

Entry Requisites – Intermediate and Advanced Agility

CDC Agility

| | | Mandatory/ Optional |
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| ADMIN | Current financial member of ACT Companion Dog Club (CDC) | M |
| | Paid agility training fee (or CDC instructor) | M |
| | Dog is at least 14 months old | M |
| | Team complies with all CDC rules and policies (e.g. vaccination, agility waiting list etc) | M |
| | Has attended at least 75% of classes of the previous session (if attended CDC agility). If classes have been cancelled due to poor weather/or trials then promotion to next class will be at the judgement of the instructor. | 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 |

Skills Guide – Intermediate class

| | | Mandatory /Optional | |
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| OBSTACLES | Team will have exposure to all the obstacles listed below and will be able to perform all to the standard described | | |
| | Hurdle (jump) | Progress to 75% of competition height | M |
| | Spread hurdle | Progress to 75% of competition height | M |
| | Broad jump | Progress to 75% of competition width | M |
| | Tyre | Progress to 75% of competition height | M |
| | Flexible tunnel | Progress to full length, with some curve | M |
| | Collapsible tunnel (chute) | Progress to full length. May be held open | M |
| | A frame | First introduction to A frame at low height or with individual planks on a low table. Throughout duration of class, team to progress to 75% of full height | M |
| | Dog walk | First introduction to Dog Walk at low height or with planks on the ground or low table. Throughout duration of class, team to progress to full height obstacle. | M |
| | See Saw | Continue to build skills on see saw. Tables and/or plank being held to continue until dog is confident. Handler can show and explain their contact strategy. Progress to competition performance. | M |
| | Weaves | First introduction to Weaving. Various methods can be used including channel, V poles, guides and 2x2's. Throughout duration of class, team to progress to 12 straight weaves. Team may still not be at competition standard but making good progress towards it. | M |
| SKILLS | Recalls | Reliably able to recall dog (90% of the time) | M |
| | Contact Strategies | Able to describe and demonstrate a practical contact strategy | M |
| | Warm-up | Handler is able to demonstrate an appropriate warm-up for their dog | M |
| | Send dog ahead | Handler can send dog ahead at least 4 metres. Use of target permitted. | 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 |
| | Marker & Release Words | Handler understands the importance of and the difference between the 2 and uses them consistently well in training. | M |
| | Attention | Handler can reliably (95% of the time) get dog's attention when asked to do so | M |
| | Luring versus rewarding | Handler is not relying on luring all the time (can use targets for contacts) | M |
| | Team has had exposure to all of the following and is able to do at least 7 at the standard described | | M |
| | Independent performance of obstacles | Handler able to work most obstacles with dog on left or right hand side | 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 | O |
| | Lead out (wait) | Handler can lead out at least 3 metres from dog | O |
| | Lateral distance | Handler can get at least 2 metres lateral distance | O |
| | Angled approaches | Able to perform some obstacles with approach angles of at least 30 degrees | O |
| Sequences | Able to perform a simple sequence of 4 obstacles | O | |
| Call-offs | Handler can usually (85% of the time) call the dog off an obstacle if the dog isn't too close | O | |
| TURNS | Post Turns/180's | Progress understanding towards competition standard | M |
| | Front Cross | Handler can demonstrate a basic Front Cross | M |
| | Pinwheel | Handler can demonstrate a basic Pinwheel | O |
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| OBSTACLES | Team has had exposure to all the obstacles listed below and is able to perform all to the standard described. | | M |
| | Hurdle (jump) | Progress to full height | M |
| | Spread hurdle | Progress to full height and width | M |
| | Broad jump | Progress to full width | M |
| | Tyre | Progress to full height | M |
| | Flexible tunnel | Full length. Can perform with a large radius 180 degree bend. | M |
| | Collapsible tunnel (chute) | Full length. Not held open | M |
| | A frame | Full height. Team has reliable contacts (90% of the time) without a target or is close to fading use of target. | M |
| | Dog walk | Full height. Team has reliable contacts (90% of the time) without a target or is close to fading use of target. | M |
| | Weaving poles | Reliable weaving (80% success rate). Handler on both sides | M |
| | See saw | Polishing competition performance. Contacts are reliable (90% of the time). | M |
| SKILLS | Recalls | Almost always able to recall dog (95% of the time) | M |
| | Contact Strategies | Able to describe and demonstrate a practical contact strategy | M |
| | Warm-up | Handler is able to demonstrate an appropriate warm-up for their dog | M |
| | Send dog ahead | Handler can send dog ahead on a sequence (towards a tunnel for example) | M |
| | Targets/toys | Handler can demonstrate appropriate use of Targets and/or toys | M |
| | 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 | M |
| | Marker & Release Words | Handler understands the importance of and the difference between the 2 and uses them consistently well in training. | M |
| | Attention | Handler can always get dog's attention when asked to do so | M |
| | Luring versus rewarding | Handler does not rely on luring | M |
| | Team has had exposure to all the following, and is able to do at least 6 at the standard described. | | 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 |
| | 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 |
| | Sequences | Able to perform a sequence of at least 8 obstacles | O |
| 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 | |
| Lead Out | Handler can usually (80% of the time) lead out at least 5 metres ahead of dog | 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 | Post Turn/180/Pinwheel | Include in sequences. | M |
| | Front Cross | Include in sequences. Handler understands how and when to use them | M |
| | Rear Cross | Handler is aware of the concept and can demonstrate a simple version (e.g. dog in tunnel). Use of target permitted. | M |
| | Team has had exposure to all the following, and is able to do at least 2 at the standard described | | M |
| | Out (Increased lateral distance) | Diverging paths. Handler is aware of the concept and can demonstrate a simple version. Use of target permitted. | O |
| | Serps | Handler can demonstrate a simple serpentine | O |
| | Threadles | Handler can demonstrate a simple threadle | O |
| | Blind Cross | Handler can demonstrate a simple Blind Cross e.g. out of a tunnel | O |
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