

About Agility

Canine agility started in England in the mid-1970s as a half-time entertain-



ment show during equestrian events. But since that time, agility has become a sport of its own, attracting thousands of competitors and spectators in countries including Great Britain, France, the United States and Canada.

Agility is similar to equestrian show jumping, featuring a series of obstacles the dog must cleanly negotiate in a certain order, within a set time. Obstacles include jumps,



tunnels, elevated dog walks, A-frames, see-saws and weave poles.

While on course, dogs run without leashes, controlled only by the handler's verbal and body signals.

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Fun and Fitness for You and Your Dog



Greater St. Louis Agility Club



About Our Club



The mission of the Greater St. Louis Agility Club (GSLAC) is to promote the sport of agility and to provide opportunities

for instruction and competitive trials in the Greater St. Louis area. A nonprofit club, GSLAC sponsors multiple trials each year, sanctioned by national organizations including the American Kennel Club and North American Dog Agility Council. We also offer classes, seminars, demonstrations and community fun days.

GSLAC members come to agility from various backgrounds but share a com-



mon love for dogs and the enjoyment of working with their dogs as a team. Member benefits include meeting other agility enthusiasts, learning more about agility, progressively advanced instruction and the opportunity to compete in trials.

As a volunteer organization, GSLAC relies upon the involvement of our members for success. Club members work together to plan and host competitive trials and community awareness events.

GSLAC offers demonstrations and community fun days, which provide chances for the public to try out the equipment. It's an ideal way to get a taste for the sport of agility – and it's great fun, too!

Who Can Participate?

Agility is a sport for everyone, regardless of age, gender or athletic ability. And, all breeds of dogs and mixed breeds may participate. When taught patiently and positively, most dogs absolutely love the excitement and energy of agility.

Agility can build great canine confidence, improved coordination, strength, fitness and obedience skills. In addition, agility strengthens the bond between handler and dog, offering a better understanding of the way a dog thinks and responds. For information about upcoming events and how to become a member, visit our Web site at www.stlouisagility.org or e-mail us at info@stlouisagility.org.

Membership Highlights

- Regular practice sessions
- Instructional seminars
- Learning resources
- Training classes
- Social activities
- Competitive trials
- Community demonstrations

Come Visit Us!

Club meetings are held at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Humane Society of Missouri, 1201 Macklind Ave. Visitors are always welcome.



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