

Glossary of Terms

Agility: An activity in which a dog completes a course of athletic events under the direction of the handler. Agility tests the ability of the handler to direct his dog through an obstacle course which may include tunnels, weave poles, jumps, and see saws.

Association of Pet Dog Trainers: The APDT is a professional organization of individual trainers who are committed to becoming better trainers through education. The APDT promotes caring relationships between dogs and people by educating trainers in canine behavior and emphasizing professionalism and reward-based training.

American Kennel Club: The AKC is a breed registry that promotes the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for form and function. The AKC works to advance the study, breeding, exhibiting, running, and maintenance of purebred dogs.

Basic Obedience: A class that instructs owners on how to teach basic commands to their dogs. Dogs are taught: "sit", "down", "stay", "come", "heel", and "stand" as well as other useful commands using positive training methods. This is a good beginning class for owners and dogs.

Canine Good Citizen (CGC): An American Kennel Club program which promotes responsible dog ownership and encourages the training of well mannered dogs. Dogs do not have to be registered with the AKC in order to participate. In order to receive a CGC certificate, a dog is evaluated on ten behavioral objectives and must pass all ten. This is a good starting point for more advanced dog training.

North American Dog Agility Council: The NADAC was formed to provide North American dogs and their handlers with a fast, safe, and enjoyable form of the sport of dog agility. NADAC sanctions agility trials sponsored by affiliated clubs. The Capital Kennel Club of Juneau is an affiliated club.

Obedience Trial: Dogs perform a series of exercises at the command of the handler. There are several levels of competition, ranging from basic commands such as "sit", "come", and "heel" to scent discrimination and directed retrieves over jumps.

Practice Session: A dog and handler are provided with a suitable space and basic equipment to practice obedience and/or agility on their own. In a facilitated practice an experienced trainer is available for consultation and oversight.

Puppy Kindergarten: A class that provides an introduction to dog training using positive methods and also provides opportunities for supervised socialization. The class

focuses on getting your puppy comfortable with other people and puppies and provides instruction on how to teach your puppy basic manners and commands.

Rally Obedience: Rally is a more relaxed approach to obedience competition than traditional obedience. Dog and handler negotiate a course of stations and each station instructs them to perform specific actions. Unlike traditional obedience trials, rally trials allow the handler to talk to the dog and give extra commands and signals. Retrievers are allowed and rules about dog/handler positioning are more relaxed. In rally novice competitions, the dog may compete on leash. This is a good entry level obedience activity for dogs and handlers.

Run Through: This is the equivalent of a dress rehearsal for an obedience trial or other trial. A run through is a practice session that follows the rules and the sequence of events that the dog and handler will follow during an actual trial.

United Kennel Club (UKC): UKC is an all-breed registry of purebred dog pedigrees. Three types of registration are offered.

- Single Registration is for dogs whose parents are not UKC registered, but are registered by another approved entity.
- Limited Privilege allows purebred dogs of unknown pedigree and mixed breed dogs to participate in obedience and agility.
- Litter registration is for puppies whose parents are both UKC registered.

The Obedience and Rally events offered by the Capital Kennel Club of Juneau are held under the auspices of the UKC. All dogs who enter these events must be UKC registered. Titles are awarded based on UKC criteria.