

In addition to Dog Sports for fun & exercise Dog Talk and TheraPet, LLC offers a range of services for your dog's educational, physical and emotional well-being in:

- ◆ Basic Training I & II (group & private)
- ◆ Integrated / Challenging
- ◆ Behavioral Counseling
- ◆ Pet-Assisted Therapy Training
- ◆ Team Evaluations (Pet Partners®)
- ◆ R.E.A.D.®

VISION

Our vision is to bring people & pets together to enhance well-being and education. We believe that education provides a gateway to expanding choices in every phase of life including dog training. These choices offer alternatives to positively shape our dog's natural behaviors.

In the process we learn valuable life management skills that open our minds to new possibilities. We embrace training from the dog's perspective and culture as a different species.

Being mindful that everything we learn while training enriches our lives through experience, we should teach our dogs with the same compassion, patience & understanding that we expect & enjoy while learning something new.

ABOUT THE FOUNDERS

Authors of "Train Your Dog, Change Your Life", Gary, Maureen and their dedicated teams have years of dog training and behavioral counseling experience.

Passionate about bringing people & pets together to enhance education & well-being, they consider this a lifelong journey.

As a team: Love dogs!

- ◆ Certified Professional Dog Trainers (CPDT)
- ◆ Licensed Team Evaluations & Instructors—Pet Partner's® Program & R.E.A.D.®
- ◆ Charter Members—Association of Pet Dog Trainers (#11 & #125), various breed/rescue clubs.

As Individuals:

Gary

- ◆ Masters in Engineering

Maureen

- ◆ Masters in Counseling Psychology
- ◆ BS in Organizational Management
- ◆ Board Certified Counselor (40374)
- ◆ Registered Yoga Teacher (Yoga Alliance)
- ◆ Family Mediator / Life Coach
- ◆ Canine Massage & Well-Being
- ◆ R.E.A.D.® Reading Education Assistance Dogs (Licensed Facility & Instructor)



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*A virtual playground of
higher learning for dogs!
Non-Competitive
Lots of Fun*

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AGILITY/DOG SPORTS FOR FUN & EXERCISE

WHAT IS AGILITY AND/OR DOG SPORTS?

Agility and/or dog sports is a contagious, fun sport you can share with your dog. It is a virtual playground of higher learning, kind of like visiting a dog amusement park! It is comprised of a maze of obstacles that dogs maneuver (with handlers guidance). The dog's learn to traverse a dog walk, negotiate a see-saw, climb an A-frame, zig-zag through closely spaced weave poles, slinky through tunnels and soar over a variety of challenging hurdles.

Dog Sports of any kind (including Flyball) and your own creative games are pure and simple joy! It's mentally and physically stimulating for dog and handler. It is a great way to get rid of excess energy and blow off steam in a constructive, controlled and pleasurable manner. Although agility can be a competition sport, it is as equally challenging and enjoyable for those who simply want to enjoy an enthusiastic game with their dogs!

DOG SPORTS—Multi Level / \$120 FOR 6-Weeks Take Advantage of our 1, 2, 3 Rejoin Discount!

Dog Sports begins with an *introduction* to contact obstacles, teaching your dog to safely get use to cross-overs, dog walk, tire jump, climb the A-frame, weave poles, tunnels (chute and pipe) and tip the see-saw. The teams will become *familiar* with commonly used jumps and hurdles. As with any training, behavioral training is integrated and taught gradually, with positive reinforcement. Dogs are on lead, until they are reliable. DS is designed to be fun, not stressful, judgmental or competitive. However, it's okay to realistically challenge yourself and your dog!

More challenging Dog Sports is comprised of target training, obstacle discrimination and simple sequence set-ups for successful maneuvers. Dogs will learn to serpentine the weave poles and use the pause table with teams working at their own level of progress! Off-lead sequences will be introduced!

