

Entry Requisites – Beginners Agility

CDC Agility

		Mandatory/ Optional
	Current financial member of ACT Companion Dog Club (CDC)	M
	Paid agility training fee (or CDC instructor)	M
	Has reached the intake cut-off point in CDC's agility waiting list (or is current CDC instructor)	M
	Team complies with all CDC rules and policies (e.g. vaccination)	M
	Has attended the relevant Agility intake lecture	M
	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	M
	Dog is at least 14 months old.	M
	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.	M
There is no requirement to pass any particular level of obedience class before entry to CDC agility. This is covered by the formal Control test		
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Skills Guide – Beginners Class

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OBSTACLES	Team to have exposure to all the obstacles listed below and be able to perform all to the standard described		M
	Hurdle (jump)	At low height	M
	Spread hurdle	At low height	M
	Broad jump	At narrow width	M
	Tyre	At low height	M
	Flexible tunnel	Not necessarily at full length. Can be straight	M
	Collapsible tunnel (chute)	Not necessarily at full length. Can be held open	M
	Contact strategy	Handler to choose a contact behaviour (running, 2o2o or other) and work only on board on low table or planks on the ground. A frame and Dog Walk NOT to be introduced in this class.	M
	See saw	Has been introduced to See Saw (use of tables and/or plank being held encouraged). Can explain and demonstrate contact strategy even if not consistent yet	M
	Wobble Board	Dog introduced to Wobble Board and is building confidence with movement under feet	M
	Ground Bars (ladder walk)	Dog has some awareness of location of rear feet	O
SKILLS	Recalls	Reliably able to recall dog (80% of the time)	M
	Send to dead toy/target plate	Handler can send dog ahead at least 2 metres to either a dead toy or a target plate with food (or similar)	M
	Warm-up	Handler is able to demonstrate an appropriate warm-up for their dog	M
	Targets/toys	Handler can demonstrate appropriate use of Targets and/or toys	M
	Motivators (play, food, toys, praise)	Handler is aware of what, when, how to use. Is able to use in training to arouse dog, increase confidence, reward good performances	M
	Attention	Handler can reliably (90% of the time) get dog's attention when asked to do so	M
	Flatwork for Front Crosses	Handler can execute basic Front Cross on the flat (with no obstacle or with a prop e.g. traffic cone)	M
	Marker & Release Words	Handler understands the importance of and the difference between the 2 and uses them consistently well in training.	M
	Team has had exposure to all the following, and is able to do at least 8 at the standard		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 lead hand work, call to side or reinforcement zone	O
	Cues & Signals	Handler can demonstrate cues (voice/hand/body/movement) for each obstacle	O
	Lateral distance	Handler can get at least 1 metre lateral distance	O
	Angled approaches	Able to perform some obstacles with approach angles of at least 20 degrees	O
	Send dog ahead	Handler can send dog ahead at least 2 metres (use of target permitted)	O
	Sequences	Able to perform a simple sequence of at least 2 obstacles	O
	Luring v's rewarding	Handler understands the difference between luring and rewarding. Targets can be used	O
	Lead Out (wait)	Handler can usually lead out at least 1 metre ahead of dog	O
	Call-offs	Handler can usually (80% of the time) call the dog off an obstacle if the dog isn't too close to the obstacle	O
TURNS	Post Turn	Handler can demonstrate an easy post turn	M
	180	Handler can demonstrate an easy 180	M
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