

## **BEGINNING AGILITY III**

### **Certificate of Achievement Requirements**

#### **Handler Responsibilities:**

- Attends class regularly
- Brings a crate
- Brings necessary items, such as: water, treats, toys, poop bags, etc
- Has their dog on leash and wearing a comfortable collar or harness
- Is attentive to their dog and anticipates when they are needed
- Effective at encouraging good behaviors
- Effective at curbing undesirable behaviors
- Is courteous to fellow classmates and helps other students learn
- Helps with agility equipment - setting bars, holding leashes, watching the gate
- Develops a personal training plan for their dog and practices at least 2 times per week
- Attends and volunteers at a formal agility trial / competition

#### **Handler Skills and Understanding:**

- Handler can identify different agility obstacles. Can show and teach various training aids
- Handler can describe, perform and teach the proper way to do the agility obstacles
- Handler can explain, perform and teach a change of sides using a front cross
- Handler can explain, perform and teach a change of sides using a rear cross
- Handler can explain, perform and teach a change of sides using a blind cross
- Handler can read a Novice level agility course map and plan a handling strategy
- Handler knows their dog's measurement, and jump height. Can measure another dog

#### **Dog Obedience Skills:**

- Dog can work on or exclusively off leash
- Dog can sit, down or stand right or left of handler's side
- Dog can stay while the handler moves 5 feet away, with major distractions
- Dog can settle in their crate for 5 minutes, with major distractions
- Dog can come when called, from 10 feet, with major distractions

#### **Dog Agility Skills (to be performed off leash, no treats):**

- Weave Poles (6) with no guides, from both sides, with minor entry angles
- A-frame
- Dog Walk
- Teeter
- Jump
- Hoop
- Barrel
- Tunnel
- Sequence of 12 obstacles, with two side changes