Class Prerequisites: All agility training classes have prerequisites as stated on the website. If you feel that you and your dog are an exception to any stated requirement, **exceptions must be approved in writing (email)** by the Agility Coordinator or Training Director. See their contact email address below.

If your instructor feels that you or your dog do not meet the prerequisites for the class you are taking, they may request that you drop back and take a more appropriate class.

CCDTC Agility Program: mostly comprised of "Lower Level" and "Upper Level" training classes.

"Lower Level Training Classes include:

<u>Preparing Your Dog For Agility *** Agility 1 *** Agility 2 *** Agility 3a *** Agility 3b *** Agility 4</u> Each of these classes has specific prerequisites that are designed to <u>safely</u> progress dogs and handlers through each level with <u>confidence.</u> If you complete a class and find that you and/or your dog are not confident with all the skills taught at that level, it is recommended that you repeat the class. Your instructor is to advise you as to your readiness to move up to the next level.

Progressing slowly builds confidence and creates a strong foundation of trust with your dog, which is essential to your safety and long-term success. Progress must be demonstrated to receive your instructor's recommendation to move up to the next training level.

"Upper Level" / All Other Training Classes

Handlers taking these classes (1) must have completed Agility 4 (unless stated otherwise in the website class description) OR (2) they must have comparable experience running full agility courses, off leash, with full-height contacts. There may be other requirements as stated in class description. If you register for a class where the instructor feels that you and/or your dog need more training, the instructor may excuse you from their class.

Avoid crowded aisleways

When inside the club (and not training) all dogs are to be kept either in their car (engine running if extreme weather) or in a crate inside the building. Crates are provided or bring your own.

Do not stand around, inside the building, talking to someone, while holding your dog on a leash.

Do not bring your dog into the building to crate in the agility area (1) while an agility class is going on (2) until you have a crate ready for your dog. Be aware of classes, crating, and aisles on the other side.

Behavior Issues

Agility instructors are not expected to work with students with reactive dogs. That includes, but is not limited to, dogs that exhibit fearfulness, insecurity, destructive chewing, growling, undesirable manners, inadequate socialization, reactiveness (especially in loud busy places), or exhibit poor behavior on a leash. If your dog exhibits any of these tendencies, any agility instructor may excuse you from the class and recommend that you take one of our manner's classes. Not sure? Email the training director

Crating Your Dog

Prior to registering for any class, crated dogs **must be willing** to go into the crate **and remain there without causing a disturbance**. Classes do not include "crate training"; so if you need help with crating, or if you are unsure, email the training director.

