



Adel in the Weave Poles

## Dog Agility...an Overview By Denise Kiah

Dog agility is a competitive sport that tests a person's skills in training and handling of dogs over a timed obstacle course. Competitors race against the clock as they direct their dogs to jump hurdles, scale ramps, burst through tunnels, traverse a see-saw and weave through a line of poles in an obstacle course configuration designed to challenge a handler's competitive and training skills. Adel from our A-Litter is shown to the left). With scoring based on faults similar to equestrian show jumping, dog agility has become an exciting spectator event and is growing in popularity around the world everyday.

There are several venues or styles of agility available thru different organizations in the United States, each with their own regulations and titles. The American Kennel Club (AKC) promotes agility for purebred dogs. The United States Dog Agility Association (USDAA) allows purebred and mixed breed dogs to compete as do a number of other organizations.

For more information about this exciting sport that you can share with your dog, contact the AKC at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org) or the USDAA at [www.usdaa.com](http://www.usdaa.com).