



Mattaponi Kennel Club

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## 2022 AGILITY CLASSES

### Location of Classes

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

### For Additional Class Information Contact

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### Class Schedule for Fall 2022

**Registration Opens 8/6 and closes 8/20**

**Tuesday: September 6, 13, 20 and 27.**

7:00 – 8:00 Weave Focus

**Wednesday: August 31, September 7, 14, 21, 28 and Oct 5**

8:30 – 9:30 am Building Drive and Confidence

7:00 – 7:50 pm Building Drive and Confidence

8:00 – 9:00 pm Intermediate

Building drive classes and Intermediate are \$100.00 for nonmembers, \$75 for members, and \$50 for MAD Instructors, and include a \$10.00 registration fee. The cost for the four week Weave Focus class is \$70.00 for nonmembers, \$45.00 for members, and \$30.00 for MAD Instructors. There will be no refunds following Week 3 of a session for the six week classes, and week 2 of the four week class, except for bitches in season, sick, or injured dogs.

## **Course Descriptions:**

### **Building Drive and Confidence:**

This class focuses on requiring and maintaining contact criteria, working towards lateral and forward distance from obstacles, and includes gaining trust and distance in the weave poles. Goals include improving drive, distance, connection, and learning how to read your line versus the dog's line. Multiple drills are set up, teams have five minutes on each drill and will then rotate to the next drill. This class can support dogs at various levels just by adding skills to the basic drills. Dogs must be familiar with and able to work on all equipment, including full size teeters, and at minimum, be a graduate of the MKC Intermediate class. NOTE: DOGS MUST BE ABLE TO WORK OFF LEASH while two-three other teams are working on separate drills in the same ring. DO NOT ENTER YOUR DOG in this class if your dog is reactive unable to focus the majority of their working time on you and the drill.

### **Weave Focus:**

This class is designed to give Intermediate and Advanced teams tools to help the dog find the weaves from various angles, stay in and complete them no matter how many weaves are set up, and work from a distance. Dogs coming into the class must be able to negotiate channel weaves at no more than 6" apart.

### **Intermediate**

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.

## **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.

MKC requires 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.

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 Trials, Agility Trials, FAST CAT Trials, Herding tests, Coursing Ability Tests, Tracking Tests, Scent Trials, and Canine Good Citizen Tests.

## **Registration**

If you are interested in enrolling in a class, please see our web site at [MattaponiKennelClub.com](http://MattaponiKennelClub.com) or contact Becky Grant at 703-201-3396 or email [becky1grant@verizon.net](mailto:becky1grant@verizon.net) for a registration form. To register, your signed class registration form, copy of rabies certificate, covid waiver and full payment must be received during the registration period. Email confirmations will be sent indicating whether you are in your desired class or are wait-listed.

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 [becky1grant@verizon.net](mailto:becky1grant@verizon.net)