

Agility1st Instructor Training Pathway

Entry Level

Agility1st Accreditation

Which course should I sign up to?

Decide what your aspirations are as an instructor, what level of handlers and dogs you train; Recreational or Competition.

You can enter the programme at either "Trainer" or "Instructor" depending on your teaching experience

Trainer
Foundation skills & technical skills, e.g. train safe, sociable & fun. (Extra modules available if you want to teach for competition).

Agility1st "Trainer"

Two optional modules are available (at extra cost) to instructors signing up to this course who wish may to train dogs for competition up to Kennel Club Grade 2

No

More than 2 years experience training regularly as an instructor?

No

Yes

Evidence of 2 years + training regularly as an accredited "Trainer"

Yes

Competition
Foundation skills, technical skills & competition skills; handlers compete & wants to improve & progress.

Agility1st "Instructor"

Re-Accreditation Practical Assessment

Competitive
Foundation skills, technical skills, competition skills & analytical skills, e.g. competes regularly under many organisations, wants to improve & progress.

Agility1st "Coach" (Level 1)

The Coaching Level 1 course is available only to trainers who have completed the Instructor course. (This course is the equivalent to a UK Sport Level 1 Coaching qualification).

Competitive / Elite
Foundation skills, technical skills, competition skills, analytical & strategic skills, e.g. competes regularly at highest level in all types of competition.

Agility1st "Coach" (Level 2)

Agility1st Coaching Level 2 course is only open to trainers who have completed the Agility1st Level 1 Coaching course.

Agility1st How it Works



Introduction

We have developed the Agility1st Trainer, Instructor and Coach Training modules to be as flexible as possible to fit in with your learning needs and in a way that suits your lifestyle. The initial learning is based on reading through and testing your understanding of the Agility1st training modules which are all available on-line. Once you have successfully completed the all the modules in the set you will be eligible for the practical assessment by one of our qualified Agility1st Assessors.

Accreditation

When you have reached the required level of knowledge and we are confident that you are able to train dogs and handlers to the necessary standard you will be accredited as an Agility1st Trainer, or Agility1st Instructor depending on which course you are enrolled on. Our on-line course for "Trainers" is also meets the needs of Recreational or Fun Agility club trainers.

Once you have achieved "Accredited Instructor" status and you have paid your annual memberships fees you will be eligible for the following:

- Use of the "Agility1st Trainer / Instructor / Coach", etc. description and logo on your marketing material, clothing, web site and social media sites.
- All discounts and special offers we have negotiated with our business partners.
- Access to our members Facebook page and advice from the Agility1st experts.
- A reserved place on the annual Agility1st seminar.

On-line Learning

Once you have signed up and paid for to one of our on-line courses the first two modules will be available for you to work through. The aim is for you to read and understand each module and then to do some background research yourself pulling together all the information you have on the subject and any other background information you may have about your experience as a dog trainer generally or as an agility instructor.

Assessing Your Understanding of the Modules

At the end of each module you will be required to pass a test consisting of up to 15 questions, this is to check your understanding of the content of each module. This will be used to evaluate your level of understanding of the subject and experience at instructing to the required level to pass the practical assessment at the end of the course. When you are ready you can complete the module assessment questions and when you have achieved the standard required the next module will become available and so on until you have finished all the modules.

Practical Assessment

Practical assessment will take place over one or two days (depending on the course you have registered for). You can book the assessment when you have completed at least 4 of the modules. If you are eligible for the Instructors course you will be expected to submit an Instructors Journal * / Diary with evidence of at least 12 separate training sessions where you have a record of instructing dogs and handlers at the appropriate grades.

* The Agility1st Instructor Workbook & Journal is available to purchase from our web site www.agility1st.co.uk