

COVID-19 and Dog Agility

The club is committed to following whatever instructions are issued by the CPHO, such as limiting the number of participants at the field, wearing masks and practicing social distancing. Our activity plan will be submitted to the CPHO later in the spring for their review.

Ruff Diamonds Dog Agility Club 2021 Program
Intermediate / Continuing Beginners Groups

- For people and dogs who have already participated in Beginners Agility
- There is room for every handler and dog – no need to worry about full classes, no need to worry about how often you can participate or whether you want to compete. Agility is for all teams who want to have fun and learn some new skills.
- Usually 5-7 dogs at a practice. Sunday courses may have more teams.
- The fee for teams who participate regularly is \$130 for May and June, regardless of how many lessons you participate in.
- If you think that you will only participate occasionally, the fee is \$50 for up to any 6 lessons throughout May and June.
- If you have 2 dogs, and at least one is in the CB or Intermediate group, your 2nd dog costs 1/2 of the full fee.
- May 1 start date.
- There are several practice times each week. Each practice is approx. 1.5 hours.
- You choose how many practices that you want to participate in.
- If you work non-traditional hours, let Gay know and maybe we can organize a daytime group.
- We can also work with you so that you can train some skills on your own at the field.

May and June practices are scheduled as follows:

Masters (for the more advanced and experienced teams)

For teams who have significant experience at agility, know all the equipment and have good handling skills. We are trying to improve our run planning and the finer points of our handling. These teams are also welcome at Intermediate practices.

Thursday 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Sat morning – time established with group

Intermediates (for teams with solid basic skills)

For teams who have usually learned all the equipment – weaves, contacts may still need work. Teams need to work on independent obstacle performance, handling skills and teamwork.

Tuesday @ 7:00-8:30 pm, Friday @ 7:00-8:30 pm, Sunday @ 4:00-5:30 pm

Continuing Beginners

Teams have had the at least the 5 lesson Beginner program. We will work on weaves and teeter skills and learn handling cues.

Monday@ 7:00-8:30 pm, Wednesday@ 7:00-8:30 pm, Sunday@ 2:00 – 3:30 pm

- In June, we will change the Sunday afternoon practice to a morning time – (cooler).
- At the Sunday practices, we will work through the courses and games together.
- We are hoping that our pro trainer can come for a weekend in June – date not yet set. Christina Sanders from Edmonton will work on handling and other agility skills with us. Cost and schedule will be posted later.
- \$5 per session for July-September
- Regardless of which group you are in, we start with remembering the easier skills and gradually develop you and your dog's focus and skills with equipment, courses and handling. We know that the dogs remember almost everything, but the humans, not so much!
- If you are an intermediate, you can also choose to practice during unscheduled times – to work on your weaves etc. Talk with Gay, if you want to try this, she can get you started with some things to tackle on your own. If you have the right plan, it can be great fun!
- All the people in these classes are expected to help as much as possible with club activities, such as field clean-up and fence set-up in late April, helping with beginners' classes, guest night and the annual competition on the Labour Day weekend.
- Cheques to Ruff Diamonds Dog Agility Club, E-transfers to ruffdiamonds@gmail.com or 867-688-0433, Cash to 5040 Forrest Dr
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