

A Click Above January/February 2012

Classes Begin: January 9
****Registration Opens: December 1
and December 14 Hand Deliveries and Mail Deliveries**
Registration Deadline: December 31

Pre-Class Orientation Date (see #6 under General Notes below schedule):
Thursday, January 5th at 7:00 p.m.

*Monday	No Early Class	6:35 pm Classes	7:45 pm Classes	8:50 pm Classes
		Contacts/Weaves Elsie, Diann and Mary (1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13)	Handling 2 Elsie and Diann (1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13)	Handling 3 Elsie and Diann (1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13)
		Foundation 1 Agility Claudia, Kirsten and Peny (1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13)	Foundation 2 Agility Claudia, Mary and Kirsten (1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13)	Foundation 3 Claudia and Kirsten (1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13)
Tuesday	4:30 p.m. Class	6:30 pm Classes	7:35 pm Classes	8:40 pm Classes
	Advanced 2 w/ Paulena Simpson (1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14)	Advanced 1 w/ Paulena Simpson (1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14)	Advanced 2 w/ Paulena Simpson (1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14)	Advanced 3 w/ Paulena Simpson (1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14)
		Novice Obedience Karen and Kris (1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14)	Open and Utility Exercises Karen and Kris (1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14)	Attention for Obedience Karen and Peny (1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14)
Wednesday	2:00 pm Class	6:35 pm Classes	7:45 pm Classes	8:50 pm Classes
	Masters Comp Handling Claudia and Elsie (1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15)	Basic Obedience Nancy, Mary, and Yuko (1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15)	Puppy K Elsie, Mary, and Diann (1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15)	Advanced Comp Handling Claudia and Kristen (1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15)
	4:00 pm Class Novice Comp Handling Claudia and Elsie (1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15)	Pre-Comp Handling Claudia and Elsie (1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15)	Novice Comp Handling Nancy and Claudia (1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15)	Handling with Video Elsie and Diann (1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15)
Thursday	No Early Class	6:35 pm Classes	7:45 pm Classes	8:50 pm Classes
		Advanced Comp Handling Carrie and Nancy (1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16)	Masters Comp Handling Carrie and Beth (1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16)	Hi-Octane Masters Comp Handling Carrie and Beth (1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16)
		Basic Shaping Diann and Elsie (1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16)	Handling 1 Nancy and Elsie (1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16)	Contacts and Weaves Elsie and Nancy (1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16)
Saturday	9:00 am Class	No Afternoon or Evening Classes		
	Basic Obedience Nancy and Yuko (1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11)			

**Registrations received December 1 through December 14 will only be accepted by REGULAR MAIL. Express, overnight, and/or "early" mail will not be accepted. Registrations will be sorted by receipt date and selected as received from each date grouping to try to make the process as fair as possible. Only one student (handler)/envelope, please!

GENERAL NOTES

1. All classes will be held at the A Click Above Training Center, 19277 Evergreen Mills Road in Leesburg. Specific directions to the site will be mailed out with confirmations on closing date.
2. See Classes Offered below for prerequisites, restrictions, and other important information regarding classes.
3. **Fees are as follows:**
 - All agility classes are \$110 for the six week session.
 - Combined fee for Contacts and Weaves class when taken in conjunction with a Handling class is \$180 for a six week session.
 - Obedience classes (Puppy Kindergarten, Basic Obedience, Novice Obedience, Attention for Obedience, Rally Obedience, and Basic Shaping) are \$100 for six week sessions.
 - Handlers taking multiple classes may deduct \$10/class from every class after the first class, excluding other discounted prices, such as the Contacts/Weaves and Handling combination price.
4. To register for a class, complete a Class Registration Form. You should also complete an Operating Policies and Class Release Form, unless we already have one on file from you for **2012**.
5. Handlers **new** to A Click Above with dogs attending Basic Obedience, Puppy Kindergarten, and/or Introduction to Clicker and Agility must attend a pre-class orientation on: **Thursday, January 5th at 7:00 p.m.** This session will last 1.5 hours and will be without dogs.

