



REGISTRATION PACKET



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BEGINNING AGILITY CLASS INFORMATION

In the Beginning Agility class, the dog and handler are started on all the agility obstacles. As the dog gains confidence on individual obstacles, we begin sequencing the obstacles. In addition to learning the obstacles, we also work on handler skills and fine tune the obedience (recalls, stays, sits & downs) needed to be successful in agility.

Please contact Becky Saltwick (bsaltwick@gmail.com) for information about classes beyond the beginning level.

Location

The classes are held at The Kinetic Canine, just southwest of Austin.

The address is 18350 FM 150 W, Driftwood, TX 78619 (see enclosed map directions.).

Enrollment Fee

\$180 per dog for the 8-week session. This fee includes handouts and the use of the agility field during designated times for practice after the fourth week of class.

Fees for classes are non-refundable once the classes have started.

To Register

- Call Becky Saltwick (347-9808) to confirm your place in the class
- Complete the Registration Form
- Complete the Waiver of Liability form
- **Mail the above forms and a check to Pawsitively Dogs**

Note: The check will hold your place in the class but will not be deposited until the class starts.

TRAINING TO PREPARE FOR AGILITY

To help prepare you for taking an agility class, you can start training your dog in some basic behaviors such as attention to you, quick name response, sit, down, and **MOST IMPORTANTLY, a RECALL** (calling your dog to you and they actually come!).

A great recall is ESSENTIAL in agility— you should train your dog for it every day (in several short sessions) and make it fun. Although formal obedience training isn't required to start agility classes, the more training your dog has, the more successful you'll be. If your dog won't come to you in the park when you call him, he's probably not ready for agility. Included in the registration/information packet, is a handout on teaching a recall to your dog.

Also, on the "Links" page of the Pawsitively Dogs website, there are some very useful training websites with both videos and articles.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Dogs must be healthy, sound, and trim. If you have any concerns about your dog's health, please consult your veterinarian before enrolling.
- Dogs must be at least 12 months old and current on vaccinations.
- Dogs should be able to be handled by strangers.
- Dogs should come when called when off leash.
- Aggressive behavior or out-of-control dogs are not permitted.
- Dogs should be able to tolerate the approach of another dog.
- Dogs should be able to tolerate another dog running past them.



CLASS GUIDELINES

PREPARATION FOR CLASS

For class, you will need the following:

- Hungry dog! We recommend not feeding your dog their meal before class; it's much easier to keep them focused if they are a bit hungry.
- Lots of your dog's favorite treats (soft-type treats such as pieces of hot dog, string cheese, liver, commercial treats, etc. but not just kibble.) and/or their favorite tug toy.
- Comfortable, athletic-type shoes that have some traction to keep your footing.
- Smooth-fitting buckle collar (no choke or prong collars).
- 4- to 6-foot leash (no Flexi-leashes).
- Water for you and your dog.
- **MOST IMPORTANTLY, A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND A SENSE OF HUMOR.**

ARRIVAL AT CLASS

- Plan to arrive for class at least 15 minutes early to potty and warm up your dog.
- Please potty your dog in the designated area. There is a trash can in the potty area to dispose of dog waste and other garbage. **PLEASE BE DILIGENT ABOUT CLEAN UP. WE ARE IN THE ONION CREEK WATERSHED, AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA.**
- **PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR DOG TO ELIMINATE ON THE AGILITY FIELD OR EQUIPMENT.** If this should accidentally occur, please rinse the spot with Natures Miracle (provided). This will keep the other dogs from finding that same spot and using it again.
- **PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR DOG TO ELIMINATE ON THE AGILITY FIELD OR EQUIPMENT.** If this should accidentally occur, please rinse the spot with Natures Miracle (provided). This will keep the other dogs from finding that same spot and using it again.
- **PLEASE KEEP YOUR DOG ON LEASH WHEN OUTSIDE THE AGILITY FIELD.**

ATTITUDE

HAVE FUN WITH YOUR DOG - WORK AS A TEAM.

