

Welcome to the world
of
ANY OTHER ANIMAL AGILITY



YES you can now compete with other animals in Agility competitions!

No equines can compete in this competition.

This is a FUN class but every entry receives a score sheet and feedback.

September/October 2023 CLOSING DATE 31st October

We have designed a simple agility course for you to build at home. You will need to adjust the size of each obstacle to suit the size of your animal. A hamster will need a much smaller course than a llama!! This month we have a simple obstacle course for you to set up. You will find the course plan on page 2 with instructions on how to complete it. Read the notes carefully so that you don't lose valuable marks!!

For this month's course you will need:

- 1. Five cones or markers**
- 2. Things to make a scary corner, flags, bunting, bags etc.**
- 3. A tarpaulin or different surface to walk on.**
- 4. Some bottles or tins tied on a piece of rope.**
- 5. Two poles for the animal to walk over.**
- 6. Two Flags on sticks/poles**



Here is your course diagram for Any Other Animal Agility (not equines) Sept/Oct 2023

Build the course as close to the plan as you can, following the instructions on how to build the obstacles on page 1. Follow the arrows as you complete the course. They are important!

You may use a headcollar, lead, neck rope or work your animal loose—at liberty, (fly rugs, protective equipment etc are allowed) You may use treats and clickers but NOT WHIPS OR STICKS OF ANY KIND. THE ANIMAL SHOULD BE SEEN TO BE OBVIOUSLY COMFORTABLE AS HE NEGOTIATES THE OBSTACLES. ANY ABUSE OF THE ANIMAL WILL RESULT IN INSTANT ELIMINATION FROM THE COMPETITION.

Complete the course in number order following the arrows and instructions shown in each box. You must not stop or circle BETWEEN obstacles.

The course must be videoed without a break in the filming with the animal and the handler being in shot the whole time. Do make sure that the obstacle is clearly in view when being negotiated

GOOD LUCK!

This course spirals inwards. Follow the red line!

2. Scary corner. Animal to walk through safely. Handler can be anywhere.

5. Walk of poles. Place two poles on the ground for the animal to walk over. He must place at least one foot between the poles (if he has feet!) as he walks forward. He must not touch the poles (unless he's a snake or likewise in which case it must be completed with thoughtful care instead!).

6. Flags. Arrange two flags on poles that are high enough so that when the animal walks between them, his ears can touch the flags. NOTE If the wind lifts the flags away from the animal's ears you will not lose marks, or if the animal has tiny or no ears!!

3. Tarpaulin. Animal to walk over the tarpaulin. Follow the arrow!

1. Weave. Animal to weave at walk through five cones.

4. Drag. Tie a number of tins or plastic bottles to the end of a rope. Pick up rope and move with your animal a short distance dragging them alongside him. They must make a noise as they move! You do NOT attach the rope to the animal. Simply hold the rope in one hand while you drag the bottles/tins along. Animal must remain calm and unconcerned throughout.

FINISH

START

