

# Want to get started in dog agility? **ACT NOW**



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## **ATTEND AN AGILITY COURSE TEST (ACT)**

### **What Is ACT?**

The Agility Course Test (ACT) is an entry level agility event designed to introduce and welcome beginning dogs and their handlers to the AKC sport of agility. It is a great way for owners to bond with their dogs and teach discipline. In addition to demonstrating their dog's entry level skills, handlers will now learn some of the sport's basics like how to fill out an AKC entry form, check-in at the ring, take their dog in and out of ring, handle their dog while being judged and other skills that will help them when they move on to AKC agility trials with their dog. There are two levels of ACT events – ACT1 and ACT2.

- ACT1 is designed for the beginner level dog to show beginning sequencing and performance skills.
- ACT2 requires an increased skill level shown by the additional obstacles to be performed.

### **Who Can Participate an ACT Event?**

Any person with a dog that is 15 months old or older that meets the requirements for a regular agility trial can enter these events (requirements available on [akc.org](http://akc.org)). They do not need to be AKC registered at the time of entry. The dog cannot have achieved any AKC Agility title.

### **How to Achieve an ACT Title**

#### **ACT1**

- Run a course at any jump height, 10-12 obstacles
- A-Frame(5'), Table, Jumps, Open tunnels
- Complete the course in 60 seconds, no missed contacts, no dropped bars, no obstacle attempted more than 3 times, no more than 3 wrong courses
- 2 qualifying scores

#### **ACT2**

- Run a course at any height, 11-13 obstacles
- A-Frame(5'), Teeter, Dog Walk(allowed), Tire, Table, Jumps, Spread jumps (1), Weave Poles (6), Open tunnels
- Complete the course in 70 seconds, no missed contacts, no dropped bars, no obstacle attempted more than 3 times, no more than 3 wrong courses
- 2 qualifying scores

### **Where Can I Find an ACT Event?**

ACT events are often held at local training centers that offer Agility training and or hold Agility events.

A list of ACT Evaluators can be contacted for ACT events. The list of ACT evaluators can be found on the AKC website

Please check out the ACT section of the AKC webpage for more information.

**[www.akc.org/act](http://www.akc.org/act)**

Agility- Dogs and handlers must negotiate an obstacle course while racing against the clock. Agility is a great form of exercise for both dog and handler, and a fun way to bond. And you don't have to compete to enjoy agility. Taking an agility class offers many other benefits. But many people start the sport just for fun, only to get bitten by the agility bug and become lifelong competitors!