CLASSES OFFERED FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2012

All classes are six weeks in duration.

Agility Training

- **Foundation 1 Agility Skills:** This class is the first introduction to agility. Skills taught will include: Targeting, Stays, Circle Work, Shadow Handling, Obstacles (Table, Tire, Tunnel), and Toy/Drive work. Prerequisite: Attending a previous A Click Above Intro, Puppy, and/or Basic class as well as a previous pre-class orientation. **Dogs should be at least 8 months of age to attend this class.** Instructors: Claudia Bates, Peny Lang, and/or Kirsten Anderson.
- **Foundation 2 Agility Skills:** This class is a continuation of Foundation I, with concentration given to jumping skills and beginning handling. Skills taught will include: Stays, Circle Work, Shadow Handling, Jumping Skills, Obstacles, and Toy/Drive work. This class may be taken concurrently with Foundation III. Prerequisite: Attending a previous Foundation I Agility Skills Class and permission of Claudia Bates. **Dogs should be at least 10 months to 1 year of age to attend this class.** Instructors: Claudia Bates, Mary Ianelli, and/or Kirsten Anderson.
- **Foundation 3 Agility Skills:** This class is a continuation of Skills learned in Foundation I and II classes with concentration on contact work. Skills taught will include: Targeting/Board work, Stays, Contact End Behavior, Teeter, Weaves, and Toy/Drive work. Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of Foundation I or II Agility Skills and written permission of Claudia Bates. This class may be taken concurrently with Foundation II Agility Skills. **Dogs should be at least 10 months to 1 year of age to attend this class** Instructors: Claudia Bates and Kirsten Anderson.
- **Handling 1, 2, and 3:** Handling skills taught will be the similar to the skills taught in the Advanced Handling class, taught at an intermediate pace and level, using the tire, jumps, and tunnels to perfect handling moves. Skills taught will include front crosses, rear crosses, blind crosses, pinwheels, jump chutes and grids, serpentine, threadles, and counter rotations. This class should be paired with one of the Contacts and Weaves classes. Each class gets progressively more difficult and most need to be repeated at least once.
Prerequisite for Handling classes: For Handling I, successful completion of ACA's Foundation II and III is required. **Dogs must be able to work off-lead in the sequences.** Students wanting to attend

Handling II must **successfully** complete Handling I or have previously taken Handling II. Students wanting to take Handling III must have permission from Elsie Maylott.

Instructors: Elsie Maylott, Nancy Walkins, Diann Gastley, and/or Claudia Bates.

