

Flyball

Is your dog full of energy, ball-mad and in need of a challenge?

WHAT IS FLYBALL?

Flyball is a fun and energetic sport your dog will love. Flyball competitions consist of two teams racing against each other. The dogs in the teams take it in turns to jump over four hurdles in succession. The dogs then trigger the Flyball box. A tennis ball is then released which the dog must carry before returning over the hurdles to the start line allowing the next dog in the team to race. The first team to have its fourth dog across the finish line wins the race.

REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD DO FLYBALL

- Stimulating enjoyment for you and your dog.
- Meet new friends – as a team sport there is plenty of fun to be had.
- Fast, fun and furious – your dog will love it.
- Your dog does not need to be a pedigree – all dogs can take part in Flyball.
- You could even qualify for Crufts.

Suitable for both **Pedigree and Crossbreed Dogs**

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Your dog must be registered with the Kennel Club (on either the Breed Register or the Activity Register).
- Competitors taking part in any Kennel Club licensed event must familiarise themselves with the Kennel Club Rules and Regulations beforehand. The Flyball Regulations are available to download from www.thekennelclub.org.uk/flyball
- No previous experience is necessary so request a list of Flyball Clubs today!
- Dogs can start competing at 18 months of age.

HANDLING YOUR DOG

Attending your first Flyball competition may cause your dog to behave differently than it does in training. Young dogs in particular can be bothered by crowds and if this is the case you can move a little way from other competitors and officials. Just remember it is a new experience for you and your dog and should you have any concerns there are always Stewards/Officials available to speak to.



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**Clubs
all over
the UK!**

Possibility of **TAKING PART at
CRUFTS!**

Register your dog on the Activity Register by downloading and completing

form 5 from www.thekennelclub.org.uk/form5



Get started today!

To find a list of clubs or training classes near you visit www.findadogclub.org.uk

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FLYBALL COMPETITIONS: TOP TIPS

Backstop board

The backstops prevent loose balls from rolling into the spectators, under chairs and into the opposing team's lane.



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Collars and harnesses

As the first dog sets off, its team mates can get very overexcited as they know that it will soon be their chance to have a go. You will have to hold on to them tightly with a good stout collar or harness to prevent them jumping the gun. You are not allowed to hold them by the scruff of their necks.



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False starts

Do not let your dog go early or it will have to run again after its other team mates.

Hurdles

Every hurdle needs to be attempted – no ignoring them on the way back or your dog will be penalised.

Finish line

Make sure you keep your own feet behind the finish line or your dog will have to run again and you will lose precious time for your team.

ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR FIRST FLYBALL COMPETITION?

Visit www.thekennelclub.org.uk/flyball
or email flyball@thekennelclub.org.uk to find all you need
to know about entering competitions and the next steps
to becoming a Flyball Star!