

What Kind of Commitment Are We Talking About?

Turner Junction Working Dog Club values all of its members and various breeds. Our goal is to work together as a team to assist each member (handler/dog team) in achieving their goals. While we cannot determine the level of commitment you will have, below are a few points we ask you to consider when determining whether dog sport is for you, and whether Turner Junction Working Dog Club is the right fit.

1. Training is regularly scheduled on Saturday
2. Training with TJWDC is a 3-phase training day
3. Training begins at 7AM or 8AM depending on the season
4. Training typically concludes around 3PM depending on the number of dogs
5. All members are asked to assist in various training tasks:
 - a. Spotting fellow club members when they are working
 - b. Set goals and share them with the club periodically
 - c. Setting up equipment
 - d. Taking down equipment
 - e. Assisting with line work and/or run-outs
 - f. Have a willingness to learn and to share your knowledge
 - g. Assist with trials
 - h. Be present consistently, and for all three phases of training
 - i. Safe handling of your dog (dog aggression not tolerated)
 - j. Protect the helper at all times when working your dog
 - k. Clean up after yourself and your dog
 - l. Have fun!

TJWDC members strive to improve their relationship with their dog and to grow as a handler. We welcome those who have never worked in the sport previously as long as they have a desire to learn and grow. While we enjoy each other's' company and many of us are friends off the field, we do not view training as a social event. Please come prepared to work your dog and achieve your goals!