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## AGILITY CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

### Puppy Class

Begin building a relationship with your dog and socialize them to become comfortable with various conditions. This class is for puppies between 12 weeks and 8 months. Puppies will:



 be exposed to various noises and movements  
 learn basic household manners



 learn "come"  
 learn sit, down & stay

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### Clicks & Tricks

Get a basic understanding of dog training and operant conditioning (voluntary behavior) using a clicker. Have fun teaching tricks while gaining a better relationship with your dog. Handler and dog teams will learn:



 operant conditioning  
 tricks/ trick competition



 impulse control  
 attention work

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### Clicks & Tricks 2



Progression of Clicks & Tricks - you and your dog will be presented with more challenging behaviors. Skills to be taught:



 working with distractions  
 distance recalls

 shaping of advanced tricks  
 back chaining and targeting

## Introduction to Agility

First level of agility training designed for dogs and handlers new to agility. The class is open to dogs over 6 months of age. You must have completed clicks & tricks to advance to this class. No agility experience is needed to enter this class. Skills to be taught include:



 tunnel, chute, tire  
 2on/2off on flat board



 turns around the jump upright  
 table with automatic down

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## Agility Basics

This class is designed for those dog and handler teams who have had some exposure to agility or handlers who have trained another agility dog. Skills to be taught include:





 tunnel, chute, tire  
 2on/2off on flat board

 turns around the jump upright  
 table with automatic down

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## Advanced Beginners

Prerequisite: Must pass **Introduction to Agility or Agility Basics**. Skills to be taught include:

 intro to A-frame & dog walk  additional turns  
 broad jump  buja board

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## Jumping 101

Students will be introduced to foundation jumping skills based on *Developing Jumping Skills (DJS)*, Mecklenburg, Linda (2008). If you did not complete **Introduction to Agility** and **Advanced Beginners**, you must get training director's approval. DJS is a required text for the class (add'l \$30) and will be available for purchase at IncrediPAWS Training Facility.

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## Intermediate

Prerequisite: Must pass **Beginners Agility** and **Advanced Beginners**. This will be a progression of the prerequisite classes. Goals for this class:

 introduction to weave poles  introduction to teeter  
 solid start line stay  begin sequencing

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## **Sends & Recalls**

*This class is a prerequisite for all competition level classes.* This class is designed to teach handlers forward and lateral sends and the 6 Recall to Heel positions developed by Linda Mecklenburg of Awesome Paws. Required text: *Developing Jumping Skills (DJS)*, Mecklenburg Linda (2008). The DJS text (add'l \$30) is available for the purchase at IncrediPAWS Training Facility.

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## **Contacts & Weaves**

*This class is a prerequisite for all competition level classes.* This class is designed to improve dogs' skills on all three contact obstacles as well as weave poles. Handlers will be shown ways to improve their independent performance and then challenges will be given to push their skills.

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## **Analyze This**

This class is designed to allow students to run various courses with instructor discussion and feedback. The class will run anywhere from 2-3 courses allowing 5-8 minutes for walk-thrus. You will not be introduced to new skills, but you will practice applying the skills you have to courses. Courses will be at the excellent/masters level.

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## **Competition Bronze**


Prerequisite: Must pass **Intermediate**, **Sends & Recalls** and **Contacts & Weaves** as well as have a 2 jump startline stay. Those dogs without stays risk losing their amount of time on equipment. This class is an introduction to longer sequences which closely adhere to the AKC regulations for Novice and Open level. This class will have a stronger focus on handling as opposed to obstacle performance. An evaluation at the completion of this class will be given to the handler to allow them to assess their skills and progress.

 Weekly homework may be a requirement to continue to the next level.

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## **Competition Silver**

Prerequisite: Must pass **Competition Bronze** and **Contacts and Weaves**. This class is a continuation of Competition Bronze with sequences that closely adhere to the AKC regulations for Excellent level.

 Weekly homework will be evaluated and is a requirement to continue to the next level.

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## Competition Gold

Prerequisite: Must pass **Competition Silver** and **Contacts and Weaves**. This class is a continuation of Competition Silver with sequences at the USDAA Master's level and AKC International Class. This class is for handlers desiring to increase and perfect their handling skills.



You must have approval to enter this class based on your performance in Silver.

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## 2 Dog Team League

This league is designed to create a friendly competition for those seeking to practice in a trial-like environment. Teams of 2 dogs/handlers will sign up to compete against other teams. Each week will feature a new course and various classes such as standard, jumpers, timed gambles, and other classes. Score will be taken from the first run of each night for the first 6 weeks. While handlers will get to run a second time, only the first run will count. On the seventh week of class you will continue to run a course and the league winners will be revealed. The league winners will receive their name on a plaque at the IncrediPAWS Training Facility as well as a league champion t-shirt. League rules will be sent with confirmation. Handler may create their own team or be paired randomly with another handler. Handlers may handle 2 dogs on the same team.

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