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Dog Training Classes Registration – May-June 2008

Spring is here! Classes this session will be held at 2 locations: Sugar Bush Farm in Stephentown, with an outdoor full sized fenced field plus a spacious building with a dome roof and dirt floor, and ring size of 40 x 85 (for after dark classes); and, A Dog's Best Friend in Stephentown, a fenced full size outdoor field with lights. Class descriptions and qualifications are on the back of this form. To sign up for any of these classes, please make a check out to **AgileDogs** and return it to me with this form filled out.

For this session: I will take registrations on the start night of class since there is not enough time to snail mail this form and payment to me. **HOWEVER:** please email or call me with your intent to take any of the classes below so I can make sure I have enough students in each class to hold it!

Multiple dog discounts apply! If you enter either the same or a different dog from the same household in more than one class (can be either the same class or a different one/ones), take \$10 off of the second dog's registration fee. Anyone who refers a new student to me who ends up taking a class will receive \$15 off of their next session.

Private lessons with Trisha are available for times when there are no scheduled classes or building rentals. Rates are \$30 for ½ hour and \$50 for an hour, single person or group of 2-3 people.

Please fill in your dog's name(s) next to class(es) you're interested in

| Day | Time | Class | Instructor | Location | Dog Attending | Fee |
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| Tuesday (starts May 13) | 6-7 pm | Competition Agility run throughs/sets | Trisha | Sugar Bush Farm | | \$10 |
| | 7-8 pm | Competition Agility run throughs/sets | Trisha | Sugar Bush Farm | | \$10 |
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This is a pre-registration, drop-in type of class that attempt s to help with the current financial/gas crunch by giving you a chance to practice and get critiques for agility skill sets without breaking your pocketbook! You must, however, let me know before the session starts on May 13th (via snail mail, email or phone) which weeks and time slot(s) you want to attend. However, you may wait to pay until the night(s) you come to class. I need to know ahead of time the commitment level and approximate number of people coming each week.

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| Thursday (starts May 15) | 6:30 PM | Introduction to Agility | Jeff * | A Dog's Best Friend | | \$75 |
| | 7:30 PM | Intermediate Agility | Jeff * | A Dog's Best Friend | | \$75 |

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| Your Name: | | Address: | | Phone Number: | |
| City: | | State: Zip: | | Email Address: | |
| 1 st Dog's Name: | | Breed(s): | | Age: | Male/Female: |
| 2 nd Dog's Name: | | Breed(s): | | Age: | Male/Female: |

* Instructor and /or course time/date subject to change; we will notify you if there's a change after you send in your registration

I was referred by: _____ (if applicable)

AgileDogs Agility Training Waiver: I (we), the undersigned, agree to hold AgileDogs Agility Training, including their members, officers, directors, agents and employees, and owners of the premises upon which events are held and their employees, harmless from any claim for loss or injury that may have been alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or upon the premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim. I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of this dog by disappearance, theft, death or otherwise, and from any claim for damage or injury to the dog, whether such loss, disappearance, appearance, theft, damage or injury, be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes. I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting there from, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves) or on account of damage to property arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in events at this facility, howsoever such injuries, death or damage to property may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or have been alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents or any other persons

I hereby agree to all of the above waiver:

Signed _____ Date _____ Printed Name: _____

For office use only: Pd Amt: \$ _____ Date _____ Check # _____ Received by: _____

Class Descriptions and Qualifications:

(not all of these classes may be offered in any given session)

AGILITY - you've seen it on TV, now experience it yourself! Agility is simply the most athletic and fun bonding activity to do with your dog, period. I compete with all of my dogs, all of them excelling at the top levels in various venues. I also conduct agility seminars across the country, am an agility judge for several venues, and continually strive to keep up to date on all the latest positive teaching and handling techniques.

Puppy Agility/Obedience: For dogs 9 mo of age & younger; fun foundation to skills needed for future agility work, puppy socialization, plus intro to obstacles.