- **Contacts and Weaves:** Contact and weaving skills taught will be geared to advancing the dog on to one of the advanced classes. Specific attention will be given to fast and accurate contact work, using (primarily) the targeting method. Contact and weave stations and sequence exercises will be used. This class can and should be taken in conjunction with either Handling I or one of the Intermediate classes. Please note: while there will be instruction provided in this class, many sequences or stations will be set up for students to practice independently. *****Regarding the Thursday class, there will be individualized instruction on two obstacles each week on a rotational basis; the A-frame or Dogwalk and the Seesaw or Weaves. The other two obstacles will be available, if space permits, for students to work on their own.**
Prerequisite: Dogs must have taken Foundation III Agility Skills with ACA and/or have written permission from Claudia Bates.
Instructors: Elsie Maylott, Claudia Bates, Diann Gastley, Mary Ianelli, and/or Nancy Walkins.
- **Teeter and Weaves:** This class will concentrate solely on perfecting the seesaw and weave poles. Attention will be given to footwork, handling, and entrance skills for the weave poles as well as proper and fast seesaw execution. Prerequisite: Dog's completion of at least one Contacts and Weaves class at ACA within the past year or permission of registrar, Claudia Bates.
Instructors: Claudia Bates and Nancy Walkins. **Not offered this session.**
- **Contacts and Handling:** This class is a combination of Contacts and Weaves and Handling I (see Handling I description). The session will be divided and specific weeks will be dedicated to contact work and others to handling skills. The specific ratio will be decided by the majority of class participants.
Prerequisite: Dogs must have taken Beginner Agility with ACA, Contacts and Weaves at least once, and/or have permission from Claudia Bates.
Instructors: Elsie Maylott, Claudia Bates, Kirsten Anderson, and/or Nancy Walkins. **Not offered this session.**
- **Pre-Competition Handling:** This class is designed to get dogs ready to begin competing at the Novice/Starters level. Sequences, small courses, and full size courses will be done in this class to help the dog and handler team to fine tune the skills learned in Handling 1, 2, and 3. The skills covered will be front crosses, rear crosses, lead out pushes/pivots, course work analysis, application of handling systems, and obstacle discrimination. Prerequisite: Completion of Handling 3 and or/previous attendance of Pre-Competition Handling as well as proficiency of dogwalk and A-frame, and the teeter, as well as some skill on weave poles.
Instructors: Claudia Bates, Nancy Walkins, and Elsie Maylott.
- **Handling with Video Analysis:** This is a handling agility class for students who have taken Handling II previously. The concentration of this class will be to use video to improve handling and be able to better recognize errors in body position. The sequences will involve mostly jumps and tunnels but may also involve a contact and/or weaves. Each week one or two short courses will be run and then the class will view the video of the runs and discuss, as a class, each and every run. **LIMITED TO 8 DOGS.** Prerequisite: Completion of Handling II as well as experience with weave poles and contacts. Instructors: Elsie Maylott and Diann Gastley.
- **Novice and Advanced Competition Handling:** These classes are geared toward the dog and handler teams currently competing at the Novice level or above in any agility venue. Focus will be on course analysis, memorization and strategy, obstacle discrimination, all types of crosses (and more...). Advanced Competition Handling will expand on the skills learned previously and further challenge students! **LIMITED TO 10 DOGS/CLASS.**
Prerequisite: Mastery of all equipment including straight up weaves and full teeter. Dogs must be able to do weaves on THE RIGHT as well as on the left side. Dogs must have earned at least one leg in Novice AKC and/or USDAA Novice/Starters to participate in Novice Competition Handling. Dogs must have earned at least two OPEN and/or ADVANCED standard legs to register for the Advanced Competition Handling Class.
Instructors: Carrie Jones, Nancy Walkins, Beth Mathews-Bradshaw, Claudia Bates, Kristen Clarkson, and/or Elsie Maylott.

- **Masters and/or Advanced/Masters Competition Handling:** Improve your handling skills while completing challenging sequences and short courses! Handlers will be taught strategies for handling upper level courses of all registries. The sequences will be very challenging. Handlers will be taught strategies for handling Masters and Excellent level courses. LIMITED TO 10 DOGS/CLASS.
Prerequisite: Mastery of all the equipment including straight up weaves (on/off side) and teeter and completion of AKC, NADAC, or USDAA Open/Advanced standard titles as well as at least one Excellent Standard and/or Masters standard leg is required.
Instructors: Nancy Walkins, Carrie Jones, Claudia Bates, Beth Mathews-Bradshaw, and/or Elsie Maylott.
- **Hi-Octane Masters Competition Handling: This is our most advanced class!** Improve your handling skills while completing challenging sequences and courses! Handlers will be taught strategies for handling upper level courses of all registries as well as some international skills, and/or games skills and strategies. The sequences will be very challenging. Although this class will not be limited to international level courses, challenges will be presented to prepare handlers for the highest levels of competition. LIMITED TO 10 DOGS/CLASS.
Prerequisite: Mastery of all the equipment including straight up weaves (on/off side) and teeter and completion of AKC MACH and/or completion of the USDAA ADCH, or permission of Carrie Jones is required.
Instructors: Carrie Jones and Beth Mathews-Bradshaw.
- **Advanced 1, 2, and 3 with Paulena Renee Simpson:** Classes specifically designed to address handling issues that confront agility competitors. The classes will emphasize speed, accuracy, and course strategy. Dates of required titles are necessary for registration. LIMITED TO 10 DOGS/CLASS.
Prerequisites: Mastery of all obstacles. Advanced I is limited to dogs who have earned an AKC NA and have earned one leg of Open Standard and/or USDAA AD (dates required). Advanced II is limited to dogs who have earned an AKC OA and at least one leg in Excellent A standard and/or a USDAA AAD. Advanced III will be limited to dogs that have earned at least 5 legs towards an MX or MXJ and/or have earned the USDAA MAD title. Dates of titles will be required for these classes.