- Please keep a positive and upbeat attitude on the agility field for the benefit of you, your dog, and the other dogs and handlers on the field.
- Everyone should be supportive of their classmates. Both people and dogs appreciate positive reinforcement.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct or rough handling are not permitted.
- Dogs may not interfere with other dogs' safety or ability to participate in class. The instructor reserves the right to remove any such dog from the class for the safety and protection of others.



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INCLEMENT WEATHER AND SAFETY

INCLEMENT WEATHER

- It is your responsibility to make sure class is being held. Save yourself some time and check first!
- If there have been a few days of rain prior to your class day, the field and/or parking area may be too muddy for use.
- Please either check the website (pawsitivelydogsagility.com) or call 347-9808 to confirm class after **4:30 P.M.** for evening classes and after **7:00 A.M.** for morning classes.

THERE WILL BE A MESSAGE INDICATING IF CLASS IS CANCELED.

SAFETY

- Only dogs that are currently enrolled in agility classes with Pawsitively Dogs are permitted on the agility field and equipment.
- Although welcome to observe the classes, guests (including children) should not be too close to the dogs or go near (or play on) the agility equipment.
- Keep your dog under control and on leash when not doing an exercise.

THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO WORK ON REWARDING YOUR DOG'S ATTENTION TO YOU!

- Do not allow your dog to invade the space of another dog or handler, either aggressively or in a friendly manner.
 - Some dogs aren't very accepting of other dogs and need lots of personal space.
 - Even though your dog is friendly, the other person's dog may be uncomfortable in close proximity to either people or other dogs.
- Only one dog at a time on any piece of equipment.
- Dogs may not interfere with other dogs' safety or ability to participate in class. The instructor reserves the right to remove any such dog from the class for the safety and protection of others.



USE OF AGILITY FIELD AND EQUIPMENT

USE OF THE FIELD FOR PRACTICE

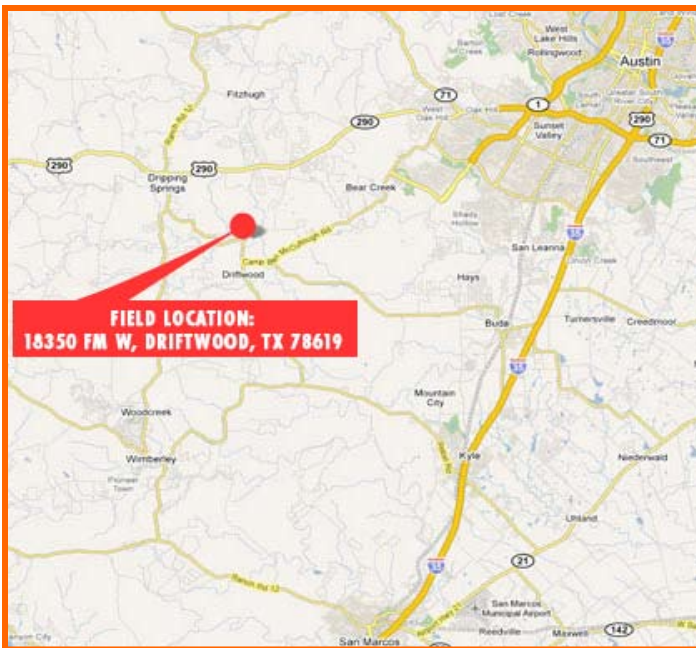
- **NO EXCESSIVE BARKING** - please be mindful of your dog's barking during practice time as well as class time. This includes dogs in crates, dogs in cars and dogs in the potty areas. It's to everyone's benefit to keep our neighbors happy. Non-compliance may result in no longer being able to use the field.
- **CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG** - please be sure to clean up after your dog and deposit waste in the trash can in the POTTY AREA near the parking area. For your convenience, there are boxes with clean up bags in the potty areas and parking area, but please do not put filled bags back into these boxes.
- **EVENING PRACTICE** - the lights can be turned on at the breaker box on the pole next to the parking area (please be sure to turn them off when you leave).
- **USE OF AGILITY EQUIPMENT:**
 - Food is not allowed in the tunnels or the chute.
 - If you should accidentally damage the equipment or notice problems with the agility equipment, please let Becky know so she can make repairs for everyone's safety.
 - **Please do not allow your dog to eliminate on the agility field or equipment!** If this should accidentally occur, please rinse the spot with Natures Miracle (provided). This will keep the other dogs from finding that same spot and using it again!
- **OTHER DOGS USING PRACTICE FIELD** - If another dog is on the field when you arrive to practice, you may ask to share the field. Some dogs may work better by themselves. Each dog is allowed to practice on the field for 20 minutes, and you may choose to wait for your turn.
- **WHAT TO PRACTICE** - Practice time should be used to reinforce what we have been working on in class — not to introduce something new to your dog.
- **HOW LONG TO PRACTICE** - Finish your practice session when your dog has been successful and is still happy. Do not work your dog to the point of boredom (or exhaustion). Your dog should always leave the field wanting to do more.