Introduction to Agility: Obstacles and foundation for future agility work are taught. Must have taken a Pet Obedience, Puppy Agility, or Tricks & Games class, or permission of instructor.

Beyond Beginners Agility: Must have taken and passed Intro to Agility class. Working to full height on equipment; plus sequencing & jumping skills.

Motivation and Self Control: In this class, handlers will learn how to get the most out of their dogs by using motivation skills along with working with their dogs to maintain self control. Sometimes it's a fine line, and every dog is different – soft dogs can be harder to motivate and can shut down if asked for too much “control”; other dogs need no excuse to be motivated and need the handler to give them directions to help keep them under control on course without getting overly excited. We'll use short to medium length sequences, and will work with each team to maximize their potential using both motivation and self control skills tailored to each team. Dogs must have taken at least the intro to agility class, but higher level dogs are also welcome!

Basics of Handling: This class is for students who have taken at least the intro to agility class, but aren't ready for competition yet. We will focus on helping the handler and dog team to flow seamlessly through all the handling moves (front cross, rear cross, blind cross, lead out, RFP) as they work various sequences. Each handling move will be used in a variety of ways, and the handler will learn how to decide which move will work best to help his dog be successful.

Intermediate Agility: Approval of Instructor; must be comfortable on all contacts (see saw can be at a lower height) and have made progress on weave poles training. Weave poles worked to straight up and see-saw to full height; plus crosses and other handling moves, obstacle discrimination and contact proofing, and course analyzing skills.

Crosses, Handling Puzzles, Weaves and Contacts: This class will use sequences that are sure to challenge even the seasoned competitor to test and hone your skills! For students in intermediate and competition agility classes, we'll have varied exercises each week designed to work on your handling skills, perfecting crosses, and work on weaves and contacts in new and unique ways.

Competition Agility: Currently competing in any venue(s). Must be able to perform all obstacles at full height, including a set of 6 weave poles.

Games Handling & Strategy Skills: This class will focus on the skills necessary to play the various games found in several agility venues. New games should excite you, not scare you! Many concepts will be taught to help you and your dog be confident when playing a new game, including: gauging how many obstacles your dog can do in a set amount of time, working at a distance, planning a course and then handling your plan, and strategies for points gathering games.

Training Focus: Weaves & Contacts: This class is for those who want to improve on their weave pole skills -we'll use mainly the channel weaves, so it doesn't matter how far along you are with your weave poles. Also we'll work on building solid contact performance on all of the contacts; if your dog is weak on any contact or just needs more work on building to full height or managing his performance, you'll benefit from this class!

RALLY OBEDIENCE - the newest dog sport, combining elements of traditional obedience, agility (no two courses are the same), and freestyle (it looks like a dance when you do it right!). APDT has been holding competitions since 2001, and my dog Crystal was one of the first 22 to obtain the Rally Level 1 title; AKC began holding Rally trials in 2005. Rally is judged similar to traditional obedience, but you can praise, talk to, and encourage your dog as much as you want, and the exercises are more varied and just plain fun to perform!!

Introduction to Rally Obedience: For dogs who have not taken obedience class(es) or have not passed the CGC test.

Intermediate Rally Obedience: For dogs who have taken classes or competed in obedience, who have passed the CGC test, or have previously taken a Rally Obedience class.

Canine Good Citizen (CGC) - an AKC program to show that your dog is a good citizen in society. Any dog, purebred or mixed breed, can take the test and get the title. This 5 week program includes the test fee, and takes you through the exercises that will be on the test, building on the skills needed each week to give you the best chance possible to pass! You need to have either taken a previous class with AgileDogs or get permission from the instructor to enroll in this class.

Pet Obedience – for owners who want a well-behaved dog, but who aren't looking to go into the obedience competition ring. Heeling, attention, and stays will be the main skills taught, mixed liberally with fun!
