

better pets

[PET CARE TIPS AND SIGN UP FOR A FUN COMP FOR YOUR BESTIE]



BURSTING WITH ENERGY? TEAM UP WITH YOUR POOCH FOR A FUN WORKOUT!

DOG AGILITY TRAINING

Looking for a fun and educational activity to do with your pooch? Try your paws at agility! Originally developed from equestrian show jumping, agility is one of the fastest growing dog sports and is open to most of our four-legged friends!

The competition's aim is to direct your dog around a course of different obstacles - hoops, tunnels, see-saws and weaving poles. Not only does agility enhance your dog's mental wellbeing, all that running around will help you both bond and keep fit ... and deserving of a treat! **Obstacle jump heights** are at 200, 300, 400, 500 and 600mm based on

the height of the dog at the withers (shoulder height).

Puppies can start training from eight months of age, moving into the competition arena at 18 months. Basic obedience training will help keep your dog on track!

Difficulty levels of comp classes vary, however, the Open class allows for dogs to compete against

each other irrespective of their height.

Not all dogs are suitable. Overweight dogs or those with joint problems need to pass a vet check first.

Agility training is held at specialised Agility and selected Obedience Training Clubs. It's time well spent with your furry bestie.

For more info, visit adaa.com.au.



BOWLED OVER

Take your pet's dining experience to a whole new level with these pet bowls. MEOW copper bowl on chrome stand (140 x 150 x 60mm), \$38, and WOOF Luxe stainless steel bowl on black stand (230 x 245 x 97mm), \$38.

For more info, visit bendo.com.au.



LET'S GET YOUR 'PET CARE' ORGANISED!

If you lead a busy life, it helps to be organised with your pet care needs, especially if you've got more than one furry friend at home. The following tips will help ensure you spend quality time together, whether it's exploring the outdoors or cuddles on the couch!

- **Hang leashes** (on hooks) by the front door.
- **Tie extra poo bags** to the leash in case you run out.
- **Corral pet items in a basket** like toys, brushes, waste bags and coats.
- **Prep for feeding** - have a dedicated feeding area with food/water bowls on a mat that can be wiped down/vacuumed.
- **Make a chore chart** and recruit family members to help with clean-up (change the kitty litter, refill bowls with fresh water, daily grooming/brushing).
- **Cover your bed/furniture** with washable fabric throws.
- **Help your pet stay healthy** and happy with a regular walking and play schedule. When life gets too busy, why not call a dog walker or doggy day care for help?
- **Use the free Pet Diaries app** to keep track of your pets' care, from scheduling vet appointments and even play dates, to feeding time reminders and monthly parasite treatments and much more! thediaryapps.com/pets-2 ■