

**Classes and programs offered by
Durango Agility Dogs beginning
Spring 2007.**



Obedience for Agility

Obedience skills are required prior to beginning agility classes. Skills for agility include: come, sit, stay, watch me and leave it.

Foundation Agility

This class teaches you how to work with your dog on directions, partnership and skills to compete in agility. Handlers and dogs will be doing groundwork only; there will be little work on obstacles.

Beginning Agility

Basic obedience skills are required for the Beginning Agility class. This class introduces the individual obstacles used in an agility course.

Intermediate Agility

Dogs must be comfortable with most obstacles, and be able to do short sequences. This class introduces students to crosses, short sequences and novice course work.

For DAD Members Only

The following classes will be offered on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Advanced Agility

Students will practice crosses, handle more difficult sequences and run full length courses.

Open Competition Agility

Students are competing actively and/or hold agility titles. Course work is at Novice and Open levels.

Drills and Competition Coursework

Agility drills in one week will be followed by integration of those drills into a course the following week. This will be offered throughout the summer.

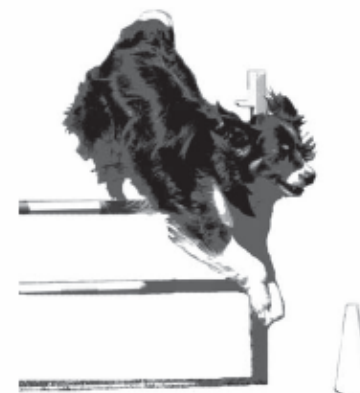
Seminars

Leading competitors and instructors in the country are brought in to offer multiple-day training seminars.

Fun Matches are offered throughout the summer months. These matches give handler-dog teams the opportunity to run full courses without having to enter a sanctioned event.

Sanctioned Agility Matches and Trials

are offered during the agility season.



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What is Durango Agility Dogs?

Durango Agility Dogs (DAD) is a non-profit, membership-driven club, whose purpose is to introduce handlers and their dogs to the team sport of canine agility by providing classes and a venue for training. DAD welcomes all dogs regardless of size, age or breed; however, we recommend dogs be at least 10 months of age, sound and at a healthy weight.

Whether handlers are interested in competition or exercise, DAD's goal is to have fun with our dogs by encouraging positive motivational training methods.

Canine agility is a team sport in which the human handler and dog partner navigate a sequence of obstacles. A strong human-canine relationship, good obedience skills (including the ability to work your dog off leash), and clear handler-to-dog communication are required to be successful.

Following is a list of minimum skill requirements needed to begin agility. We feel that with these, you and your dog will be able to get the most progress out of classes, and will enjoy your agility class to the fullest. If you and your dog need to improve your skills, obedience/manners classes offered in the area are also listed.

The following fundamental skills are required before enrolling in an agility class:

- **Stay:** Handler must be able to leave his dog's side for 10 seconds and then return to dog for the release.
- **Down:** A solid down is required. A dog must be able to remain in the down position with minor distractions for a minimum of 10 seconds.
- **Sit:** A solid sit is required, and a dog should be able to remain in the sit position while being distracted.
- **Come:** A dog must come when called.
- **Leave It:** The dog must be able to ignore an object, other dog or person when told.
- **Watch Me:** A handler must have the ability to hold eye contact with his dog for a minimum of 5 seconds.
- **Marker:** A handler must employ the use of a marker when training his dog. A marker is a signal from you, which tells your dog he just did what you wanted.



Available Obedience Classes

Alpha Canine Academy

Head Trainer: Julie Winkelman
(970) 382-5937

Alpha Canine offers family dog manners classes in Durango. The semi-private classes are limited to six dogs and fill quickly. Call for details.

Durango Kennel Club

Contact: Gail Gardner
(970) 247-8545

Various obedience classes offered in Durango. Call for details.

K9 Julie, LLC

Trainer: Julie Paige, CPDT
(970) 731-0231 or 946-3626

Julie offers manners and pre-equipment agility classes in Pagosa Springs during spring and summer. Call for details.

Mary Majchrowski

Private Sessions (970) 769-5248

Private training sessions for basic through advanced obedience, behavioral modification and more. Call for details.

Riverview Animal Hospital

Trainer: Gail Gardner
(970) 247-8545

Gail offers family dog obedience classes in Durango that fill quickly. Call for details.

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