AFTER USING THE AGILITY FIELD

- **MOVING EQUIPMENT:** The equipment is usually set up in a specific location for classes. IF YOU MOVE ANYTHING, PLEASE BE SURE TO RETURN IT TO IT'S ORIGINAL POSITION. If you want to rearrange the obstacles, you can use jump bars or cones to mark the original positions, and then return the obstacles to the positions that you found them.
- **CHUTES** - Tuck the fabric portion into the barrel, put in wheelbarrow, and cover with the appropriate cover.
OPEN TUNNELS - Put in wheelbarrows and cover. Put tunnel holders in upright position next to wheelbarrow.
- **PLEASE BE SURE ALL GATES ARE CLOSED WHEN YOU LEAVE.**



LOCATION MAP



The Pawsitively Dogs agility field is located at the Kinetic Canine training center,

18350 FM 150W, DRIFTWOOD, TEXAS 78619

- Coming from the South, we are just past the "We Dig Post Holes" sign - look for an open gate on the right hand side of the road, just before you reach the bend in the road.
- Coming from the North, we are just past the bend in the road. If you have reached the "We Dig Post Holes" sign on your right, you've gone too far. Look for the open gate on your left hand side.

FROM AUSTIN:

Take MoPac south to 45 South.
Make a left turn onto RR 1826.
Follow 1826 until it dead ends into FM 150.
Make a right turn onto FM 150.
The Kinetic Canine is approximately 1 mile on your right.

FROM DRIPPING SPRINGS:

Take RR 12 south to FM 150.
Make a left turn onto FM 150.
The Kinetic Canine is approximately 4.5 miles on your left.

FROM WIMBERLEY:

Take RR 12 north to FM 150.
Make a right turn onto FM 150.
The Kinetic Canine is approximately 4.5 miles on your left.

FROM BUDA:

Take RR 967 west to RR 1826.
Make a left turn onto RR 1826 and
follow it until it dead ends into FM 150.
Make a right turn onto FM 150.
The Kinetic Canine is approximately 1 mile on your right.

FROM KYLE:

Take FM 150 W from approximately 16 miles.
The Kinetic canine is on your right,
approximately 1 mile past RR 1826.



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A RELIABLE RECALL

It is important to remember that the recall is a command, not a request. It should mean "drop everything and run up to me now!" If "come" to your dog means "approach the general area where I am, when you feel like it" you need to retrain your dog using a different command.

