

Beginner's Guide

Flygility



What Is Flygility?

Flygility is a fast dog sport consisting of two teams of one dog and Handler combination which race against each other over identical courses. Each dog has to jump, go through tunnels over ramps, and weave independently in a row and then trigger the box that releases a tennis ball. The dog then has to return over the obstacles, carrying the ball. When the first dog's nose has crossed the start/finish line, the race is won. Best two out of three races wins that round.

There are two different forms of Flygility: NZ Flygility Dog Association (NZFDA) and National Agility Link Association (NALA), Flygility.

A Suitable Dog

Any dog, any size, any breed that will play with a tennis ball and do a play retrieve can play flygility. All compete over the same course.

For competition the dog must be over 12 months, but depending on the breed and build training can begin much earlier.

Join A Club

Many clubs will insist that you have some basic obedience training before you can do Flygility. Try to find a club which competes in the NALA Flygility competitions.



Basic Training

If possible go and watch a Flygility Tournament, in order to see what to expect. However you must remember that only entered dogs are allowed at these shows.

Types Of Show

In addition to NALA there are other pure Flygility Shows. Held under the rules of the NZFDA, the rules for competition are similar but the BFA use a standardised box.

Checklist for your first show

- ✓ A good pair of trainers with reasonable grip on grass
- ✓ Suitable clothing according to weather
- ✓ Reflective cover to put on the car window if the weather is hot
- ✓ Collars. All competing dogs must wear a smooth buckled collar, with no dangling tags.

Further information

For further information please visit the NALA website www.nala.org.nz

