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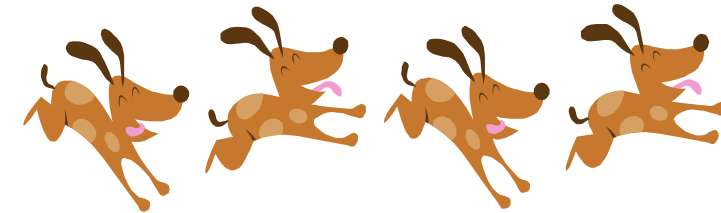
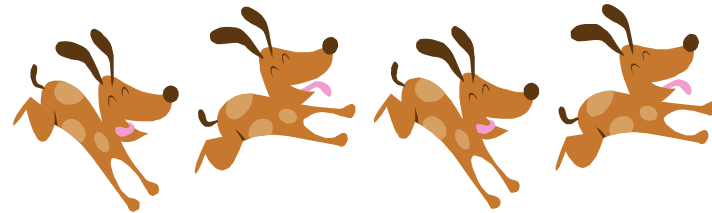
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PRE-AGILITY
FOR PUPPIES



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WHAT IS AGILITY?

Agility is a team sport, and that team consists of you and your dog! You have to direct your dog around an obstacle course of up to 20 obstacles, such as jumps, tunnels or the see-saw. Your dog's job is to pay attention to you and complete the obstacles as fast as they can.

WHO ARE WE?

We are Scallywags Dog Agility Club and we formed at the end of 2008. Our President, and trainer, is Nicky Huelin, who has 10 years experience in agility. She is an Agility Club Approved Basic Instructor. We only use positive re-inforcement training methods.

WHAT IS PRE-AGILITY?

Pre-agility classes give your puppy a safe, controlled introduction to the exciting world of agility. It is suitable for fit, healthy puppies, over the age of 6 months.

BENEFITS OF PRE-AGILITY TRAINING

There are many benefits for you and your dog when taking part in pre-agility training.

- Good socialization for your puppy with other dogs
- Increases the bond between you and your dog
- Helps to improve your dog's obedience
- Helps your dog's awareness of its body and its balance
- Assists your dog in learning to focus and concentrate
- Increases their motivation to work with you
- Agility makes your dog use its brain - which tires them out!
- Pre-agility training teaches your puppy accuracy before speed so less chance of accidents in the future

SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR PRE-AGILITY

A dog's bones are not fully formed and fused together until they are between 12 - 18 months old, depending on the breed of dog. We take this into full account in our puppy training, which is why we don't allow the dogs to over-exert themselves or do anything that would put unnecessary strain on their young joints. Our key points for safety in training puppies are as follows:

- Dogs under the age of 12 months will not be allowed to use the weave poles as the flexing movements can cause strain on their spines
- Puppies will not go over jumps higher than their hock height. We place all jump poles on the ground to prevent stress on their legs and shoulders when landing
- All contact equipment is set up at a low height
- All training is carried out at a slow, controlled pace

