



Golden Valley Dog Training Club



Important Information For All Agility Members

Equipment

The Club is purchasing 3 new weave sets which comply with the new standard at a cost of nearly £500. These weaves will be of a heavier design to enable them to be used without pegging them down. We are also purchasing 2 new flat tunnels, as ours are now really beyond repair, at a cost of £384. This is a grand total of £884 on new Agility equipment for this year. The Club is also preparing to carry out a major refurbishment of many items of equipment to ensure that is all in good order for future use. **If anyone would like to volunteer to help please let Ian know.**

To assist in the proper storage of the refurbished equipment, another storage shed will be constructed in the new part of the training ground, with racking for items like the dog walk sections, this will enable them to be stored correctly and lessen the damage to them.

All members are, therefore, reminded that they must take proper care of the Agility equipment when moving and storing it. Failure to take proper care of equipment could mean loss of training.

It is worth pointing out that when 3 training rings are in use the equipment used would cost around £11,000 to replace.

Tying Dogs Up

Many Members use the Obedience area fences to tie their dogs to whilst they are training. The Club will be making this easier by fitting a number of metal fastening points on the posts.

On no account should dogs be tied to the wire fencing as this can cause damage.

Dogs that are tied to the fence can be disruptive to other members training, particularly to any dogs being trained in the Obedience area, please be aware of the behaviour of your dog(s) especially if it is barking - owners/handlers **will** be asked to remove them if such behaviour is not managed to the satisfaction of the trainers.

Floodlights

Whilst the Club is in general happy that members use the floodlighting to carry out their own private practice training (providing they have formal approval to do so), this must be kept to the minimum usage possible as the cost of the electricity for the floodlights is considerable. The Club spends over £39 a month on electricity and excessive use of the floodlights will substantially increase this figure. Please consider making a donation to mitigate this cost if you do use the training ground.

Winter Training

There will be no alternative indoor venue this winter. Every attempt will be made to use the entire grounds alternating the areas used for training to ensure the ground is safe. There may still be times that training, unfortunately, has to be cancelled.

If in doubt whether training will take place due to bad weather, please check on the Club Web Site (www.goldenvalleydtc.co.uk) or alternatively apply to become a 'Friend' on the Club's Facebook page (Golden Valley Dog Training Club) where up to date information will always be available. It is intended that the Facebook page will be the primary means of contact if we have to cancel training. Members are also reminded that it is their responsibility to check that the training they are attending will be going ahead in the event that they suspect it may be cancelled. Please also ensure that you keep us up to date with any changes to your phone numbers or email addresses.

All members are reminded that they should wear adequate clothing and footwear when training, particularly if conditions are not ideal.

Ian Radford GVDTC Club Secretary on behalf of the Committee.