

Class Schedule for 2020

Spring Session

Registration Open from: 3/1-3/21/20

Beginner Orientation: 3/25/20

Monday*: 3/30, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 5/11, 5/18

7:00-7:50 pm Beginner

7:00-7:50 pm Intermediate II

8:10-9:00 pm Intermediate I

Wednesday: 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6

7:00-7:50 pm Weave and Teeter (focus class)

8:10-9:00 pm Advanced

***Monday classes will not be held on 4/6 and 5/4**

Summer Session

Registration Open from: 5/1 - 5/23/20

Beginner Orientation: 5/27/20

Classes will be held during the weeks listed below – day and time TBD

Beginner

Intermediate I

Intermediate II

6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29, 7/6

Fall Session

Registration Open from: 8/2 – 8/21/20

Classes will be held during the weeks listed below – day and time TBD

Intermediate I

Intermediate II

Advanced

8/31, 9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5

Classes are \$100.00, and include a \$10.00 registration fee. Refunds will be pro-rated for the number of weeks remaining in the class less the registration fee. There will be no refunds following Week 3 of a session, except for bitches in season; sick, or injured dogs.

The Mattaponi Agility Dogs



of the

Mattaponi Kennel Club

www.MattaponiKennelClub.com

Present our

2020 AGILITY CLASSES

Location of Classes

Prince William County Fairgrounds
10624 Dumfries Road
Business Route 234
Manassas, VA

For Additional Class Information

Betsy Thompson, Registrar

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Description of Classes Offered

Beginner Orientation: For new clients. Provides basics on what is needed in class, expected behaviors, etc.

Beginner

An introduction to obstacles, on-lead control, handling techniques, and jumping concepts. Obstacles introduced include: low A-Frame (3-4 feet high); open tunnel; running board; ladder; table; jumps, 3-pole weave entry, weave pole teaching concepts; rocker board or low teeter, dog walk (8' long, 3' high), and the broad jump, building up to two or three obstacle sequences. Most of the work in this class is done on leash.

Intermediate I

Continues to build on concepts introduced in the Beginning class and exposure to all equipment used in novice/beginner competitions. Handling concepts introduced include side changes (front cross, rear cross, blind cross), angled entries; distance handling, and sequencing. The panel jump and wing jumps will be introduced. In this class, dogs should begin to transition from being on leash to working in control of the handler off leash.

Intermediate II

Intermediate II is taught in the competition ring on full size equipment. In addition, introduce the spread jumps (double and triple). Course builds on handling

concepts introduced in Intermediate I. To take this class, dogs must be in control off leash.

Advanced

Introduction to all obstacles used in Open competition, distance handling techniques, and competition strategy.

Run Thrus.

Nested AKC Masters and Novice standard and jumpers courses allowing participants to work on handling skills. Participants in this class must have completed the Advanced Class or have Instructor permission.

Note: Run thrus are weather permitting, check FACEBOOK and the MKC Webpage for cancellations. Cost of run thrus are \$5.00 a dog per run, if there is a large turnout, dogs are limited to two runs. (3 minutes of ring time for each run).

COMPETITION

Provides exposure to full courses requiring handling techniques seen in recent competitions. Standard and jumpers courses are provided.

Focus Classes

These classes further develop specific skills needed for success in agility competition. Focus classes will be held during the first and second sessions. **First session:** The Weave and Teeter class will focus on weave skills and teeter behaviors. It is open to anyone who has completed the beginner class and can negotiate six poles. **Second session:**

“Fancy Handling” will focus on advanced handling skills.

Mattaponi Class Requirements

Mattaponi Agility Dogs strives to offer a variety of classes for anyone wishing to participate in the sport of Agility. Experienced trainers and those new to dog sports are welcome to join us for the fun and challenge of agility training.

We require that dogs enrolled in our classes be easily controlled by their handler and not demonstrate aggressive behavior towards people or other dogs. Formal obedience training is not required, but dog control on and off lead is a necessity.

The only training equipment that must be supplied by the dog’s owner/handler is a flat buckle collar (no choke collars and no tags, please), a six foot lead, a small hand tab for the collar, and plenty of small motivational treats or toys for the dog. Mattaponi requires that all dogs have a current Rabies vaccination and proof of such **MUST** be submitted with the registration form.

If you are interested in enrolling in a class, please see our web site at MattaponiKennelClub.com or contact Betsy Thompson by email at bgthompson96@gmail.com or by calling 703-434-1139 for a registration form. To register, your signed class registration form, copy of rabies certificate and check must be received during the registration period. Email confirmations will be sent

indicating whether you are in your desired class or are wait-listed.

All dogs and handlers who are new to agility are required to attend orientation. Contact the Registrar for days and times.

Classes may be repeated as needed to provide the dog and handler an adequate foundation for subsequent classes and for agility competition.

Jr. Handlers (under 16 years of age) must meet with the Evaluation Committee prior to class enrollment. The committee will look at the Jr.’s ability to control and train their dog, accept instruction, and assess and accept responsibility for the dog’s well being in class.

About Mattaponi Kennel Club

Mattaponi Kennel Club is an AKC member Club. Mattaponi Kennel Club meets 10 times each year & sponsors many events at Waggin’ Tails Junction in Manassas, VA. Meetings are held the first Monday of most months at 7:30. Meetings are open to the public. Check our web site for more information on meetings and other events, including: AKC All-Breed Conformation Show, Obedience and Rally Trial, two Agility Trials, two FAST CAT Trials, Tracking Tests, Canine Good Citizen Tests and Eye Clinics.

Note: Mattaponi Kennel Club Instructors and members have priority for classes the first week of registration. For nonmembers, we recommend sending the registration request when registration opens. After the first week, all registrations are processed on a first come, first received basis. Note all registration requests are acknowledged within three days of receipt once the registration period has opened. If you don't hear from the registrar within this timeframe, contact her at bgthompson96@gmail.com