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Agility

Agility is the fastest growing dog sport right now. In agility your dog follows your body movements and verbal commands through an obstacle course. Agility courses usually consist of hurdles, tunnels, a tire to jump through, a pause table, weave poles, and contact obstacles. The contact obstacles include a dog-walk, a teeter-totter, and an A-frame.

You don't need to compete to enjoy the benefits of an agility class. Agility helps you develop off leash control with your dog, and helps teach attention and focus. There are a number of instructors in Bend who teach agility classes, some of whom introduce (like me!) novice dogs to the sport, and others who teach dogs that are active in the competitive circuit.

It's a great way to continue training with your dog and many find it surprisingly addictive. After I got started, I quickly found myself driving hundreds of miles and spending many weekends in search of the next agility trial.

If you'd like to get involved with our local canine agility athletes, the Mt. Bachelor Kennel Club is one source of information on agility competitions in the region. Check out their website at <http://www.mbkbc.org/about.htm>

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