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AGILITY



WHAT IS AGILITY?

Agility is a fun sport you and your dog can participate in together.

Agility is a competition which comprises of a sequence of obstacles that your dog must negotiate to qualify.

The obstacles used in agility are single bar hurdles, spread hurdle, broad jump, hoops/tyres, scramble/A frame, dog walk, seesaw, flexible/pipe tunnel, collapsible tunnel, weaving poles and a table. At a competition, a judge sets the sequence of obstacles that the dog must complete.

To gain a qualification, the dog must not only make no mistakes on the course, or on individual pieces of equipment, but must be under the Standard Course Time (S.C.T.)

The S.C.T. is a time limit set by the judge on each occasion.

There are different levels of competition, from Novice through to Masters, depending on how experienced the dog is.

There are a number of Clubs that run agility training and trials in Queensland.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why do agility with your dog?

Dog agility is a great way to get fit and stay fit for both you and your dog, and best of all they love it.

Does my dog need to be obedient to do Agility?

Basic obedience is an advantage, but not necessary.

What breeds can do agility?

Any breed or cross breed can do agility; however, some breeds physical attributes may not be suited to this sport. If you are unsure check with your local Agility Club.

How young can I start training my dog?

The minimum age varies from Club to Club, but generally once your puppy has had its final vaccinations it will be able start training at any Club which has puppy agility classes.

Does it matter how old my dog is?

The fitness of your dog is far more important than its age, some dogs have stayed in the sport until they are 10 or 11 years old. Fitness and soundness are the deciding factors.

How much will it cost?

You will have to pay a joining fee plus membership to the Club. Clubs who train under lights may charge a lighting fee of a couple of dollars per night.

Do I have to join Dogs Qld?

You do not need to be a member of Dogs Qld to train your dog, however, if you decide to compete with your dog in Agility Trials you will have to join, and your dog will need to be registered with Dogs Qld so we can track your Agility achievements.

