

# CONTACT POINT AGILITY CENTER

## General Information

*If training our dog to leap over hurdles, crawl through tunnels, traverse a see-saw, scale an A-Frame, walk a plank suspended four feet above the ground, and weave through a line of poles like a snake sounds exciting... Then Dog Agility may be just for you! Nearly all dogs – mixed and purebred alike – can enjoy agility. Dog agility combines a fast paced, athletic challenge with strategy and teamwork. It's a great way to build your dog's confidence, improve its physical condition, and spend quality time together.*

**Whether it's for fun or competition there's a class to fit your schedule.**

**Agility Classes Offered For All Levels depending on the abilities of the dog and handler**

**Visitors are welcome to drop in and watch agility training in action.  
Call for current training schedule and directions.**

**For additional information, visit our web site at [www.dogagility.net](http://www.dogagility.net) or call Contact Point Agility at (805) 524-7900 or email [AgilityTrainer@aol.com](mailto:AgilityTrainer@aol.com)**

### **Agility Class Fee Structure**

Credit card payments can be made through PayPal.com

- \$20 per class IF paid in advance for the entire month. Classes cancelled due to bad weather or holidays are not counted. The \$20 per class rate is a discount rate for monthly students.
- Monthly class payments are due the last class of the preceding month or when your 5-week session ends if you would like to continue.
- Class fee is \$23 per class for drop-in's. If you haven't paid for the full month of classes you are doing drop in classes. If you'd like to drop in on a class please contact the office or clear it with the trainer that is teaching the class.

### **Contact Point Agility Make up class policy**

The make up classes are offered as a courtesy to our students and we do not guarantee the availability of classes for make ups. Availability is determined by class level and sizes. You must let us know that you will be absent in advance to qualify for a make up class. Credit to future classes is not available.

***PLEASE CALL THE HOTLINE (818) 593-6193 FOR INFO ON CLASS SCHEDULES IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER OR HOLIDAYS.***

### **What happens if the weather is bad?**

If classes are unable to be held then Contact Point Agility notes it in the attendance roster and you will not be charged for that cancelled class. **Be sure to call the hotline (818) 593-6193 to confirm that class has been cancelled OR join the Contact Point Yahoo Group for emails about news, upcoming events and class status during holidays and bad weather. You can join the group by going to [www.dogagility.net](http://www.dogagility.net) and clicking on the join Yahoo Groups button.**

## First Class Information

Things to bring:

- 4-6 foot leash
- Flat buckle type collar
- Water for your dog
- Water or soda for yourself
- Your dog's favorite treats (**Recommend:** soft type treats such as hot dog, string cheese, liver, Bil-Jac, etc) and toys
- A hungry dog (**Recommend:** Do not feed your dog their evening meal; it's easier to keep them focused if they are a bit hungry)

If you have not mailed them in, please bring:

- Completed and signed the Class Application and Liability Form
- Cash, check or money order made payable to Contact Point Agility LLC for \$100.

We believe that agility should be fun for both the dog and the handler and strive to make sure that each step of training is fun. When you arrive at the training site, if another class is in session please remain outside the training area and keep your dog on leash. Please **DO NOT** allow your dog on any of the equipment until your instructor has given you permission.

Your instructor(s) looks forward to meeting you and your canine companion. If you have any questions, please call and we will be happy to clarify any information.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Does my dog need obedience to start agility classes?**

While basic obedience is helpful for Beginner Agility it isn't really needed until the intermediate and advance level agility classes. Contact Point Agility does not require formal obedience to start agility classes. Entry level classes are worked with the dogs on leash to help keep the dogs focused.

#### **How old must my puppy be to start agility?**

Contact Point Agility allows puppies as young as six months old to start agility training.

#### **Can my child work our dog in class?**

Contact Point Agility welcomes junior handlers as long as a parent remains in the training area.

#### **How long before we're ready to compete?**

On average, most dogs and handlers need at least six months before they are ready to get their feet wet at agility show-n-go's and matches. These are events that carry no titles, awards or prizes but are a great warm up before actual competition. Contact Point Agility Instructors have found that teaching the dog the agility obstacles is the easy part. The really tough part of agility training is teaching the handler how to communicate the signals in a timely fashion. As with most things there are exceptions to every general rule of thumb. Some dog/handler teams are not ready nearly that soon and others are ready then or sooner.

#### **How can I tell if my dog will like agility?**

Because Contact Point Agility starts all of its students on equipment that is low and safe we can spend most of our time having fun with our dogs. Training methods that build on positive reinforcements mean that the dog has lots of opportunities to earn rewards such as toys and treats. Why wouldn't they like agility! New students are also encouraged to visit classes first and watch our training in action.

#### **Can both my husband and I work our dog in a class?**

This really depends on the dog. Some dogs are more responsive to one spouse than the other. If this is the case, then it can be frustrating for both the dog and the handler to maintain focus in the training. If your dog is equally responsive to each of you, then switching back and forth isn't a problem. Keep in mind though that you will only be given the working opportunities for one dog, not two persons.

#### **My dog is six years old. Is that old for agility?**

It is almost never too late to start training one's dog. However, commonsense tells us that if our dog has health problems then care must be taken to assure that the dog is not pushed beyond its limits. The older the dog, the more care we must take in maintaining their good health. Please talk with an instructor about any health concerns that you may have for either you or your dog.

**Contact Point Agility LLC**  
**Student Application & Waiver Forms**

**CLASS START DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DAY & TIME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**LOCATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

Return this completed form along with, the signed Liability Waiver and check (payable to Contact Point Agility LLC) Mail to: Contact Point Agility LLC, P.O. Box 1044, Fillmore, CA 93016

**Handler's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age (if minor):** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Work Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Dog's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Breed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dog's Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

Has you or your dog had any agility training or experience? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No  
If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
How did you hear of Contact Point Agility classes? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

It is highly recommended that your dog be current with its kennel cough vaccination.

My dog had the following vaccinations: (Please indicate date of last vaccination)  
Distemper \_\_\_\_\_ Corona \_\_\_\_\_ Parvo \_\_\_\_\_ Hepatitis \_\_\_\_\_ Leptospirosis \_\_\_\_\_ Rabies \_\_\_\_\_  
Bordetella \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Attitude toward strangers (Hands-on and approaching from behind) (Please check all that apply):  
Lick them to death \_\_\_Reserved \_\_\_Shy \_\_\_May bite \_\_\_Will bite \_\_\_\_\_

Attitude toward other dogs (Please check all that apply):  
Lick them to death \_\_\_Reserved \_\_\_Shy \_\_\_\_\_ May bite \_\_\_ Will bite: \_\_\_\_\_

**Liability Waiver**  
**and**  
**Assumption of Risk and Agreement to Hold Harmless**

I understand that attendance of a dog agility training event is not without risk to myself, members of my family or guests who may attend, or to my dog, because some of the dogs to which I (we) will be exposed to may be difficult to control and may cause injury even when preventative measures are taken.

I hereby waive and release the instructors, members, and guests of Contact Point Agility LLC from any and all liability of any nature, for injury and damage which I or my dog may suffer, including specifically, but not without limitation, any injury or damage resulting from the action of any dog, and I expressly assume the risk of any such damage or injury while attending any training session or club event or while on the training grounds or surrounding area thereto.

In consideration of and as inducement to the acceptance of my application for membership or my participation as a guest in this agility group, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the instructors, members, and guests of Contact Point Agility from any and all claims, or claims by any member of my family or any guest that may accompany me to group events, while on the training grounds or surrounding area thereto, as a result of any action by any dog, including my own.

Signature (Parent or guardian if a minor): \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_