



Chuckanut Dog Training Association, Inc. **DOG AGILITY COURSES**

Indoors - Horse Arena - Year-round - Limited class size - Register Early
Foundation, Agility for Fun, Obstacle Performance, Basic Handling, Advanced Handling, and Jumping Skills
<http://www.chuckanutdogtraining.org> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/chuckanutdogtraining/>

Starting Thursday, May 2nd.

Class Dates: May 2, 16, 23, June 6, 20, 27, July 4 (tentative), 11 & 18.

LOCATION: Northwest Washington Fairgrounds, 1775 Front St. Lynden, WA, Walton Beverage Arena,
Enter at Gate 2 on Front Street, or via Gate 5 from Kok Rd., Lynden, WA

INSTRUCTORS and COURSES: Descriptions on next page.

Amy Anderson	Agility for Fun - 1	5:15 - 6:15 p.m.
Marian Snapp	Foundation Agility	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Marian Snapp	Obstacle Performance & Basic Handling	7:45 - 9:00 p.m.

* CDTA reserves the right to cancel if only three students or fewer than are enrolled in a course.

*Class time includes setting up and/or taking down of equipment.
When equipment is in place, class will begin!*

REGISTRATION FEES:

\$135.00 per course (non-CDTA members)

\$108.00 per course (CDTA members)

******* \$54 per course (CDTA Junior members) *******

Pre-Registration required for ALL courses

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PLEASE call if you are interested as some courses have a waiting list.

Next session of classes tentatively scheduled for Sept. 3rd, 2019.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Agility is a team sport. It is you and your dog working as a unit. Communication is key. Establishing a solid foundation at the beginning will help you to develop the kind of relationship that will carry you through your agility experience. CDTA's program for agility is designed to help you achieve a solid relationship, communications skills with your dog, and strong handling skills for you. Have fun on your journey.

Agility for Fun!

So you have probably seen this fun sport somewhere in your experiences with your dog(s). This course gives you and your dog the opportunity to find out something about the teamwork and skills needed if you want to get into competition. If you **don't** want to compete, this is still the class for you and your dog!! Any equipment used will be low to the ground and will suit any dog. Come experience the thrill of directing your dog through the obstacles and see if you both love it as much as so many of us do.

Prerequisite: Dog must be 4 mos. of age at least and be current on all immunizations.

Foundation Agility: Offered only a couple of times a year

This course introduces skills necessary for both handler and dog toward becoming a strong team. With a solid understanding of how to use positive reinforcement to get and maintain the dog's focus, dog and handler acquire specific behaviors such as engagement, body awareness, impulse control, development of drive, and beginning skills specific to introductory equipment for agility. Some agility equipment is introduced along with beginning handling techniques, obstacle commitment, and distractions.

Prerequisite: Dog must be 4 mos. of age at least and be current on all immunizations.

Obstacle Performance:

This focus of this course is the beginning skilled performance of obstacles. As the dog learns what is required of them on contacts, weaves, jumps, and tunnels, handling skills and techniques are integrated to encourage independent obstacle performance.

Prerequisite: Foundation Agility or Agility for Fun or permission of the instructor.

Basic & Intermediate Handling Techniques:

Building from Foundation Agility and Obstacle Performance, teams will apply handling and performance techniques learned to short sequences of obstacles. Handling strategies will be introduced. Intermediate level handling will involve longer sequences.

Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.

Advanced Handling:

This course is for handlers who are competing in any venue. Advanced handling techniques are introduced, along with increasingly complex sequences, distance, and discrimination between obstacles. Longer sequences are used to build and hone skills in handling, obstacle performance, mental discipline & stamina on the course. Course analysis is included in this course.

Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.

There's More to Competing than Running Your Dog (not currently offered)

Are you thinking about trialing? This class covers the nitty-gritty details of trialing, including finding and entering trials, preparing your dog for competition, managing your dog on the day of the trial, and maintaining the emotional well-being of both members of your team. The intent is to develop an ability to go from reading a course map to creating a handling plan that will both (1) successfully get your dog through the course at hand, and (2) build the kind of trust in its handling that will set your dog up to run well throughout its career. Pre-requisites: ability to manage a short sequence of obstacles with the dog using very basic handling techniques.

Jumping Skills (Offered based on demand)

Three out of every four obstacles your agility dog navigates during his or her lifetime will be jumps. A comprehensive jumping skills program can help develop your dog's balance, muscle memory, and problem-solving skills, enhancing his or her safety, confidence, adaptability, and performance consistency. This course will introduce the dog and handler to the basics of jumping. We will work together to build better understanding of obstacle focus, path, distance, takeoff point, and lead changes. Jumping grids will be used for many of the exercises.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor; dogs should be over a year, and have basic manners and recall. Class will be appropriate for dogs new to jumping and for improving the understanding and performance ability of more experienced dogs.

Additional courses topics will be added as instructors and space are available. Notice will be given on our website:

www.chuckanutdogtraining.org/classes