

Hello campers!

Thank you for coming to the AgileDogs Agility Camp 2010. I hope you all enjoy yourselves and learn a lot. Just remember, camp is the place to try new things and see how they work for your dog. All of our instructors will strive to teach you the best that they know and will make every attempt to help each team succeed, but you have to do your part by keeping an open mind, trying new things, and learning something in the process! And, feel free to step back whenever you need to, to give your dog a rest, as this will be a busy 2 days for you and your canine partner.

SOME IMPORTANT NOTES:

1) It is absolutely required that you pick up after your dog. Failure to do so will result in being excused from the grounds.
2) Bring your own chairs, and shade if you wish. We will have a large tent and some smaller tents by the lower rings, and another large tent by the upper ring, for shade during sessions. Campers and their dogs may use the tents during sessions. Auditors may also use the tents, but we ask that auditor's dogs not use the space under these tents for shade unless there is room available after campers have arrived.
3) Wading pools and a water hose will be available for cooling your dogs. In addition, the pond will be available during camp for both dogs and humans to cool off. Make sure you follow the Chittenden's rules about the use of their backyard for this camp and in particular the use of the pond, since the pond is located in their back yard!
4) Remember that ticks abound in this area, so be sure to check your dogs for ticks, especially if you walk them in the woods.

Camp Format:
There are 4 working groups. These groups are based on the survey and information you provided to me about you and your dog. These groups ensure that you're with other teams of similar experiences and goals for camp, as much as possible! Your group information has already been emailed to you; in addition, the welcome bag that you receive at check-in will include the schedule for your group. There are approximately 8 dogs per working group, so you'll get plenty of attention and chances to work your dog through the course of the 2 days. Please stay with your group during each session if you're working your dog, and please be there on time for the start of each session. If you take a break from working your dog for a session, you're free to sit in on any of the other sessions if you so wish. If you're not working your dog for a session, you can also take your dog to the pond, fields, etc, as long as you don't interfere with any of the working sessions.

You are free to work your second dog whenever you wish. Many of you have previously specified to me details about your second dog; if you haven't done this, please make sure that your second dog is at least at the same level of experience as the first dog.

Lisa Norris, Canine Water Sports: Lisa will be a participant in camp (she's working Pistol, her Boston Terrier, in Group B). She has also agreed to be available during break times for anyone who would like either a beginner lesson or continuation of Friday's camp session in Canine Water Sports. For those of you not coming to the Friday mini-camp, this is a chance for you to learn about this sport! Please note that she is not getting paid by me as an instructor during camp, so please arrange with her your lesson fees, and also respect her need to work her own dog during sessions. Her email address is jumpinbeandogs@hotmail.com if you'd like to contact her before camp.

Check-in for camp: From 6:45-7:00am on Saturday, check-in is at the large tent by the lower rings. Make sure you've picked up your welcome packet before 7am. We will be meeting at 7am SHARP for camp welcome and announcements!

FOOD: We will provide light snacks throughout the day, beverages, and lunch each day for campers and auditors (you are free to eat either in the building or under the large yellow and purple tent, or anywhere!). Lunch and snacks can be found in the building; we will have water and drink "stations" by each outside ring.

Treats for dogs: Make sure you bring several types and plenty of quantity of treats for your dogs. Also, bring different types of toys if your dog is toy motivated, as you're sure to use them at some point during the sessions.

24-HOUR VETERINARIAN:

Animal ER of the Berkshires
(at the Pittsfield Veterinary Hospital)
1634 West Housatonic Street
Pittsfield, Mass.
413-997-3425

Parking: Pretty much anyplace goes as far as vehicle parking locations. As long as you're not too close to a ring with a barking dog in your car, and aren't blocking an access pathway or road, you can park anywhere. If you need a handicapped spot close to the rings, please contact me. I'll mark off a few spots by each ring for you.

Parking for RV's, overnight campers: Please see Craig Chittenden upon arrival to help guide you to your camping location.

Setup: You are free to set up at the site after 4pm on Friday. We will have mini-camp in session at that time, but most people will be down by the water in Lisa's Canine Water Sports session. If you wish to arrive earlier than that, please contact Trisha (Trisha@agiledogs.net, 518-331-7814).

Questions, etc: Both myself (Trisha Stall) and Debbie Wlodarski will be available to answer any questions you might have throughout camp. Please find either one of us if you need anything. I'll be floating from group to group; Debbie will be in Group D. If you have any questions specifically about the site and can't locate Debbie or myself, look for Craig Chittenden, owner of Sugar Bush Farm.

Directions to Camp: Sugar Bush Farm is at 760 East Road, Stephentown, NY 12168

From the East: Take the Mass Pike to the end. Continue on I-90 to the next exit, B-3 in Canaan, NY. At the end of the ramp go right, 22 North. In New Lebanon, Route 20 and 22 run together for a short while. Make sure you stay on Route 22 by bearing left just before a boarded-up gas station on the left. Continue approximately 7 miles to the traffic light in Stephentown where Routes 22 and 43 intersect. Go straight to continue on 22 North. Follow Directions from the 22/43 Intersection below.

