

## CLUB INFORMATION

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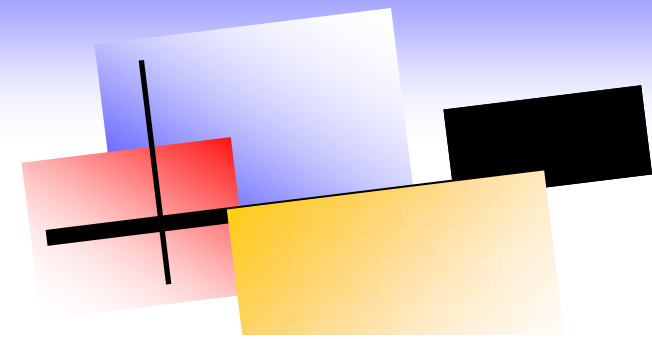
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# DOG AGILITY

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## DOG AGILITY IS THE KING OF DOG SPORTS

Imagine the most fun a dog can have—leaping over jumps, tipping a seesaw, zipping through a slalom of poles, negotiating a narrow plank, and zooming through tunnels. To a dog an agility field is a doggy amusement park.

Whether you are looking for a way that your dog can burn off some excess energy in a safe constructive manner, or if you are interested in competing in a very social sport, agility training offers plenty of amusement and challenge for both the dog and handler.

With the handler in charge of strategy, and the dog in charge of negotiating the obstacles, the team negotiates a course as set by the judge, performing each obstacle in the correct sequence. Emphasis is placed on accuracy and speed. Safe execution of all obstacles is paramount with faults being assigned for knocked poles, failing to run all the way down the planks, and stay on the seesaw until it has tipped, or taking an obstacle out of sequence.



## WHY DO AGILITY?

People are attracted to agility for a variety of reasons.

- Spend some “quality time” with your dog
- Do something that’s fun
- Social outing
- Cheaper form of competition for those used to horse eventing
- Something for the active person to do with their dog
- Has a range of goals that people/dog can work through.
- Build confidence in shy or nervous dogs
- Blow of steam in an active pet
- Train an unruly dog in an active fun way



Many people who start agility training have no intention of competing with their dogs, but once the bug has bitten them they find they can't stay away, travelling to events around NZ most weekends.

## WHERE DID IT ALL START?

As you can imagine, dog agility is connected with horse eventing and started as a crowd pleaser in the middle of the International Olympia Horse event. It was such a success with spectators and participants alike that a new sport was born.

Dog agility is an international sport, with canine organisations all over USA, Europe Australia, New Zealand and beyond having agility enthusiasts amongst their community.

Dog Agility started in NZ in the 1980s and now has spread to all parts of the country with more than 40 clubs offering agility training and holding at least two events per year.



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