice courses each week. The dog must have basic obedience skills such as sit, down, stand, stay, and walk easily on a leash for this class.

Rally - Advanced Rally (8-week class): Students will work on all levels of rally with emphasis on the advanced and excellent exercises. It will include proper footwork and other fine tuning needed prior to entering rally competition. There will be "mini" practice courses each week. Participants should have completed the beginning rally course or equivalent.

Rally – Drill: There will be course for all three levels.



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Rally – Free: This class will cover the basics of Rally Free. Rally Free is similar to Rally Obedience (i.e., dog/handler teams move through a series of stations), except the skills performed are freestyle skills (turns/spins, leg weaves, play bow, paw shakes, circle the handler, working on all four sides – left, right, front, and back). Also, there are “free choice” stations in Rally Free, so you can be creative and use skills unique to your dog! Dogs in the class should be able to do at least basic obedience skills (sit, down, come, walking on a loose leash).

Nosework - Introduction: Use clicker to shape behaviors. Teach dog to work away from handler. Introduce odor cocktail (combination of all 5 competition odors - birch, anise, clove, myrrh & vetiver) Teach passive odor indication.

Nosework - Beginning I: (Pre-requisite Introduction to Nosework) Strengthen odor indication under mild distractions, increase duration of indication, simple container and interior searches, leash handling skills

Nosework - Beginning II: (Pre-requisite Beginning I) Continue building odor obedience under stronger distractions; longer duration, more complex interior and container searches, blind hides, multiple hides using single odors, high (up to 2 ft) and low hides

Nosework - Intermediate I: (Pre-requisite Beginning II) Continue building odor obedience and strong passive indications under more distracting conditions, more complex searches of various types of containers, vehicles, interiors and exteriors. Multiple blind hides using cocktail and single odors

Nosework - Intermediate II: (Pre-requisite Intermediate I) More complex searches and inaccessible multiple hides, higher hides (up to 3 ft), multiple distractions, off leash searches

Nosework - Advanced: (Pre-requisite Intermediate II) Getting ready for competition: interior, exterior, container and vehicle searches with heavy distractions, high (up to 5 ft) hides, very complex and inaccessible hides, blind hides of all odors, trial rules and tips, mock trials

Nosework - Drill: (Pre-requisite Intermediate I) Additional practice of interior, exterior, vehicle and container searches