From the West: Take I-90 East to Exit 11E - Route 20 East. Continue on Route 20 East until it joins Route 22 North. Follow Directions from the 22/43 Intersection below.

From the North: From Hoosick Falls you will take Route 22 South. Go through the town of Berlin. Approximately 3 miles south of the Berlin Jr./Sr. High School on your left is Giles Road or County Route 33. Take that road, it takes a sharp right at a horse farm (you'll see tan buildings and split rail fencing on the right). You will go over a little bridge, you'll see farm buildings and straight ahead on the right you will see the training building - white domed roof with tan walls and windows. There is a driveway marked by two metal fence posts just before the building; follow that driveway down to the ring and parking.

Directions from the 22/43 Intersection: Heading North on Route 22, you'll go up a hill where 22 becomes 2 lanes. It goes back down to one lane after you get to the top of the hill and you will pass a mobile home park on your right. Just after that there is a brown house with a small satellite dish. The road right next to that house is Giles Road or County Route 33. Take that road, it takes a sharp right at a horse farm (you'll see tan buildings and split rail fencing on the right). You will go over a little bridge, you'll see farm buildings and straight ahead on the right you will see the training building - white domed roof with tan walls and windows. There is a driveway marked by two metal fence posts just before the building, and there's also a Sugar Bush Farm sign there; follow that driveway down to the rings and/or building.

Camp Schedule:

Saturday July 31				
Time Slot	Building	"Barn Side" Ring	"Pond Side" Ring	"orange fencing" Ring
7:00a-7:10a	Welcome to Camp! - announcements, outside between the rings			
	Dr. Tanya Holonko	**Elise Paffrath**	**Tracy Sklenar**	**Ray Wheeler**
7:15a-9:00a	Homeopathy & nutrition Group A	Teamwork in Action: handling that works for you Group D	Jumping Foundation Skills Group C	Contacts & Weaves: execution and proofing Group B
9:15a-11:00a	Homeopathy & nutrition Group B	Teamwork in Action: handling that works for you Group A	Jumping Foundation Skills Group D	Contacts & Weaves: execution and proofing Group C
11:15p-12:25p		**Dr. Lisa Wiggins:** Stretching, massaging, & keeping your dog healthy		
12:30-1:00p	LUNCH (served in building, can eat there or elsewhere!)			
1:05p-2:50p	Homeopathy & nutrition Group C	Teamwork in Action: handling that works for you Group B	Jumping Foundation Skills Group A	Contacts & Weaves: execution and proofing Group D
3:05p-4:55p	Homeopathy & nutrition Group D	Teamwork in Action: handling that works for you Group C	Jumping Foundation Skills Group B	Contacts & Weaves: execution and proofing Group A

Sunday, August 1				
Time Slot	Building	"Barn Side" Ring	"Pond Side" Ring	"orange fencing" Ring
	Becky Therian	**Elise Paffrath**	**Tracy Sklenar**	**Ray Wheeler**
7:00a-8:45a	Massage, Reiki, myotherapy & stretching Group C	Distance vs. close work: how to have it all! Group B	Driving Lines & Turning Cues Group A	Course Analysis & Handling Options Group D
9:00a-10:45a	Massage, Reiki, myotherapy & stretching Group D	Distance vs. close work: how to have it all! Group C	Driving Lines & Turning Cues Group B	Course Analysis & Handling Options Group A
11:00p-12:15p		**Dr. Lisa Wiggins:** Recognizing injuries and problems in agility dogs		
12:20-12:50p	LUNCH (served in building, can eat there or elsewhere!)			
12:55p-2:40p	Massage, Reiki, myotherapy & stretching Group A	Distance vs. close work: how to have it all! Group D	Driving Lines & Turning Cues Group C	Course Analysis & Handling Options Group B
2:55p-4:40p	Massage, Reiki myotherapy & stretching Group B	Distance vs. close work: how to have it all! Group A	Driving Lines & Turning Cues Group D	Course Analysis & Handling Options Group C

Handler	Main Dog	Group
Barbara Hollis	Caedi	A
Kathy Risatti	Dakota	A
Kristen Van Derpool	Dart	A
Cynthia Grohoski	Emma	A
Iris Egan	Euro	A
Bruce Dobozin	Jake	A
Valerie Becker	Toby	A

Holland Fitts	Argus	B
Mariday Geyer	Crosley	B
Sue Levine	Gabe	B
Sue Vitro	Hattie	B
Devorah Sperber	Lil	B
Lisa Norris	Pistol	B
Melissa Ellis	Romeo	B
Jody Scott-Smith	Skipper	B

Melinda Schneider	Glitterbug	C
Kristie Foss	Kemu	C
Dottie Piroha	Liesl	C
Sara Blair	Oreo	C
June Feigtenblatt	Oskee	C
Chris Penna	Otis	C
Sylvia Aronson	Sebastian	C
Betty Mueller	Topaz	C

Judy Raffone	Bubba	D
Debbie Wlodarski	Gaby	D
Janet Lynn	Gigi	D
Maureen deHaan	Kiva	D
Heather Kaczmarak	Logan	D
Bob Domfort	Maurice	D
Jeff Boyer	Sizzle	D

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