

Dogs registered for the year 2006

Dog's Call-Name	Breed	Sex	Date of birth

WAG - Course Level Prerequisites and Descriptions

Puppy 1 & 2

Puppy 1 Prerequisites: 12 weeks – 6 months of age. Vaccinations are highly recommended as follows: under 16 weeks of age should have the second set of puppy shots; over 16 weeks of age must have rabies vaccination in addition to recommended puppy shots.

Puppy 1 Objectives: Come, Sit & Wiggle...puppies, that is!!! We will emphasize socialization, puppy obedience and have an introduction to agility obstacles. We stress the use of lots of praise, lots of treats and lots of FUN!

Puppy 2 Prerequisites: Graduates of Puppy 1 class.

Puppy 2 Objectives: Transition between Puppy 1 and Level 1-Beginners. Continued socialization, puppy obedience and additional work on agility obstacles and an introduction to short sequences.

Level 1 - Beginners: Obstacle Performance

Prerequisites: Dogs in this class must respond well to the commands sit, down, come and stay. Prior obedience training classes are recommended and/or Puppy 1 & 2 classes. The dogs must be well-socialized and be able to work in a group environment.

Objectives: In the first 8-week session, dogs and handlers will be introduced to all the agility equipment used in AKC and UKC agility trials. Emphasis will be placed on obstacle performance as well as on teaching the handlers the necessary training skills and introducing basic handling moves. Short sequences of obstacles will be incorporated throughout the second 8-week session, with an introduction to running an agility course on the final night of classes. At the end of the sixteen-week session, the dog should be able to complete the obstacles without fear or hesitation.

Level 2 - Basic Handling & Sequencing Skills

Prerequisites: Successful completion of the WAG Level 1 class or approval of the Training Director. Dogs are expected to have a good working knowledge of the AKC and UKC obstacles and be able to complete each obstacle without fear or hesitation.

Objectives: Emphasis will be placed on improving both the dog's and handler's basic agility skills. This includes obstacle discrimination, front crosses, sending to obstacles from a distance, pin wheels and challenging weave pole entries. There will be opportunity to repeat short sequences multiple times and to work on specific problem areas.

Level 3 Intermediate/Competition

Prerequisites: Successful completion of WAG Level 1 and Level 2 classes and a qualifying leg from any agility organization, or approval of the Training Director. Dogs should be actively competing in agility events in any venue. Dogs should be able to perform the weave poles with little intervention from the handlers.

Objectives: This class will build on the basic skills learned in the Level 2 class. There will be more emphasis on longer obstacle sequences, incorporating a mixture of the basic agility course designs. Handlers will be encouraged to try a variety of handling skills to determine what works best for their own dogs. A mixture of UKC and AKC equipment will be used.

Level 4 Advanced/Competition

Prerequisites: Completion of WAG Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 classes or approval of the Training Director. Dogs must be showing at the equivalent of the AKC Excellent level or higher. Dogs must be able to perform the weave poles unassisted, with the handlers at a distance.

Objectives: This class is designed to improve teamwork. Multiple obstacle sequences will be presented with challenges that require the dog and handler to function smoothly as a team. The obstacle sequences in this class will be more challenging and of greater length than the sequences in the Level 3 class. This class is fast-paced and requires a high degree of interest and motivation from both the dog and handler. Emphasis will be on AKC-style equipment; but not exclusively.

For More Information...

You are welcome to drop by and visit the class you are interested in and see what goes on at WAG. Our instructors or other members on the premises will be happy to talk with you before or after class.

Questions?

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WAG is a working club with all positions filled by volunteer members. We have instructors competing in all venues at the highest levels.

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