

Agility

What is Agility?

- Agility is a competitive activity for handlers and their dogs, for which the dogs must be fit and healthy. It is designed for the enjoyment of competitors, their dogs and appeal to spectators.
- Dog agility is a dog sport in which a handler directs a dog through an obstacle course in a race for both time and accuracy. Dogs run off leash with no food or toys to lure them and the handler can touch neither dog nor obstacles. They get their reward at the end of the course. Reward can be food or a game with a toy

Who runs our Agility classes?

Anna Rayne runs Agility, and she is an Agility Club Approved Instructor who also competes regularly with her Border Terrier Isla and her Collie Spryte.

Anna Rayne is the Clinical Purchasing Manager and Registered Veterinary Nurse for the Wheelhouse Vets and graduated with her Nursing degree in 2005.

Pre-Agility Foundation Info

- Introduces exercises that are important before a dog starts using the equipment.
- Makes doing agility easier as handler and dog already understand independence and working for a reward.
- Direction commands / signals
- Send to toy
- Play with toy
- Proprioception (body awareness)
- Moving surfaces
- Wing work (no jumping)
- Startline

Pre-Agility Foundation Cost

- 6 dogs in each class
- Charge £55
- 4-week block
- Minimum age 8-10months
- Thursday afternoons



Agility Classes

In a six-week agility course we aim to teach:

- Basic jumping and tunnel sequences at a low height
- Introduce contacts and end position
- Introduce weaves
- Independence
- Course walking

Clients can then continue within the same group on a rolling six-week block basis.

- Cost £73 per six weeks.
- Class size limited to 6
- Aim is for clients to come back on a rolling basis
- Clients may choose to train more than once a week. Many agility people do if they want to make good progress.
- Minimum age to take part in Agility – 1 year

All of our Agility classes will run on a Thursday afternoon, for further class information or details then Anna would be very happy to hear from you. Please email her on annarayne@wheelhousevets.co.uk