



**Sunshine Obedience School**  
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**Dear Obedience/Agility Enthusiast:**

I am pleased to announce that I will again offer obedience and agility classes this spring. Obedience and agility classes will begin on Monday and Tuesday, March 5th and 6th, and will run in continuous six week sessions until November.

This year there are going to be two obedience classes on Monday night, a combined Novice/Rally/Intro to Open class starting at 6:00 PM, followed by an Open/Utility class which will begin at 7:00 PM. The two classes will do their stays together at 6:50 PM. To be in the Novice/Rally class, your dog needs to have a solid stay, and be well started on heeling and the recall. To be in the Open/Utility class your dog does not necessarily have to have a CD, but he needs to be very solid on his novice exercises, have good attention, and you need a good working relationship. In this class there will be dogs focusing on their UDX, dogs getting ready for utility, and dogs both getting ready to show in open and those starting in open. When we work on an exercise your dog will work at the level he is capable of. The cost for one dog will be \$75 per six week session; the second dog from the same family will be \$65 per six week session, and the third dog will be \$55. There will be five six-week continuous sessions throughout the year.

Beginners agility class will be on Monday nights at 6 PM this year, taught by John Wilson and assisted by Lisa Daughtrey. Dogs in this class should know how to walk on a leash, come, sit, down, and have been started on stay. The price of this class will be \$80. John and Lisa will be doing a lot of foundation and connection exercises with your dog as well as teaching the various pieces of agility equipment and some simple sequencing as the year goes on.

A new class on Monday nights (through the middle of July) will be advanced beginner agility with Mary Ruhe. This class will be for dogs who

have taken a previous beginners agility class, and for dog/handler teams who need to back up and work on contacts, weaves, sequences, and relationship-building exercises. This class will be at 7 PM and will be \$80. If we can't coerce Mary to continue on past July, the students in this class will be funneled in to other classes on Monday or Tuesday night.

There will also be a Masters agility class at 8 PM on Monday night. John Wilson will be assisting me with this class. This class is for those dogs who are currently competing in the Novice or Open level of agility and above. This class will have the same curriculum as the 8 PM Masters class on Tuesday nights and is \$75.

There will be three agility classes on Tuesday nights: an Intermediate agility class at 6 PM, an Advanced agility class at 7 PM, and a Masters Agility class at 8 PM. The Intermediate class at 6 PM is for those dogs who have an understanding of the obstacles but may still have some issues to work out, and have started sequencing and short courses. Advanced agility class at 7 PM will be for those dogs who are just getting ready to compete or have competed in Novice, Open, or Excellent. To be in this class, your dog should have a good grasp of all of the obstacles and be able to do courses.

The Masters agility class will be at 8 PM on Tuesday, and most of the dogs in the Masters class will already have advanced agility titles and should be proficient on the weave poles and be able to run full courses. This is a competitive class that will focus on advanced handling. The cost for the Tuesday agility classes will be \$75; second dog from the same family will be \$65, third dog from the same family is \$55. If there is space for drop ins, that will be \$15 per night. Please call or e-mail to see if there is space. Aggressive dogs will not be allowed in any class.

Obedience classes will be in the obedience building, which is matted and heated. Agility classes will be held in my unheated dirt-floor building, and we will also be working outside as soon as the weather/light conditions permit. Agility students will need to bring treats and tug toys for your dog and drinking water for yourself and your dog. Dogs in agility class should wear a flat buckle collar, no chains or slip collars. Your dog must be on leash when he is not actively running on the agility course. Both the obedience and the agility classes will start and end on time, so promptness is important! The exercise area for the dogs is south of the driveway, do NOT let your dog eliminate north of the driveway or around any of the agility equipment. Please pick up after your dog, baggies will be provided. With so many dogs in the various classes, you \*must\* pick up after your dog, no exceptions, even in the dark, so you might want to bring a little flashlight early in the year when it is still dark during class. Be sure and park completely on the pavement and not on any of the grassy areas, especially this winter/spring when it will be so muddy. Please park close together to conserve parking space for those coming later.

If there are any questions whether class will be held due to inclement

weather, check your e-mail as I will be sending out a general announcement by 3 PM at the latest. Except in \*very\* extreme heat (It's true, it IS cooler in the country!), class will most likely be held unless driving conditions are dangerous.

Class size is limited, and there has been a lot of interest in all of these classes. Don't assume you've got a spot in class just because you have been in a previous class, get your registration in ASAP. If you wish to enroll in obedience and/or agility class, please return the attached registration form, release form, and class fee of \$75 for obedience/agility, or \$80 for beginners or advanced beginners agility (\$65 for second dog or class, \$55 for third dog, same family. For example, you can do obedience on Monday nights for \$75 and apply the discount to agility on Tuesday nights for \$65). Private lessons are always available and are \$40 an hour. Drop in, if space, is available (please call ahead) will be \$15 for the first dog, and \$12 for the second dog, same family.

I am looking forward to another great year of classes! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to e-mail or call me at (712) 526-2252.

Thanks, Gerianne

#### **Directions to Sunshine Obedience School:**

Take I-80 to I-29 South. Take the Iowa School For The Deaf/Highway 92 exit. Turn right from the exit and go to the stoplight. This is the intersection of Highways 92 and 275. Turn right (south) on Highway 275 (also called Wabash Ave.) for 2.2 miles. Turn left onto the Pioneer Trail (a paved road.) Go four miles. Turn right onto 240th Street (gravel road). We are the fourth place on the right, the number is 11092. We are on top of the hill after the bike trail. The agility building is the furthest building on the right.

**Registration Form**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone(home/cell/work):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Obedience Class: (Monday - Rally/Novice/Intro to Open 6 PM)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Obedience Class: (Monday - Open/Utility 7 PM)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Agility Class (Monday - Beginners 6 PM):**

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**Agility Class (Monday - Advanced Beginners 7 PM):**

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**Agility Class (Monday - Masters 8 PM):**

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**Agility Class (Tuesday - Intermediate 6 PM):**

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**Agility Class (Tuesday - Advanced 7 PM):**

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**Agility Class (Tuesday - Masters 8 PM):**

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**Dog's Breed and Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dog's**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return registration form, release form and class fee before the start of classes to:**

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**Release Form for 2012 Agility, Obedience, Herding, and Tracking Classes**

**AGREEMENT**

In consideration of the opportunity to participate in the 2012 Sunshine Obedience School agility, obedience, tracking, and/or herding classes I agree to hold Sunshine Obedience School, Sunshine Veterinary Clinic, Gerianne Darnell, John Wilson, Mary Ruhe, Lisa Daughtrey, and George Darnell harmless from cause directly or indirectly to a person or thing by the act of my dog while in or upon the session premises or near entrance thereto, and I personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of my dog(s) by disappearance, theft, death or otherwise, and from any claim for damage or injury, being caused or alleged to be caused by the theft, death or otherwise, and from any claim for damage or injury, being caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes. I hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself or of my participation in class, howsoever such injuries, death or damage to property may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may have been alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their agents, or any other persons. If my dog causes the death of a sheep or duck, I agree that I will pay \$175 for sheep replacement and \$35 for duck replacement.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Dog(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening) \_\_\_\_\_