

Agility Demo



2019

Saturday, Sept 21

Sunday, Sept 22

**Companion Activity – Teamwork
Builds Relationship, Bond, Trust
Brain Work, Self-Confidence**

- **Agility basics, great beginner tips**
- **Learn by doing; Learn by watching**
- **Have fun, overcome fear, learn to love it**

Six FREE Weekend Sessions

Another successful agility event. After rescheduling from our rainy June – we actually had to work these sessions in between more rain. And we did it!

What's Agility? Can We Jump?



Meet the Players

SATURDAY

Session 1



Session 2



Session 3



SUNDAY

Session 1



Session 2



Session 3



Wait a minute. Clementine says . . .

What's up? My peeps are in there – and it sure smells interesting



My family said,
"Wait here, Clementine"



I said,
"No problem, I'm a good girl"



But, really . . .
"How long is this going to take"

Warm Up



Ladder



Rocker

Training Tools

Just as with any sport, or learning curve, it helps to warm up first. And, believe it or not, some dogs do not think about how their legs and feet work – brain to paws!

Learning to walk over the ladder, one paw at a time – and – gaining confidence with balance by walking over the rocker are great ways to get started.



Tunnel



Pause Table



Tire Jump



Weave Poles

In the beginning . . . Always a few

“Heck no – I won’t go!”



Arlo:

Not, not, not doin' it!

Gus:

Where's my Mommy?

Scout:

You want me to go where?

But with a little perseverance - and team work

“Wheee – That was thrilling”



Success all the way around

Best Tips and Agility Hacks

If you only remember a few quick tips – remember these

- Quick sessions – 10 minutes – keep it fun; don't overload your dog
- Never say “no” – find another word or sound for correction (keep the no word for very bad things, like eating your good shoes or digging in the trash can)
- Start slow – your dog should literally walk over and through equipment, such as the tire and bar jumps – before actually adding height to the jump; keep tunnel short initially – you can make it longer and add curves to it as your dog gains confidence

For more detailed tips, be sure to check out the Agility Guide

<https://swcitydogpark.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Betsys-Agility-Tips-2019.pdf>