



**NEAT presents agility workshops
with Lynn Smitley
On Saturday, July 22nd
At Tonry Tree Farm, 314 Exeter Rd,
Hampton Falls, NH**

Please check the box for each workshop you wish to attend. We need a separate registration form for each dog. Payment, payable to New England Agility Team, should accompany each registration.

- Review of Directionals and Distance Workshop – 9:30 until Noon
- Growing Your Distance Skills Workshop – 1:00 until 3:30

Maximum of 6 working teams for each session.

Working Teams: Members \$50 per session or \$95 for 2 sessions
Non Members \$60 per session or \$115 for 2 sessions

Auditors: Members \$35 per session.
Non Members \$45 per session

Registration is open for members immediately.
For non-members, registration opens on July 3, 2017.

Handler Name _____ Phone Number _____

Handler email _____

Dog's Name _____

Mail registrations to: Isabel Danforth, 7 Riverwoods Dr., C209, Exeter, NH 03833

Questions: Contact Isabel, <danforth@alumni.tufts.edu> or call 603-772-3697



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About Lynn Smitley:

Competed in agility since 1999.

With lab mix, Yola in USDAA and NADAC and Beagle mix Mia in NADAC.

Watch Mia running big distance at the NADAC '09 Championship

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ttz5SBS0xcM>

Teaching:

Instructed classes, seminars, and workshops on agility since 2004.

Distance handling has become recent focus in seminars and workshops.

Philosophy:

Dog agility training is less about teaching a dog skills and far more about training people ways to positively interact and communicate with their dogs so both the human and dog are having fun, building confidence, and working together as a team. Focus on communication, not commands; mutuality, not dominance; and the most fun possible for both.

Directionals: Aims at handlers developing skills and smooth transitions to give the dog consistent and timely cues for moving through an agility course. Directionals include "continue on line currently on", "turn toward me", "turn away from me", "get out".

Distance Skills: Everyone who runs agility needs some distance skills, regardless of the sanctioning organization one chooses to run or compete in. If it is not learned in the handler's foundational training, it is more difficult for both the handler and the dog to learn. However, if the handlers' dogs read body motions, even older dogs will develop this skill naturally. Once the skill is learned, it can be used generally for more efficient handling and for more success in competition classes that require some distance work. Some of us find working a dog at a great distance to be a LOT fun -- and one of the greatest "highs" of agility.

Fundamental skills necessary to participate in these workshops include:

- Has developed mutual attentiveness with the handler.
- Willingly sits and stays when asked to do so by the handler.
- Is able to run with the handler when the handler is moving.
- Is not so distracted by external stimuli that she/he cannot attend to the handler.