

# DAYTON DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC.

## DESCRIPTION AND TIMES OF AGILITY CLASSES OFFERED

ALL CLASSES ARE OPEN TO REGISTRATIONS BY BOTH MIXED BREED AND PUREBRED DOGS

Class times and days are subject to change based on instructor availability as we are all volunteers.

**EACH SESSION COSTS \$85.00. A SESSION IS MADE UP ONE CLASS PER WEEK FOR 7 WEEKS. EACH CLASS LASTS APPROXIMATELY 1 HOUR. CLASS SIZES ARE LIMITED**

### LEVEL 1A FOUNDATION

*Prerequisite: Must have completed 1 Obedience class. Or by Director of Agility Permission*

- Continue building attention/focus/relationship between dog and handler
- Introduce basic agility skills using different obstacles/contacts at lower heights
- Focus and attention to moving on from obstacle to obstacle
- Will be working on and off leash
- **OFFERED TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 PM**

### LEVEL 1B FLATWORK FOR AGILITY

*Prerequisite: Must have completed 1 Obedience class. Or by Director of Agility Permission*

- Continue building attention/focus/relationship between dog and handler
- Introduce basic handling
- Focus and attention to moving around the ring
- Will be working on and off leash
- **OFFERED TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 7:45 PM**

### LEVEL 1 A & B FOUNDATION/FLATWORK COMBO

*Prerequisite: Must have completed 1 Obedience class or by Director of Agility Permission*

*Students will be required to repeat this class or take A or B*

- Continue building attention/focus/relationship between dog and handler
- Introduce basic agility skills using different obstacles/contacts at lower heights
- Focus and attention to moving around the ring
- Will be working on and off leash
- **OFFERED TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 5:00 PM**

## **LEVEL 1/2 FOUNDATION with CONTACTS and WEAVES**

*Prerequisite: Must have completed 1 Obedience class. Or by Director of Agility Permission*

*For students who need a daytime class*

*Class will need to be repeated to move on*

- Continue building attention/focus/relationship between dog and handler
- Introduce basic agility skills using different obstacles/contacts at lower heights
- Focus and attention to moving on from obstacle to obstacle
- Contract performance with 2 on 2 off method at lower heights
- Will be working on and off leash
- **OFFERED MONDAY AFTERNOON AT 2:15 PM**

## **LEVEL 2 INTRODUCTION TO CONTACTS AND WEAVES**

*Prerequisite: Level 1 A & B AND Instructor Permission*

- Teams build on skills introduced in Level 1 classes
- Class is split between weaves and contacts
- Introduction to 12 weaves
- Contract performance with 2 on 2 off method at lower heights
- Dogs will work on and off leash
- **OFFERED TUESDAY NIGHTS 7:45 PM**

## **WEAVE FOR BEGINNERS**

*Prerequisite: Must complete Levels 1 AND 2*

- Continue weave work with 12 weave poles
- Work on weave entrances
- This class may be taken with an additional class
- This class will be for 45 minutes
- **OFFERED WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 5:15 PM**

## **LEVEL 3 INTRODUCTION TO AGILITY**

*Prerequisite: Level 2 AND Instructor Permission*

- Introduction to additional agility equipment
- Teams begin short sequences
- Reinforcement on attention/focus – working mostly off leash
- Continue with weave performance
- **OFFERED TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 PM**

## **FUN FOR AGILITY**

*Prerequisite: Must complete Level 1, 2 and 3 agility classes and work off leash*

- No formal training/instruction provided unless it is for safety issues
- This class is NOT intended for handlers/dogs who plan on competing in agility
- Perfect for those wishing to play with their dogs without the stress of competition
- Courses will be short sequences that include tunnels, jumps set low, 6 weaves and lowered contacts
- **OFFERED WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 5:15 PM**