There are two important rules for the recall command:

- **ALWAYS CALL THE DOG FOR SOMETHING THAT IS POSITIVE TO THE DOG.** Leaving the park or going to his crate for bed are probably not positive to your dog.
- **THE RECALL SHOULD ALWAYS BE ENFORCED.** Set the dog up for success in the early stages. Have the dog on a leash or long line or be 100% positive the dog will come when you call (when you have his dinner, to go for a walk, to go outside). When you are first training the recall, Click or Mark ("Yes") the dog for making the decision to come toward you. After the click or mark word, always reward with a treat, toy, petting, etc.

Have the dog on leash, back up a few steps and click the dog for moving to you. You can also walk backwards and toss a treat in front of you, clicking or marking the dog just before he reaches the treat. When the dog has the idea that coming to you is a good thing, you can add distractions and click the dog when he first turns his head away from the distraction and starts moving toward you.

As your training progresses, you can click the dog for speed as he comes toward you. You can also click or use your mark word for coming directly to you rather than going past or stopping near you.



RECALL GAMES

Playing games with your dog gets results.

"COME FRONTS"

This is a simple game to play with your dog. Back up a few steps and call your dog. Get physical control of the collar, say "YES!" and reward your dog. Then run backwards a few steps and call your dog again. Taking a few steps away from your dog encourages him to move forward. Walking toward the dog often causes him to move away from you.

"HIDE-N-SEEK"

Hide and call your dog. You can make silly noises or clap your hands to help your dog find you. When your dog finds you, grab his collar, mark the behavior "YES", and reward (can be petting, play, tossing a handful of food, etc.) Remember the power of random rewards. Hunting for you is an added reward! Start the game just out of sight. As he gets better at the game, your hiding places can become more difficult. You can also play this outside with your dog on a long line.

"CALL OF THE BOWL"

What life events does your dog find rewarding? Dinner immediately comes to mind, hence the name of this game! Call your dog to events you KNOW are positive. Other activities that might be rewarding to your dog are going outside (especially with you), going for a ride in the car, going for a walk or playing a game.

"COUCH POTATO COME"

This is a good game to play when you come home and are tired and don't have the energy to train your dog. Put your dog on leash. Guide the dog to your left or right side. Call their name and lure them in front of you, touch their collar, say "YES!" and reward them with a small treat. Then guide them to the side again (either one) and repeat. This game reinforces the dog coming close to you and having his collar touched before getting a reward.

"PERSON TO PERSON COME"

This is a great game to play with two or more people. Stand in a circle or sit in chairs across from each other. Take turns calling the dog to you. When the dog gets to the person who called him, they touch his collar and reward him with petting, a treat, a jackpot of treats, toys, etc. Then the next person calls, and so on. It is very important that the command and praise comes only from the person who is calling. If everyone is talking, clapping, etc. it will be difficult for the dog to be sure who he should go to.



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REGISTRATION FORM

MORNING class? _____ or EVENING class? _____

Handler's Name: _____ Age (if a minor): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ Best Number To Reach You: _____

Dog's Name: _____ Breed: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Neutered/spayed? _____ Current on vaccinations? _____

Any unusual health problems? _____

What activities do you do with your dog? _____ Obedience _____ Conformation _____ Agility _____ Flyball _____

_____ Other (Describe) _____

Prior agility experience: _____

Previous training experience: _____

My dog will: _____ Come **(REQUIRED FOR CLASS)** _____ Sit _____ Down _____ Stand _____ Stay

Attitude toward strangers (Hands-on and approaching from behind) (Please check all that apply):

_____ Lick them to death _____ Friendly _____ Reserved _____ Shy _____ May bite

Attitude toward other dogs (Please check all that apply):

_____ Lick them to death _____ Friendly _____ Reserved _____ Shy _____ May bite

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US? _____

TO REGISTER, please return this completed form along with the signed Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability and check (payable to Becky Saltwick) to:

BECKY SALTWICK, PAWSITIVELY DOGS, 5900 CARRY BACK LN., AUSTIN, TX 78746



ASSUMPTION OF RISK and WAIVER & RELEASE OF LIABILITY

(PLEASE INITIAL) _____ I HAVE READ THE INFORMATION PACKET PROVIDED BY PAWSITIVELY DOGS AND AGREE TO FOLLOW THE RULES PROVIDED THEREIN.

