

## **Who coaches the Beginners?**

Gay Kennedy is the lead coach for the Beginner's Lessons.

- 15 + years coaching agility

- Experience includes working with more advanced levels

- Has trained 2 of her own dogs to competition levels

- Jordie, her Border Terrier, competes at Masters Levels in agility

- Remains active and stays current in agility training

Intermediate Agility participants assist Gay with the Beginner's Lessons.

All the instructors volunteer their time. This keeps our program fees very affordable.

We work with lesson plans, developed over many years.

We try to use activities and methods suited to the skills of the dogs and handlers that we see at our classes.

We will never force your dog to perform an agility obstacle. We will do everything we can to make the lessons fun for you and your dog – so much fun that most dogs race back to the training field each week.

You will be amazed about how much your dog has learned in 5 lessons, how fast your dog wants to run through the course and how much they want to be with their partner in the race.

We are recreational handlers, well-suited to working with northern dogs and handlers who typically have limited experiences in dog sports and training.

We focus on teaching agility and basic dog-partner skills. Our training is limited. We do not pretend to be animal behaviourists or veterinarians.

We participate in an annual summer clinic with a professional agility trainer from Edmonton. Christina Sanders helps us to progress in our skills and keeps us current with the trends in agility activities.

We participate in an annual agility competition in Yellowknife on the Labour Day weekend. The meet is sanctioned by the Agility Association of Canada. We get to test our skills and earn recognition for a variety of skills and games.