

Starting Pre-Agility

Welcome to our Pre-Agility class. Starting any class for the first time can feel very overwhelming for you and your dog. Some handlers and dogs take it in their stride and settle in immediately, others will take time. Often it will depend on the previous dog owning experiences for the handler and socialisation for the dog. It doesn't matter if you intend to compete or just attend to have fun and socialise. Our aim is to always make it fun for you and your dog. All we ask is that your dog is comfortable in a group situation.

Pre-Agility is for any age of dog from puppy to elderly and is designed to build confidence and control without the stresses of large equipment or high impact to put stress on young or old joints. Pre-Agility prepares your dog to eventually join the Fun Agility when they are old enough or feel confident enough.

No dog or handler combination is the same and we all learn at different rates.

Arriving at class Please try to arrive at least 10 minutes before class starts, it can be very disruptive to the class when a new dog enters. This is the time to pay your fees and settle in. If you should arrive late then please do not enter the training area whilst another dog is going around the course.

Toileting Please encourage your dog to toilet before class and please do not let your dog soil the equipment.

Treats & Toys We use treats and toys to reward and motivate our dogs when training. Please make sure that treats aren't dropped on the ground when completing the course as this can be very distracting for the other dogs.

Equipment If working on lead then a flat collar and a normal lead is best, A good length would be about 1.8m. You will need footwear with a good grip, designed for running or walking on rough terrain. Clothing should be in layers but not loose. Be prepared for any weather. If you can get to training we will be running it. If the weather turns bad then we have an indoor training area. However this is not heated and so outdoor clothing is advised. If you are not sure please check with Sue on the morning of training.

Warming Up & Feeding! Please do not feed your dog within 2 hours of rigorous exercise, make sure you move your dogs around and give their joints a little massage before any activities to warm their muscles up.

Dog versus Dog One of the reasons dog owners come to class is to socialise their dogs. Some dogs struggle with other dogs in their space and so we keep our dogs on lead when not completing the course. Make sure that you ask before approaching other dogs and please resist treating them. If your dog is friendly don't presume others are.

The Agility Equipment: Cones for direction control, poles at ground level, hoops and low dog walk and a-frame, V-weaves and 2 by 2 weaves. Rigid tunnels.

Please read our Dos & Don'ts on our website for further information.

Your Trainers are Rachel Holmes & Sue Fryer

Happy Training - Sue

Pre-Agility is run weekly at £10 a session. P.A.Y.G.
Saturday 12 – 1pm