1. ASSUMPTION OF RISK. I am aware of the inherent risks of injury to myself or my dog that are involved in dog training and the sport of agility, including without limitation, risks due to dog bite, the use of agility equipment, condition of premises, or infectious disease. I am aware of the risk of injury that may result from, among other causes, the active or passive negligence of the instructor (BECKY SALTWICK dba PAWSITIVELY DOGS) and/or any training assistants, The Kinetic Canine, Elizabeth and Richard L. Bryant III - owners of the property (The "PREMISES") located at 18350 FM 150 W, Driftwood, Texas 78619 (collectively the "RELEASED PARTIES"), including without limitation, the risk of negligent instruction or supervision. I am voluntarily engaged in dog agility as a recreational activity with knowledge of the risks and I assume any and all known and unknown risks of injury, death, and property damage that may result from participation in dog agility training, practice, and competitive events.

2. WAIVER & RELEASE OF LIABILITY. I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless all of the RELEASED PARTIES named above from all liability to me and my representatives, guardians, successors, assigns, heirs, children, and next of kin for all liability, claims, damage, or demands for personal injury, death, or property damage, to me or my dog or dogs, arising from or related to this agreement or to participation in dog agility training, practice, and competitive events, whether the injury, death, or property damages occurs on or off the PREMISES. This waiver and release includes, without limitation, any personal injury, death, or property damage caused by the active or passive negligence of any of the RELEASED PARTIES. I bear sole responsibility for any loss. I further agree to indemnify any and all of the RELEASED PARTIES if I sue a third party and such third party sues or joins any of the RELEASED PARTIES in a lawsuit.

3. KNOWING AND VOLUNTARY EXECUTION. I acknowledge that I have carefully read this agreement, understand its contents, and understand that this agreement includes an assumption of risk of the RELEASED PARTIES' negligence and a release and waiver of liability. I acknowledge that the RELEASED PARTIES are materially relying on this waiver in allowing me to use the PREMISES to engage in dog agility training, practice, and competitive events.

4. I understand that RELEASED PARTIES may not maintain any insurance policy covering any circumstance arising from my participation in this activity or any event related to that participation. As such, I am aware that I should review my personal insurance coverage.

5. It is my express intent that this Waiver shall bind the members of my family (and spouse) if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns, and personal representatives if I am deceased, and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas.

6. In signing this Waiver, I acknowledge and represent that I have read it, understand it, and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed; no oral representations, statements, or inducements, apart from the foregoing agreement that has been reduced to writing have been made. I execute this document for full, adequate, and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by the same, now and in the future. I represent that I am eighteen (18) years of age or older and am otherwise competent to execute this agreement. If the participant is younger than 18 then his/her parent or legal guardian must sign where indicated below.

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7. I understand that Becky Saltwick and Pawsitively Dogs are independent entities from the other RELEASED PARTIES and that the other RELEASED PARTIES do not supervise or have a right to control the details of how Becky Saltwick or Pawsitively Dogs perform their work.

X _____
Signature (If Handler is a minor, signature of Responsible Adult/Parent/Guardian)

Print Name

Date

MEDICAL AND EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Do you have any medical condition(s) that we should be aware of such as allergies (food, insects, medication), etc.? If so, please specify condition(s) and medication(s):

IN CASE OF ANY EMERGENCY, PLEASE LIST ANYONE YOU WOULD LIKE US TO CONTACT:

Contact Name: _____

Phone Numbers:

Work _____ Home _____ Cell _____

Contact Name: _____

Work _____ Home _____ Cell _____

☛ I DO NOT WANT TO PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION. _____ (PLEASE INITIAL)