Obedience Training:

- **Puppy Kindergarten:** Introducing puppies to social situations, owner education, and beginning obedience training for puppies 8 weeks of age to 10 months of age.Prerequisite: Attending a previous A Click Above Intro, Puppy, and/or Basic class OR attending one of the orientation sessions given prior to the start of the session. Instructors: Elsie Maylott, Mary Ianelli, and/or Diann Gastley.
- **Basic Obedience:** Dogs are taught manners, sit, stay, down, recall, walking on lead, etc. This class is an excellent preparatory class for Intro to Clicker and Agility (required, actually), and/or for more advanced obedience classes. This class is for dogs over 10 months of age or dogs who have taken a previous ACA class. Prerequisite: Attending a previous A Click Above Intro, Puppy, and/or Basic class OR attending one of the orientation sessions given prior to the start of the session. Instructors: Nancy Walkins, Yuko Hurt, and/or Mary Ianelli.
- **Basic Shaping:** Continue foundation skills with our shaping class. Students will learn to shape simple and more complex behaviors using operant conditioning. Basic skills such as sit, down, stand, targeting, tricks and more will be fine tuned. This class is for anyone who wants to start a young dog off right or teach an old dog new tricks! The curriculum will be based on student requests and may include Canine Good Citizen practice for future test administration at ACA. Pre-requisite: Puppy Kindergarten or orientation at A Click Above. Instructors: Diann Gastley and Elsie Maylott.
- **Attention for Obedience with Karen Allen:** The attention class is for anyone who has attended a basic obedience class or ACA's HFF class or higher. Focus will be on getting more attention primarily in heeling on and off lead, figure 8, recalls, fronts, finishes, and stays, including the stand stay for signals.
Prerequisite: Dog/Handler teams must have attended ACA's CGC and/or Basic class or Heeling, Fronts, and Finishes or have permission by Karen Allen (sunreach@verizon.net).

- **Novice Obedience with Karen Allen:** Competitive obedience class geared towards dogs and handlers working towards the Companion Dog title. Prerequisite: Dog/Handler teams must have attended ACA's Heeling, Fronts, and Finishes Class with Karen Allen or have attended previous Novice Obedience classes with Karen.
- **Open and Utility Exercises with Karen Allen:** This class is designed to help handlers brush up on skills needed for competing in both Open and Utility obedience classes. The class will include the following: retrieving exercises, all jumping exercises, and heeling exercises. Prerequisite: Dog/Handler teams must have attained a UKC or AKC Companion Dog title (provide date legs were acquired on registration form) and must be able to retrieve a dumbbell or have written permission from Karen Allen.
- **Utility Skills with Karen Allen:** Competitive obedience class for dog and handler teams working towards the Utility Dog title. Prerequisite: Dog/Handler teams must have attained a UKC or AKC Companion Dog Excellent title (provide date legs were acquired on registration form) or have written permission from Karen Allen. The sessions will be broken down as follows: **Three weeks will be spent on improving heeling, signals, articles, and the moving stand; three weeks will be spent on how to improve gloves, go outs, and directed jumping. *Not offered this session.***
- **Rally-O with Karen Allen:** Rally-O is the nickname given for Rally Obedience. The Rally style of Obedience has been adopted for this concept of Obedience training and competition because of the use of directional signs to guide the handler throughout the performance in a manner somewhat similar to Rally Car Racing. Karen will go over the Rally concept covering all the exercises in all three levels. She will cover handler-dog communication and teamwork as well as the requirements for a qualifying performance. Each week there will be a course set up for each handler to perform individually. There is some small jumping as well as an honor stay. Prerequisite: Dog/Handler teams must have attended ACA's Attention for Obedience Class with Karen Allen or must have permission from Karen Allen. ***Not offered this session.***