

Gulliver's Dock Diving Classes

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Where: Cloverfield Farm,
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Information and sign up:
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What to Expect!

Each hour long class will consist of a maximum of 5 canine participants. We will teach you how to safely and fairly introduce your dog to the pool, the dock and how to jump from the dock. We will cover ways to build your dog's confidence, motivation, control, and jumping technique. You will be provided with exercises you can work on at home so that you can build progress between weekly classes. We also expect lots of fun, great photo ops and happily tuckered out pups after class! This class should prep participants for competition, or if you choose not to ever compete, just have a blast...errr, splash!

Conditioning!

Please make sure that your dog is in relatively fit condition and cleared for physical activity. Dock diving and swimming is relatively low impact, however it is an athletic endeavor. If your dog has any health concerns and you are unsure if it would be okay for dock diving, please discuss with your veterinarian. We are open to modifying lessons for those who may need special considerations due to health. We want to make sure we are fair to the dogs in what we ask of them. We will be covering ways to keep your dog in fit condition and build their conditioning as the class progresses.

Let's talk Control!

During class we will work on building a solid **sit stay**. This will allow you to set your dog up for launch position on their dive. The dock IS fenced, and in UAD & NADD competition, a helper is allowed. A rock **solid recall** is not necessary, but it is never a skill to be overlooked. We will work on ways to improve recalls back to the handler after each dive. We will go over games and drills that you can utilize to **keep your dog engaged, under control and motivated** for their next turn on the dock.





Facility Rules and Information:

- Cloverfield Farm is a private facility. The dock and pool are built to regulation specs, and the dock is fenced for the safety of the dogs.
- Pool parking is to the rear of the farm buildings.
- **All dogs must be on a minimum of 6ft leash at all times unless secured in the dock/pool.** There will be other canines, as well as equines on the property. Please be respectful and keep dogs under control and allow other dogs space. Class is for having fun with YOU, not socializing with the other dogs.
- Please pick up after your dog. Please stay within designated potty/walk area.
- Dog waste can be disposed of in the small dumpster, NOT the large horse manure dumpster.
- Classes will be held in all weather with the exception of heavy rain, or Thunder/Lightning. In the event a class must be canceled, a make up date will be offered.
- If you must miss a class, please let the instructor know.
- To be fair to other facility users, please do not arrive more than 10 minutes before class times.
- Please limit teams to no more than 2 persons per dog. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

Items to bring to class:

- Completed Gulliver's Group Class form & Cloverfield Farm LLC Release form (included here)
- 6 ft leash (no flexis please) and whatever collar/harness you use to walk your dog
- Poop bags
- Water for your dog and for you
- Expect that YOU WILL GET WET. Dress accordingly. Hats, sunglasses and sunscreen are suggested.
- Towels for yourself and your dog.
- Your dog's FAVORITE TOY- preferably one that floats... but FAVORITE is key here. Feel free to bring more than one.
- Treats for ground exercises. Soft, easy to chew and something your dog is really into.
- Dog life jacket if your dog uses one
- Do not feed dog before class, please allow 2 hours for digestion.

