

Dauphin Dog Training Club

Beginner – Class Outline

To be able to enroll:

- ✓ Dog must be 12 months of age and have a solid stay
- ✓ Student must have approval from the **Foundation** instructor that the stated skills for advancement have been adequately met, or
- ✓ The required skill set has been learned at another training facility or via online instruction

Class work includes:

1. Begin understanding handling & body positioning effectiveness (motion, position, eye contact, body alignment)
2. Timing of verbal commands
3. Understanding the dog's line
4. More targeting! (use for lateral and forward distance, contacts, weaves)
5. Intro to weaves (first six poles and work to twelve)
6. Intro to a-frame, dog walk, & teeter (working to full height)
 - a. A-frame set to training position
 - b. Teeter to be placed on ground with base unchained, legs extended, pivot point on ground
 - c. Contact behavior options:
 - i. Send to a target, establish contact behavior on the toe board [options include paws 2on-2off (2o2o), 4 on floor, 1 rear toe on (1RTO)].
 - ii. Running – dog runs through the yellow zone & continues to next obstacle
7. Intro to tire, longer tunnels & curved, & various jump types (single, winged, broad, panel)
8. Jump circle
9. Lead out 2 obstacles
10. Short sequences (**3-4** obstacles with changes of direction)
11. A-frame, teeter, and dog walk in sequences
12. Table (full trial count)
13. Front, blind, and rear cross – determining which to use... when
14. Double & triple jumps
15. Working 'round the clock' on all obstacles

All obstacles will be taught with dog on both right and left of the handler. Team can complete Act I & II courses.

Advancement to Intermediate

Handler & dog must demonstrate that they can perform above-stated skills with distractions.