## **LEVEL 3/4/5**

*Prerequisite: Must have completed Level 1 & 2 AND Instructor Permission*

*For students who need a daytime class*

*Class will need to be repeated to move on*

- Reinforce attention/focus/relationship between dog and handler
- Focus and attention to moving on from obstacle to obstacle
- Strengthen 2 on 2 off contacts
- Introduce lead changes with sequences
- Will be working off leash
- **OFFERED TUESDAY MORNING AT 11:00 AM**

## **LEVEL 4 SKILLS AND HANDLING**

*Prerequisite: Level 3 AND Instructor Permission*

- Continued work on basic handling skills
- Improving contact performance
- Longer sequences – introducing different crosses and side changes
- Continue to improve weave performance
- **OFFERED TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 7:45 PM**

## **LEVEL 5 PRE-NOVICE**

*Prerequisite: Level 4 AND Instructor Permission. Must be able to weave 6 straight poles*

- Teams will continue to build on improving contact and weave performance
- Sequences requiring more advanced handling skills
- All work off leash
- **OFFERED WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 PM**

## **LEVEL 5/6      PRE-NOVICE/NOVICE**

*Prerequisite: Level 4 AND Instructor Permission.*

*For students who need a daytime class*

- Teams will continue to build on improving contact and weave performance
- Sequences requiring more advanced handling skills
- All work off leash
- **OFFERED WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS AT 12:30 PM**

## **LEVEL 6            NOVICE**

*Prerequisite: Level 5 AND Instructor Permission. Must be able to weave 12 straight poles*

- Sequences become more advanced with distance work and good understanding of side changes
- Working on novice courses
- **OFFERED MONDAY NIGHTS AT 5:15 PM**
- **OFFERED MONDAY NIGHTS AT 7:45 PM**

## **LEVEL 6/7        NOVICE/OPEN**

*Prerequisite: Level 5 or competing at this level*

*For students who need a daytime class*

- Sequences become more advanced with distance work and good understanding of side changes
- Understanding course analysis – the best pathway for your dog
- All work off leash
- **OFFERED WEDNESDAY MORNING AT 11:00 AM**

## **LEVEL 7            OPEN/EXCELLENT**

*Prerequisite: Level 6 or competing at this level*

- This class is split, half the ring will work on handling and weave entries and the other half ring will work on contacts and more challenging handling sequences
- Understanding course analysis – the best pathway for your dog
- Continue to work on advancing skills needed for competition in Open/Excellent
- **OFFERED MONDAY NIGHTS AT 5:15 PM**
- **OFFERED MONDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 PM**

## **LEVEL 8            ADVANCED HANDLING SKILLS**

*Prerequisite: Competing at Open or Excellent level or by Instructor Permission*

- Introduce higher level skills such as backsides, serpentines, treadles, discriminations, and challenging weave entries
- Shorter sequences with occasional full course set up:
- **OFFERED MONDAY AFTERNOONS AT 12:45 PM**
- **OFFERED WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 7:45 PM (class MUST assist with set up and tear down)**

**LEVEL 9      MASTER COMPETITION      CLASS IS 1.5 HOURS**

*Prerequisite: Competing in Master level or instructor permission*

- Will be running full courses, identify and address troubled areas.
- **OFFERED THURSDAY NIGHTS AT 6:00 PM (Class MUST assist with set up at 5:30)**
- **OFFERED THURSDAY NIGHTS AT 7:30 PM**

**LEVEL 9.1      COMMUNICATION/HANDLING**

*Prerequisite: Must be reliable with equipment and off leash on course with solid Novice level skills*

- Handling sequences for distant work
- Willingness to learn new ways of handling
- Dog focus handler vs. obstacle
- Overhandling issues
- Best methods of reward
- **OFFERED WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS AT 2:00 PM**

**ADVANCED WEAVE CLASS**

**Instructor approval necessary**

- Perfect weave performance
- Work on advanced weave entrances
- This class may be taken with an additional class
- **OFFERED TUESDAY AFTERNOONS AT 1:30 PM**