



Mattaponi Kennel Club
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2024 AGILITY CLASSES

Location of Classes

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

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Class Schedule for March/April/May 2024

Registration Open from: Feb 24 to Mar 18

6:00pm to 6:50 pm Beginning Class Orientation – March 20

Mondays:

6:00 pm - 6:50 pm Beginning Agility – March 25, Apr 8, 15, 20, 29, May 13

7:00 pm – 7:50 pm Intermediate I - March 25, Apr 8, 15, 20, 29, May 13

Wednesdays:

6:00 pm-6:50 pm Intermediate II - March 27, Apr 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1

7:-00 pm-7:50 pm Advanced Agility

Course Descriptions:

Beginning Class Orientation

This is required for new clients. It provides basics on what to bring to class (treats, bug spray, fresh water) and expected behaviors,

Beginning Agility

Introduces obstacles, on-lead control, handling techniques, and equipment. Equipment introduced includes jumps; a low A-Frame (3-4 feet high); tunnels; running board; negotiating a PVC ladder on the ground (for rear end awareness); weave pole teaching concepts including weave entries, and use of channel weaves; preparing for the teeter using a rocker board and progressing to a low teeter. By the end of class, students have built up to working short sequences. Most of the work in this class is done with dogs on leash. Dogs in this class should have at least a 30 second sit stay and a recall.

Intermediate 1

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. In this class, dogs should begin to transition from being on leash to working in control of the handler off leash. Prerequisite: Permission to move ahead from the Beginner class, Intermediate class may be repeated as needed.

Intermediate II

Previously introduced obstacles will be increased to full AKC competition height, entered from angles, and placed in combination with other obstacles to increase the difficulty. Spread jumps will be introduced in this class (the triple, and double) and continued work on the Broad Jump. Various handling strategies including crosses, sends to back side of jumps, wraps, object discrimination, (for example if a tunnel is under an A-Frame how to direct the dog to the proper obstacle in the sequence) are included.

Prerequisite: Ability to maintain control of the dog off leash while performing sequences near other dogs performing sequences. Permission from Intermediate I instructor to move forward. Class may be repeated as needed.

Advanced

Provides exposure to full courses requiring handling techniques seen in recent competitions, and/or sequences addressing same. Prerequisite: Currently competing in agility or permission from Intermediate II instructor to move forward.

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. Aggressive dogs will be removed from class.

The only training equipment that must be supplied by the dog's owner/handler is a flat buckle collar or martingale collar. We do not **allow choke collars or prong collars**. Also not allowed are tags or anything hanging off the collar. A six foot leash, and a small hand tab for the collar is recommended for the Beginner

and Intermediate I class. Handlers should bring 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 and Mattaponi Agility Dogs

Mattaponi Kennel Club is an AKC member Club. Mattaponi Kennel Club meets 10 times each year. Meetings are held the first Monday of most months at 7:30. Meetings are open to the public. In-person meetings are held at Waggin-Tails Junction on Dean Drive in Manassas. Virtual meetings are held using the Zoom platform. For information on visiting meetings or becoming a member, check with the Membership Chair, information is available on the Mattaponi Kennel Club website.

Mattaponi Agility Dogs is a group of volunteers who love to share knowledge and introduce the community to the sport of agility.

Registration

If you are interested in enrolling in a class, please see our web site at MattaponiKennelClub.com or contact Becky Grant via email becky1grant@verizon.net for a registration form.

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. 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.