

Ruff Diamonds Dog Agility Club 2018 Beginners Program

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

We are happy to work with overly enthusiastic or timid dogs and with handlers who don't have many skills. We cannot take AGGRESSIVE dogs - dogs who snarl and snap angrily and are a threat to other dogs and people.

Our lessons are an introduction to the concepts of agility, including training techniques and 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. 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!

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 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 provide one lesson each week for 5 weeks. There will be 5 groups taking lessons.

We work with small groups – maximum 7 dogs with 2 experienced instructors.

Classes start Monday April 30.

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

Lessons are behind the Tommy Forrest Ballpark, at the end of the parking lot / laneway area

It costs \$55 for 5 lessons. Lessons are postponed if rain causes cancellation.

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. A waiting list of people who want to take beginners lessons will be developed if numbers warrant and those people will be notified after lesson 1 if there are any spots open.

The Club has the right to determine at any time, that you and your dog are not ready for agility lessons and will refund you a pro-rated amount.

After the 5 lessons, you can choose to sign up for additional lessons for \$44 until the end of June. In July and August, if you want to continue, lessons are drop-in (come 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 work on some basic skills, we can recommend some wonderful online programs.

Need more information? Got more questions?

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