



## Agility at MUDTC – held on Sundays at the Showground

Agility training is structured for beginners and the more advanced handlers. Members are encouraged to continue obedience training when not attending either beginner or advanced agility. Obedience training will greatly assist handlers to improve their dog's agility skills.

For the Agility classes handlers please bring with you:

- Crate if possible, and a cover if your dog is likely to bark
- Food treats – soft
- Toy or motivator - anything the dog will pick up and/or bring back
- Lead/flat collar
- Your Dog

### Pre-Agility Training

A pre-agility class is held at 10.15am for ½ hour over 4 weeks every other month; in 2016 the course starts in April. This course covers foundations of agility and is a prerequisite for attending Beginner Agility classes. Dogs must pass an assessment to progress to Beginners Agility. Members must register their interest by providing details on the waiting list held at the Clubhouse.

**Beginners/Intermediate Agility:** After assessment join Agility Instructors in a group Beginner's/Intermediate class in the enclosed Agility area to learn about this wonderful sport. The class runs for 8 weeks from 7.30am. Certain obedience standards and dog conformation development apply. You will be assessed before moving into the Advanced Agility Class.

**Advanced Agility:** Join Agility Instructors in the enclosed Agility area to put your more advanced dog through its paces over the varied agility equipment - the dogs love it - and it keeps you fit! The class is held at 9.00am.

For further information on any aspect of Agility training, including times, please discuss with either the Chief Instructor or your Class Instructor.

### Practice Agility Courses:

On one Sunday during the month a fun agility course will be available from 7.30am. Members must be there at 7.30am to help set up the course.

#### Fun Agility Course Pre Requisites:

Dogs must be over 12 months of age

Not be overweight and not be visibly lame.

Dogs and Handlers must have attended agility class for a minimum of 4 weeks or attended the pre agility class.

#### Courses:

Will consist of jumps, including tyre and broad and tunnels, table and flexi tunnels and table.

Course design will be such that all side changes occur while dogs are in the tunnel or on the table.

Heights of jumps will be kept low e.g. for large dogs 400 height and small dogs 200 height

An instructor will be on the grounds to assist handlers with any issues and give advice for training to be done at home. Only 1 dog is to be off lead at any time and dogs cannot be tied to the fences near the course.