

Living with Dogs

Positive Training Fetches Positive Results!

Is my dog ready for dog sport beginning classes (Agility, Treibball, Dock Diving or Flyball)?

Ideally you would test your dog in 3 places:

- 1) at home
- 2) out in a mildly distracting situation
- 3) in a dog training class

- My dog meets the criteria to be able to enter the Family Dog 2 class.
- My dog can give me eye contact and check in with me while we are walking side by side.
- My dog can hold a one minute sit stay with reinforcement and people and dogs walking by 30 feet away or toys are placed on the ground around him.
- My dog will leave alone some food on the ground and look at me while we are walking by it.
- My dog is not aggressive to other dogs or people.
- My dog can remain calm while other dogs are running around.
- My dog will remain near me when she/he is off leash.
- My dog is crate trained or is able to be on a tie-out without showing excessive fear, stress or vocalization.
- My dog can be handled by someone other than me or can remain calm and comfortable when new dogs and people are nearby.
- My dog is at least one-year old and is physically ready for dog sports. Note: some small dogs mature early and may be ready for dog sports before their one-year birthday.

If you can say yes to all of these statements, then you are ready to go on to Fun Foundations for Agility, Dock Diving, Treibball or Flyball.

If you have questions about the criteria for these questions please talk to your instructor. We will be happy to help you.