

Active Dog Sports Training



Student,

There are many rules we have in agility for the safety of both the dogs and the humans. We don't want to spend time in class covering everything so we ask you to read the rules ahead of time and sign that you agree to abide by them. Some of them will be explained in class further, but many of them are only covered here. There is also information about training methods and what you should plan to bring to class.

Thank you in advance.

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Agility Level 1 Week 1 Introduction and Rules

Positive Training

Our focus is fun

Praise right action enthusiastically

Ignore wrong actions or 'oops'

Teach obedience/control issues outside the ring.

Dog's name for attention only – if you overuse it, it will not mean anything anymore

"here" in place of "come" – "come" is an obedience term that means come and sit in front of me

Safety stuff

No dog-to-dog contact inside the ring

Down your dog – if a dog starts running around the ring out of control, go to the closest side and down your dog, talk to them, praise them, and ignore the running dog.

Never try equipment that hasn't been taught

Watch your dog and yourself – On obstacles, with other dogs, Heat/water/shade/pool – you know your dog better than anyone else, you need to look out for them.

No training collars or collars that can choke your dog, if your dog is on a Gentle Leader either remove it when they run, or switch the leash to their buckle collar.

Make sure your dogs nails are trimmed and hair is out of their face

Your dog MUST have flea and tick treatment and Parasite treatment (i.e. heartworm preventative)

Wear appropriate clothing – No bare feet or flip flops, you should wear athletic shoes, bring a jacket if it is cool, etc.

Staging

When we run sequences, we will set up stations for you to stand in to wait your turn, when you are next in line you should be getting ready to go.

Treats

Do not feed your dog directly before coming to class

Bring high value and a variety treats – they will get a lot, make sure they don't get tired of them

Where to treat – offer the treat at your pant seam, at dog's head level, they should not have to raise their head to take the treat. We want your dog's focus to be on what they are doing not you.

When to treat – treat often and as close to the moment of success as possible

Leash management

Your leash should be in the opposite hand from the dog

Do not pull your dog through obstacles, or around the course

Breaks

A break is not just an opportunity for you to rest it is also a time for your dog to rest, an hour of class is a long time for them to be active, especially in the warm summer months

Do not use the break time to practice obstacles or try things "one more time"

Guests

No children under 10 unless supervised by another adult

No conversations with handler

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Sit on bench or grass, no running around – this is especially distracting for the dogs

No guest dogs, unless kenneled or up on hill or away from ring area

Arriving late

You need to wait outside the ring until asked to enter

You need to warm up your dog before entering the ring

ER numbers/First Aide kits

We have a First Aid kit in the bin, if anyone ever needs it

We have directions to the closest ER both for dogs and handlers

If there is an emergency, your focus should be your dog, let the trainers deal with the emergency

If the family has multiple people handling one dog their needs to be one handler per night of class. If progressing to Level 1 or beyond the family should choose one handler for the dog per six week class.

If you have to miss two or more weeks of class you are welcome to come to the class, but you will be asked to repeat the class because you will have missed almost half of the materials covered

I have read and understand the rules of agility classes at Active Dog Sports Training and agree to abide by these rules.

Print your name here _____

Signature _____ Date _____