
AGILITY DREAM DOGS POLICY MANUAL



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Overview of Classes

Group classes

Group classes are limited to 6 students max, and will only be scheduled if at least 2 people are interested. Group classes are an hour per class, for 6 weeks.

Foundation

For students and dogs who are new to Agility. In this class, students learn foundation skills for Agility; and are introduced to obstacles.

Beginner

For students and dogs who have taken Foundation classes. In this class, students use foundation skills to learn the equipment.

Intermediate

For students who have progressed beyond the Beginner level, and are ready to incorporate coursework into their training.

Advanced

For students and dogs that have progressed beyond the Intermediate level and are ready to learn advanced handling and patterns.

Private Lessons

We offer 1 hour long Private lessons, where an instructor will work one on one with a student. Private lessons can be useful to work on a problem specific to you and your dog. Privates can be scheduled whenever both instructor and student are available.

Drop-ins

When a student comes to a class that they are not regularly scheduled or attending regularly, they are 'Dropping in.' We will take Drop-ins; however, they require pre-approval from the instructor. If you are interested in Dropping in on a class, you must call ahead of time and make sure there is room for you in the class.

Puppy Class

Puppy classes are group classes, for dogs that are under 1 year old. This class is designed to lay a foundation for good behavior in your puppy, and is a good opportunity for socialization. The earlier you start teaching your dog obedience skills, the easier it will be for you to teach them Agility, or any other dog sport!

Other Classes

At Agility Dream Dogs, we are involved in many aspects of dog training. We can offer Canine Good Citizen prep. classes, and are willing to work with anyone towards whatever goals and titles they hope to achieve!

Prices

Below are our prices for Group classes, Private Lessons, and Drop-ins.

<i>Class</i>	<i>Price</i>
Group Class	\$90 for 6 weeks
Private Lesson	\$35 per hour
Drop-in	\$20 per class *conditional on prior approval

Class Schedule

Group Classes run for 6-week, 1 hour-long sessions.

Saturday classes run for 4-week, 1 ½ hour-long sessions.

<i>Day</i>	<i>Class Level</i>	<i>Time</i>
Tuesday	Advanced	5:30-6:30 pm
	Foundation	6:40-7:40 pm
Wednesday	Beginner	5:30-6:30 pm
	Intermediate	6:40-7:40 pm
Thursday	Beginner	5:30-6:30 pm
	Foundation	6:40-7:40 pm
Saturday	Foundation	11:00 am-12:30 pm
	Intermediate	1:00-2:30 pm

There will be a 1-week “buffer” between sessions; all sessions should start and end on the same week.

*class dates and times are tentative and subject to change according to availability.

Requirements

Equipment

There are some pieces of equipment that students **must** bring to every class:

- Wire or Hard sided kennel

We have extras available, but you must call ahead and make sure they are empty if you do not have a crate to bring. We may allow a soft-sided crate, but discourage them because many dogs will break out of them; particularly due to the excitement of Agility.

- 5 to 6-foot leash

For safety reasons, your dog cannot be on a retractable leash or extra-long leash. Our goal in Agility is to maintain control of the dog, and we expect the same outside the ring.

- Dog Treats

We use treats and toys in Agility, you are going to need to bring a treat that your dog really likes. We recommend mixing high-value treats with lower-value treats (like kibble) to keep your dog interested.

Agility is meant to be run off-leash; therefore, we are either running off-leash or working towards being off-leash. Prong and Training collars are not allowed in any Agility ring, and are not allowed in our classes while the dog is running.

Obedience Level

Because Agility is mainly off-leash, we expect a certain level of obedience from dogs in group classes. We teach Obedience in the foundation of our Beginner and Intermediate classes before working off-leash. If we determine a dog is creating an unsafe environment, we may recommend private lessons, so we can help you and your dog learn Agility safely.

Policies

Class Cancellation

Because we train outdoors, we sometimes may have to cancel classes due to the weather. Our main concern is safety; if it is too rainy or windy out we will cancel classes.

Classes are scheduled for 6-week sessions, with 1 'buffer' week in between each session. In the event of a class cancellation, we will have class on the extra 'buffer' week.

Attendance

Our class curriculum is designed around a 6-week schedule and we are teaching new material every night; it is important that students attend each of the 6 classes. Refunds will not be given for non-attendance.

If you do miss a class for any reason, you can make up that class within the same week on another class night of an equal level; however, you must communicate with the instructor and get prior approval before showing up to that class.

Puppies

Dogs under the age of 15 months are not allowed to compete in an Agility trial. A dog's growth plates can take up to 2 years to fully develop; meaning a puppy taking full-sized jumps and running on full-sized equipment can be seriously injured.

We will not put any dog under 1 year old over full-sized equipment. Jump bars will be set at ½ their jump height or lower, and contacts will not be higher than 2 feet; if used at all.

We will not take puppies that haven't completed their shots, and don't recommend that puppies under 5 months join a beginner class. Puppies have a limited attention span, and training time should be short and fun. If there are enough people interested, we will offer a puppy class.

Courtesy

We encourage students in a class to watch each other run. It is nice to support each other, and is also a good training opportunity. By watching someone else run, you can see traps that you might not have noticed, and another student might handle a sequence in a way that you like.

Students should also help set bars in between runs. If the instructor is resetting bars, the student loses valuable input and training time. It is not a good use of training time to have your instructor setting bars for you.

Substitute Dogs

If you wish to bring a different dog to class than is signed up, it **must** be approved by the instructor. The dog must be at the same level as the original dog to avoid disruption to the class, and proof of Rabies is required.

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