

## ABOUT US Seattle FlyDogs

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Since inception, 2009, our curriculum is unique to Seattle FlyDogs. We are NOT training dogs to race competitively. We are training dogs how to play flyball for fun. Some will compete, but that is not and never will be our focus.

Other clubs we endorse: Unorthodogs, Puget Hounds, Ruff-n-Tuff. You can find them on Facebook. They each have strict requirements for participation beyond lessons.

**About Us:** Tammy and Bryan Foss have been playing flyball since 2006 and training handlers and dogs in flyball skills since 2009. They have taught, with help from members, over 200 dogs how to box turn, how to recall a ball, and how to pass other dogs at the line. They created the club so that all dogs of all speeds and breeds have somewhere to play. Other clubs have speed parameters beyond lessons and some clubs won't even teach all dogs that show up. Our very slow flyball dog needed a place to play - Seattle FlyDogs was born. We are the ONLY FOR-FUN CLUB in PUGET SOUND. We are the performance darling for Museum of Flight, Seattle Storm, Seattle Seawolves, and the UW Athletic Department.

About our Training: Positive Reinforcement with some other stuff sprinkled in.

- We focus on ball retrieval and fun recall.
- We focus on YOU having fun with your dog in a room with others also having fun with their dogs.
- We do not endorse corrections of force that could potentially harm or stress your dog:
  - Do not use physical force to maneuver your dog through the course like dragging or pushing him.
  - Do not scold your dog after they've come back from goofing off with other dogs or humans. (This will poison your recall!)
  - Do not assume a "Time-out" will help your dog your dogs don't get it they are not human. You might need a time-out?
  - o Do not be frustrated with your dog emotionally or physically.

I want to learn Flyball with Seattle FlyDogs!	Evaluation - ReadyDog (Try It Class) - \$25
	Level 1 - MightyDog (mandatory 4 weeks) - \$120
	Level 2 - HotDog (mandatory 4 weeks) - \$120
	Level 3 - SuperDog (dependent on ability) - \$120

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### Student Levels Seattle FlyDogs

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#### I want to be a MIGHTYDOG:

- demonstrates consistent dead ball retrieval
- demonstrates consistent single direction recall
- demonstrates consistent short-hurdle jumping
- demonstrates consistent correct turning-form off the ramp

#### I want to be a HOTDOG:

- demonstrates consistent drag race recall returns
- demonstrates consistent dead ball retrieval with a proper turn off of box with aids
- demonstrates consistent recall over all hurdles with aids
- demonstrates consistent drag race full runs without crosses with aids

#### I want to be a SUPERDOG:

- demonstrates consistent box ignition/trigger of ball with safe turn
- demonstrates ability to run Full Runs, Drag Race Style, No Passing
- demonstrates ability to manage choreography of release and return in 4-dog lineup
- demonstrates ability to be part of a 4-dog team
- demonstrates ability to play without training aids

As a SuperDog, you may be invited to Practice with Seattle FlyDogs club members providing your pooch with real Flyball experience:

- practice passing other dogs off leash at the start line
- practice with no training fences or training aids
- practice in different locations
- participate as a SuperDog at our performances

All SuperDogs are invited to practice with our team dogs. However, at any time if you have a dog that is doing full runs, but is exhibiting reactivity to other dogs or handlers, you will be asked to remove your dog from team practice. During SuperDog training you are guided for full participation with the club. So, it is essential to create a safe environment for everyone.

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# JOIN THE CLUB Seattle FlyDogs

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Want to Be A FlyDog? Then, your goal is Graduation Day!

Being a FlyDog Graduate is a Special Award. It is NOT given just because your dog learned how to play flyball. Being a FlyDog Graduate means you embody the SPIRIT and MAGIC of what it *means* to be a FLYDOG in a for-fun CLUB.

- Consistently attend a new time slot to practice with FlyDogs (4-8 weeks)
- Successfully integrate with Club Dogs and Handlers friendly, shows initiative, wants to be around us, your dog likes our dogs and vice versa
- Demonstrate a consistent positive approach to training your dog
- Demonstrate a willingness to learn but also to share insight and observations
- Demonstrate a consistent desire to be an ongoing club member:
  - Help with Lessons
  - Help with Equipment
  - Have Suggestions
  - Show interest in Box Loading, Aid Handling, Shagging
  - Show Camaraderie

FlyDog Graduate - Finally the day has arrived! As a Seattle FlyDogs' "FlyDog Graduate" you and your dog are passing our club dogs off leash safely, triggering the box safely, retrieving the ball, and running over all 8 hurdles on a successful release and recall.

Graduates can Join the Club - You are invited to agree to <u>our mission and values</u> and to *Be a FlyDog!* As a FlyDog, you will be invited to perform with us and come to weekly practice for only \$50/month (no refunds). We have different requirements and expectations for tournament participation. This information is distributed to Graduates.



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