



ACT COMPANION DOG CLUB INC.

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Level 4 Agility – Entry Requisites

CRITERIA		MANDATORY / OPTIONAL	
ADMIN	Current financial member of ACT Companion Dog Club (CDC)	M	
	Paid agility training fee (or CDC instructor)	M	
	Team complies with all CDC rules and policies (e.g. vaccination, agility waiting list etc)	M	
	Has attended at least 4 of the 8 classes of the previous session (if attended CDC agility Level 3)	M	
	Dog doesn't persistently disrupt class (e.g. by frequently doing "zoomies", displaying aggression to dogs or people, lunging/barking at other dogs or handlers, urinating on equipment)	M	
	FOR NEW CDC AGILITY MEMBERS (i.e. have not been promoted from a lower level): Has attended a CDC agility intake lecture in the last 2 years, or undertakes to attend the next one. The team has passed a formal Control test. The dog is not aggressive towards other dogs or people, and responds to their handler in recall and off-lead heeling, even with distractions. Handlers may use motivators (toys, food, praise) at any time during the test. We are looking for the dog being responsive to its handler, not "obedience" style formal recalls and heeling. The dog has passed a formal Physical test. Has no obvious problem such as limping or stiffness. Is easily able to jump a low hurdle, and can turn from one side to the other. Is not overweight.	M	
Team has had exposure to all the obstacles listed below and is able to perform at least 10 to the standard described (remembering this class is for dogs with some agility experience). The dog only has to demonstrate performance at the heights specified, training should mostly be done at lower heights, especially with younger dogs.		M	
OBSTACLES	Hurdle (jump)	Can confidently perform, at least 75% of competition height, with variations (wings, solid bar, double bars, decorations e.g. cones)	O
	Spread hurdle	At least 75% of competition height and width	O
	Broad jump	At least 75% of competition width	O
	Hoop (tyre)	At least 75% of competition height	O
	Flexible tunnel	Full length. Can perform with a large radius 180 degree bend.	O
	Collapsible tunnel (chute)	Full length. Not held open	O
	Scramble (A frame)	At least 1400mm (85%) high. Team has reliable contacts (90% of the time) without a target or is close to fading use of target.	O
	Dog walk	Full height dog walk. Team has reliable contacts (90% of the time) without a target or is close to fading use of target.	O



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	Table	At least 75% of competition height. Reliable wait on the table (90% of the time).	O
	Weaving poles	Can do 12 poles. May be standard, offset channel (1/2 width of dog or less), guides (up to half set) or narrow V channel. Handler on both sides	O
	See saw	Can perform see-saw with minor assistance (low table and/or drop being partially controlled). Contacts are reliable (90% of the time).	O
HANDLING	Recalls (here/come)	Almost always able to recall dog (95% of the time)	M
	Lead Out (wait)	Handler can usually (80% of the time) lead out at least 5 metres ahead of dog	O
	Contact Strategies	Able to describe and demonstrate a practical contact strategy (usually able to perform it successfully, progressing well with fading of target)	M
	Warm-ups & Stretching	Handler is able to demonstrate appropriate warm-ups and stretching on their dog	M
	Team has had exposure to all the following, and is able to do at least 12 at the standard described, remembering this class is for dogs with some agility experience		M
	Independent performance of obstacles	Handler able to work most obstacles with dog on either side of handler (i.e. on left or right)	O
		Dog able to perform obstacles with handler stationary and moving	O
	Hand targeting, lead hand	Handler able to demonstrate hand targeting with dog following handler's hand (e.g. Post turn, figure 8 exercise)	O
	Cues & Signals	Handler can demonstrate cues (voice/hand/body/movement) for each obstacle and turn	O
	Lateral distance	Handler can get at least 4 metres lateral distance	O
	Angled approaches	Able to perform most obstacles with approach angles of at least 30 degrees (not dog walk or see-saw)	O
	Send dog ahead	Handler can send dog ahead at least 6 metres (use of target permitted)	O
	Sequences	Able to perform a sequence of at least 5 obstacles	O
	Luring versus rewarding	Handler does not rely on luring	O
	Targets/toys	Handler can demonstrate appropriate use of Targets and/or toys	O
	Motivators (play, food, toys, praise)	Handler can demonstrate good usage of what, when, how to use. Is able to use in training to arouse dog (if needed), increase confidence, reward good performances	O



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	Call-offs	Handler can reliably (90% of the time) call the dog off an obstacle if the dog isn't too close to the obstacle	O	
	Attention	Handler can almost always (95% of the time) get dog's attention when asked to do so	O	
	Obstacle discrimination	Handler is aware of some of the issues and some ways to train this	O	
	Proof against distractions	Handler is aware of some of the issues and some ways to train this	O	
TURNS / SIDESWITCHES	Post Turn (pivot)/180/Pinwheel	Handler can demonstrate an easy post turn and 180 turn and can perform a tight pinwheel (i.e., without much lateral distance yet for the middle jump)	M	
	Here/Come	Dog reliably comes towards handler (90% of the time). Handler can demonstrate	M	
	Team has had exposure to all the following, and is able to do at least 2 at the standard described, remembering this class is for dogs with some agility experience:			M
	Rear Cross	Handler is aware of the concept and can demonstrate a simple version (e.g. dog in tunnel). Use of target permitted.	O	
	Front Cross/Lead-out Pivot	Handler is aware of the concept and can demonstrate a simple version (e.g. dog in tunnel or as lead-out pivot). Use of target permitted.	O	
	Out (Increased lateral distance)	Diverging paths. Handler is aware of the concept and can demonstrate a simple version. Use of target permitted.	O	
	Turn Away	Dog turns away from handler. Handler is aware of the concept and can demonstrate in an easy sequence. Use of target permitted.	O	
	Left/Right	Handler is aware of the concept and can demonstrate a simple version. Use of target permitted.	O	

The CDC Agility sub-committee can chose to promote/not promote/admit any team to any level after consideration of all relevant facts