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Agility & Obedience Classes

We're delighted to be able to announce that we now hold Agility & Obedience classes on a Monday evening at Grange Farm Riding School, Waltham Road, Barnoldby le Beck. More details about the venue can be found at <http://www.grangefarmridingschool.co.uk>.

Grange Farm provides us with a 20 x 40 Fibresand indoor arena and as you can imagine we are very keen to maintain excellent relations with the site owners and for this reason there are a number of ground rules which we need to abide by and these are detailed on page 4.

The schedule for the evening is –

18.00 – 18.45 Obedience Class.

19.00 – 19.45 Obedience Class

20.00 – 21.00 Introductory Agility (45 minute lesson & 15 minute equip. set-up time)

21.00 – 22.00 Progressive Agility (45 minute lesson & 15 minute equip. break down time)

Progress in agility is quickest when dogs have the basics of obedience in place already and this includes a good recall and a sit or down stay. If you're unsure if your dog is ready for agility classes please let us know and we can advise as to whether our obedience class would help.

All of our classes are currently full but we do expect to have some places available for the next set of courses which start on Monday 9th June. If you would like to be placed on the waiting list for a class please return the form without payment and we'll contact you as soon as a place becomes available.

Places on courses are strictly limited and will be reserved and confirmed only on the receipt of the completed application form and full payment.

We look forward to meeting you at Grange Farm Riding School in 2008!

Regards

Lynda Taylor
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Agility Classes

Introduction to Agility (6-week course) is for dogs who have done either very little or no agility before. The course is designed so that the dogs gain confidence on each piece of equipment and learn to complete small sequences of obstacles. With only 6 dogs and handlers on the course there's lots of practise time and little standing around waiting for your turn.

Equipment will initially be set-up at below competition height whilst the dogs learn to negotiate each item safely and because of this the course is suitable for dogs aged from 12 months. *

Progression in agility is quickest when the dog already has a good level of control and to gain most benefit from this course your dog will have -

- Recall off lead
- Sit or down stay
- Be sociable with other dogs and people
- Have a favourite (non squeaking!) toy such as a tug toy which allows you to play with your dog

*Large dogs are welcome to attend from 12 months but it may be necessary to limit the height of both jumps and contact equipment whilst they are still growing

Progressive Agility (6-week course) is designed for dogs that can already safely complete each item of agility equipment.

With an emphasis on handling we'll be introducing combinations of obstacles which require your dog to listen to your instructions and learn to work accurately at speed. We'll also be working on reliable weave entries and contacts whilst always ensuring your dog is having a great time under your direction.

There'll also be the opportunity to use individual pieces of equipment that may need more practise to perfect.

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Obedience (6-week course) is designed for handlers and dogs who would like to take part in agility but need to have more control in place first and also for pet owners who would like to have a higher level of obedience from their dogs.

During the 6 weeks we'll cover –

- Sit
- Down
- Stand
- Recall
- Loose Lead Walking
- Stays

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Class Application form

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|---|--|--------|----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Name | | | | | |
| Address | | | | | |
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| Contact Tel. No. | | | | | |
| Email | | | | | |
| Emergency contact | | Name | | Tel. No. | |
| Do <u>you</u> have any medical problems that could be important for us to know about? | | | | | |
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| Dog 1 | | Name | | Agility/Obedience Experience | |
| | | Breed | | | |
| | | Age | | | |
| | | Course | Introductory Agility | | Progressive Agility |
| | | | Obedience 18.00 | | Obedience 19.00 |
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| Dog 2 | | Name | | Agility/Obedience Experience | |
| | | Breed | | | |
| | | Age | | | |
| | | Course | Introductory Agility | | Progressive Agility |
| | | | Obedience 18.00 | | Obedience 19.00 |
| Is there any other information that you think we should know about you or your dog, which will help us in planning classes? | | | | | |
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Course Fees –

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| Introduction to Agility | £45 |
| Progressive Agility | £45 |
| Obedience | £45 |

Cheques should be made payable to "Positive Animal Solutions"

Every reasonable precaution will be taken to ensure the safety of you and your dog whilst attending our classes, but please remember that these courses are undertaken at your own risk. Please sign below to confirm that you have understood and agree with the terms stated in our literature on page four of this document.

Name:

Signed:

Date:

To reserve a place on the courses commencing on 14th April 2008 please return this form with payment to—
Lynda Taylor, Positive Animal Solutions, 22 Sluice Road, South Ferriby, North Lincs DN18 6JG

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Class Information

We believe passionately in reward-based training methods and as such we encourage all our handlers to use clicker-training and other positive reinforcement training methods. We also need to ensure that the training environment is safe for both handlers and dogs and that by example we promote responsible dog ownership. As such it is necessary to have guidelines and rules to ensure that everyone who attends our classes has a joint understanding on how we can achieve this. By attending our classes you agree to the following points -

Venue

1. Coming from Grimsby you'll get past the Riding School on your left hand side and then the entrance to the holiday cottages, please do not park in this area. A little further along the road on your left hand side you'll see a lane which will take you to the rear of the centre and to the car parking area
2. Please ensure you keep an access route through the car park for emergency vehicles
3. The venue is strictly no smoking
4. Please clear up after your dog every time and take full bags home with you for disposal. Spare bags are available if needed
5. There are no exercising facilities on site and so dogs should leave your vehicle on lead and come straight to the indoor arena
6. Please take all rubbish home with you

Handlers

1. Please come wrapped up warm in clothes which you won't worry about should they get dirty
2. Trainers or similar footwear should be worn
3. Please note that we will ask anyone treating their own or any other dog harshly to leave
4. Please don't enter the arena until the previous class has finished
5. Handlers will be asked to assist with the setting up of equipment prior to the first agility class and breaking down and putting away of equipment after the last agility class. If you are in the first agility class please leave your dog in your vehicle until we have completed setting up

What To Bring

1. Clicker if you have one. If you've not used clicker training before and would like to, one to one lessons can be arranged to introduce this great way of learning however it's not essential to use clicker training in any of our classes.
2. A favourite toy but please no squeakies
3. Great titbits, cooked meat, hotdog sausage and cheese tend to be favourites for most dogs. Please cut up into tiny rewards, the size of your small fingernail is plenty big enough for large dogs. We just want to give our dogs a taste, not fill them up
4. Head collars or harnesses can be worn in the obedience class and are fine for waiting your turn in agility classes but dogs should only be run over agility equipment in a flat collar. Check/Choke chain collars are not allowed in any of our classes nor any type of punishment collar
5. A long lead, ideally at least 6 foot long. The Halti training leads are ideal and can be purchased directly from us.

Dogs

1. Please make sure your dog is walked and toileted before coming to class
2. Do not feed your dog a meal for at least 2 hours prior to class
3. If your dog is coughing or seems unwell please do not bring him that week
4. Dogs should always be on lead unless otherwise advised by an Instructor
5. Please keep your dog under close control when working off lead. Do not allow it to invade other dogs' space
6. For safety reasons, no unsupervised practising on equipment except with prior permission from your instructor
7. Please try to keep dogs as quiet as possible, if you have a dog who is a barker we may ask you to move to a position whereby your dog is able to cope with the excitement levels without barking

Payment

1. Payment must be made in full prior to starting lessons
2. Due to the cost of hiring the venue refunds can not be made if a handler is unable to attend a class
3. Classes are run subject to minimum numbers of handlers enrolling on the course