

## **Foundation Fun!!**

I took my dog to an agility class,  
It really looked like fun!  
He had so much energy,  
I wanted to see him run!

The first day of class  
We made the dog sit/stay,  
What was going on?  
I thought we were going to play!

Then we ran in circles  
With the pups following behind,  
What was this teacher doing?  
Had he gone and lost his mind?

Next, we had the dogs  
Walk through a stupid ladder...  
I could feel myself  
Slowly getting madder!

When I thought we'd do the real thing  
He put a board on the floor!  
Well, I had just had it  
And I gave that man what for!

I went and found a place  
That would let me play outside.  
We climbed up the tall pointy thing  
And down the other side.

Next we ran through tunnels  
As fast as we could go  
When my dog tried to leave me,  
I hollered at him "NO!"

He fell off the see-saw  
And now won't get back on.  
When he wouldn't do the dogwalk  
I knew something was wrong.

He hates to go through chutes--  
And on jumps he knocks down bars--  
When we tried to do the weave poles,  
He went out to chase the cars!

The tire is a disaster  
Lead outs are the pits---  
He'll get up on the table  
But all he does are sits!

This has been a disaster  
It just isn't any fun!  
I should have done the basics  
That the other class begun

I know that it was boring  
And seemed a waste of time  
Your dog is now competing  
But what about mine?

He's blowing all his contacts  
At the teeter he hides  
I don't understand a pinwheel  
And he'll only weaves onside

He loves to chase the pigeons  
And walks across the board  
This trial is on dirt and bark,  
But we've only trained on sod!

So now that I know better  
My second dog will be  
So much more prepared  
For the equipment, you see?

It's worth the extra time  
To set a good foundation--  
Because later on  
You avoid so much frustration!

So when your teacher begs you  
To do foundation work daily  
Please try to remember  
You will benefit from it greatly!

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