

Mt. Nittany Dog Training Club

EXPECTED OUTCOMES FOR EACH AGILITY CLASS

AGILITY FOUNDATIONS 1

Upon completing the AGILITY FOUNDATIONS 1 class, the dog will be able to:

- Start to weight shift back.
- Run with handler with focus forward.
- Willingly engage with obstacles and objects.
- Drive to a target while working on the side and ahead of handler.
- Start to switch focus between handler and obstacles.
- Work through distractions.
- Complete several obstacles in sequence before receiving a food or toy reward.
- Engage with objects at the "Puppy Playground".

The handler will be able to:

- Demonstrate a basic understanding of how to shape a behavior.

AGILITY FOUNDATIONS 2

Upon completing the AGILITY FOUNDATIONS 2 class, the dog and/or handler will be able to:

- Develop problem-solving skills.
- Develop jumping mechanics.
- Perform grid work independently, without handler motion.
- Recognize the patterns of the grid when dog is on the agility course.
- Gather and organize through each grid effectively.

BEGINNING AGILITY

Upon completing the BEGINNING AGILITY class, the dog will be able to:

- Work off lead in a class setting.
- Work on a low A-frame, low dog walk and low teeter.
- Perform all other equipment: low jumps, tire, panel, tunnel, table and broad jump.
- Demonstrate a beginning awareness of front, rear and blind crosses.
- Work with 2 x 2's, if 12 months or older.
- Perform a "stay" at the start line with a release word.
- Perform a "2 on 2 off" contact using a travel board or box.

Sequence at least 4-6 obstacles.

Gain familiarity with the measuring wicket.

INTERMEDIATE AGILITY

Upon completing the INTERMEDIATE AGILITY class, the dog will be able to:

Perform all contact equipment and table at full height.

Perform any tunnel configuration.

Perform 6 competition weave poles.

Do a broad jump and all spread jumps.

Do jump sequences of 90°, 180° and backsides of jumps.

Perform sequences of up to ten obstacles using front, rear and blind crosses.

ADVANCED INTERMEDIATE AGILITY

Upon completing the ADVANCED INTERMEDIATE AGILITY class, the dog will be able to:

Complete 12 weave poles without excessive handler assistance.

Perform short sequences that will evolve into, at least, a novice course.

Be comfortable with handler while doing flatwork, obstacles, turns and crosses.

Work at a distance from handler, as is appropriate for the handler and dog.

Complete a novice standard and novice jumpers course.

The handler will:

Know how to train on, set up and take down all equipment with confidence.

Know how to evaluate and plan an appropriate strategy for running a course.

Understand general AKC agility rules.

Understand the basics of entering an Agility Course Test or agility trial.

AGILITY HANDLING

By completing the AGILITY HANDLING class, the HANDLER will:

Improve their understanding of natural and learned cues that work best for their dog.

Improve their understanding of how to analyze a course and choose the best handling techniques that will lead to success.

Improve their understanding of how to execute various handling techniques.