

Rruff Diamonds Dog Agility Club 2019 Beginners Program - what you need to know!!

Agility is about having fun with your dog, improving your communication and training skills with your dog, increasing your dog's confidence and achieving some of your dog's great potential.

Our lessons are an introduction to agility, including training techniques and agility equipment.

Beginner lessons are good for young dogs and puppies, old dogs, all breeds of dogs, with or without good obedience skills. We won't be over-doing exercises or jumps.

Beginner lessons are good for all kinds of handlers, young or old, experienced or new. You simply need to be happy with your dog and be willing to learn some new training techniques.

One handler can work with one dog. If you have two dogs, you need to be in 2 groups, or have a second person handle the second dog.

We are happy to work with overly enthusiastic or timid dogs and with handlers who don't have many skills. We do expect that your dog (on a leash held in your hand) should be happy to walk with you and the leash might even be loosely held some of the time!

Please let us know if your dog is very timid and we may be able to help with some strategies that you can work on ahead of the first lesson.

We cannot take AGGRESSIVE dogs who snarl angrily and are a threat to other dogs and people.

We work with small groups – no more than 7 dogs with 2 experienced instructors.

We hold an orientation session (without dogs) in April, before the lessons begin.

The training field is behind the Tommy Forrest Ballpark, at the end of the parking lot / laneway area

It costs \$55 for 5 lessons. You participate in one lesson each week. Full Refunds are available until April 14. If you decide, after lesson 1, that agility is not for you, let us know right away and we will refund \$45. No refunds after lesson 2. The Club has the right to determine that you and your dog are not ready for agility lessons and will refund you a pro-rated amount.

The registration form shows the schedule for classes. Classes start Monday April 29. Lessons are postponed if rain causes a cancellation.

A waiting list of people who want to take lessons can be developed. Those people will be notified after lesson 1, if there are any spots open.

After 5 lessons, you can sign up for more lessons for \$45 until the end of June. In July and August, lessons are drop-in (come to a lesson when you choose to) and cost \$5 each time you participate.

If you know that you and your dog are not ready for agility, but you want to learn new skills with your dog, we can recommend some fun and affordable online programs.

Need more information? Got more questions? rruffdiamonds@gmail.com call or text 867-688-0433