

## CRUISIN' PAWS AGILITY

### COVID PROTOCOL FOR AGILITY CLASSES

The following Covid protocol is mandatory for our return to agility classes. These measures are to keep everyone (students, volunteers and instructors) as safe as reasonably possible, but our goal remains for our dogs and their handlers to have fun. Our Covid protocol will always be posted on our website so you can review it at any time.

If you feel unwell or have Covid symptoms, do not come to class, stay home.

Fleetwood Farm, the location of our agility classes, is an active horse farm and horses and their owners have the right of way at all times. Drive slowly (15 km) down the entire length of the laneway, in both directions. If you are seen speeding on the laneway, you will be banned from the property, and will not receive a refund.

You are responsible to pick up after your dog everywhere on the property, both inside and outside. Do not dispose of bags of feces in the porta pottie or in the garbage pails or on the manure pile for the horses. You must take it home with you for disposal.

#### Registering for Class

Class registration is available only online at the Cruisin' Paws Agility website, [www.cruisinpawsagility.com](http://www.cruisinpawsagility.com). For details and registration forms, go to the Cruisin' Paws web page for Classes. To register, you are required to agree to the form of release on the website, and to pay in advance in the manner described on the website.

#### Arena Entry

Do not enter the arena until you are invited by an instructor or volunteer. Entry will be restricted to the parking lot door only, and only upon invitation. If there is a class preceding your class, you will not be permitted to enter the arena until that class has left the arena and chairs and other surfaces in the arena and porta pottie have been sanitized.

A volunteer or instructor will tell you when to enter the arena, one at a time. Maintain social distancing.

You must be wearing a face shield/mask at all times in the arena, that covers your nose, mouth and chin. No face shield/mask, no entry.

You will be asked if you have any Covid symptoms, or if anyone with whom you have been in close contact has Covid symptoms.

Your temperature will be taken.

You will be directed to a hand sanitization station where you must sanitize your hands on every entry to the arena.

You will be directed to go to one of a series of sanitized and socially distanced chairs where you must change your footwear and leave your arrival footwear, your coat or jacket, your treats, your purse etc. for the duration of the class. It is recommended that you bring to class only what is necessary. Do not move your chair. To minimize persons passing others, each person will be directed to the farthest open chair.

Once you have changed, and before the start of class, you are free to move around the arena with your dog, so long as you are wearing a face shield/mask and remain distanced. For beginner classes, do not have your dog perform any agility obstacles or go on the agility equipment. Students are **not to reset bars or handle or move agility equipment**, this will be done by the instructor or a volunteer, and this applies to the time before, during and after class

### **Class Begins**

There may be a pre-class talk by the instructor during which you must remain at your chair

You and your dog will be directed to go to one of a series of socially distanced hoops at one end of the arena. Do not move the hoops. You (but not your dog) must remain in this hoop, with your dog under control and on a short lead, except when you and your dog are actively performing an agility exercise as part of the class. A volunteer or the instructor will let you know when it is your turn, so please be ready in advance to move into the exercise. Once you have completed the agility exercise, you are to return with your dog to the hoop to which you are directed by the instructor, and remain in that hoop. The instructor will tell students if and when to change hoops.

You will be with the same group of students and dogs, week after week, so remember the other students and dogs in your group.

Each week, you will start your class at the opposite end of the arena from the prior week.

At the midway point of the class, the groups at opposite ends of the arena will switch ends of the arena and you will be directed to a hoop at the other end of the arena, with each group moving counter clockwise along the wall on their right hand side, maintaining social distancing.

### **End of Class**

At the end of the class, all students and their dogs will return to the original chair where they left their belongings, change their footwear, collect their belongings, and leave the arena by the **west** door only, **not** the door to the parking lot. This will avoid engaging with the next class that is waiting to enter the arena for their class. This is the protocol even if you are the last class for the day.

Please be prompt in gathering your belongings and leaving, because there will be sanitization of the chairs and other surfaces in the arena and porta pottie before the next class can enter the arena.

### **Need to Return to Chair During Class**

If you need to return to your chair during class (for treats, or a drink, etc.), ask the instructor first, take your dog with you, be respectful and maintain social distancing from others. If you need to remove your face shield/mask for a drink, face the wall, take your drink, and then replace your face

shield/mask after your drink. Then rejoin your class but be careful again to be respectful and to maintain social distancing.

### **Dog Needs to Leave Arena During Class**

If your dog needs to leave the arena at any time during a class (for example, to relieve itself), take your dog out the **west** door only, and return back through the parking lot door only (you do not need to wait to be invited back into the arena in this case). Use the hand sanitizer when you re-enter, and then rejoin your class but be careful to be respectful and to maintain social distancing when passing near other students and their dogs.

### **Dog Relieves Itself in the Arena**

If your dog relieves itself in the arena, ask a volunteer to mark the spot for you, retrieve the cleanup bucket and complete the cleanup. Take any bag of feces back to your chair, dispose of paper towels in the trash can, and then sanitize your hands with the sanitizer in the cleanup bucket. If you need your dog to be held for you, hold your dog by the collar and allow the volunteer to pick up the extended leash from the floor. To get your dog back, take hold of your dog's collar, at which time the volunteer will let go of the leash for you to pick up.

### **Washroom**

There is a porta pottie just outside the east door of the arena. There is hand sanitizer hanging inside the arena at the right side of the door that you should use before exiting to use the porta pottie. There is a light in the porta pottie if it is dark outside. You can take your dog with you, or ask the instructor or a volunteer to hold your dog while you use the porta pottie, but not another student. Maintain social distancing if there is another person already using the porta pottie. Return back through the parking lot door only (you do not need to wait to be invited back into the arena in this case), use the hand sanitizer when you re-enter, and then rejoin your class but be careful to be respectful and to maintain social distancing when passing near other students and their dogs.

**NOTE** that face shields/masks must be worn at all times while in the arena, including throughout your class. If you are not wearing a face shield/mask, or not wearing it properly, you will be directed to leave.

**NOTE** that social distancing (2 metres, 6 feet) must be maintained at all times while in the arena. If you are not maintaining social distancing, you will be directed to leave.

**NOTE** that students are **not to reset bars or handle or move agility equipment**, this will be done by the instructor or a volunteer, and this applies to the time before, during and after class.

**NOTE** that students are **not to handle the dogs or leashes of other students**, only the instructor or a volunteer may do so.