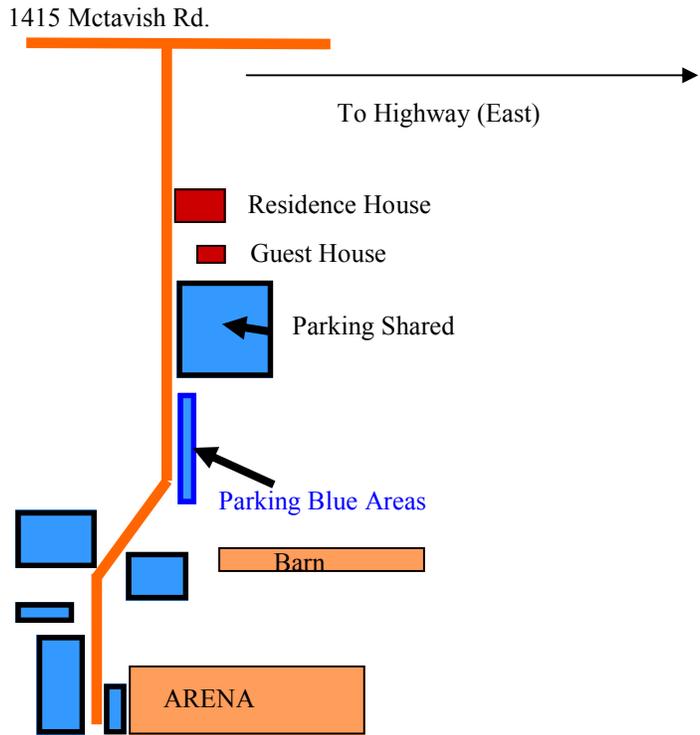


The Round-A-Bouts Drive me crazy!
 Once you take the exit off of Pat Bay 17 Hwy going north, follow the large Airport symbols painted on the road. **Don't** take the actual exit to the airport though, look for the next exit, which is **McTavish Rd.** (the sign will say **McTavish Rd. + Mill Bay Ferry**)

Leaving the Arena and going back to the Pat Bay 17 Hwy going south, **don't** take the first exit to the right (it is the transit exit for parking). Take the next exit marked **Highway 17 South.**



Dog Training with AVID



Thank you for giving you and your dog an opportunity to come out and have some fun with AVID. The training center is just off the Pat Bay Highway Airport exit and is very easy to find (once you master the new round-a-bouts). The address is 1415 McTavish Rd. ,North Saanich, BC, V8L 5T3.

Drive up the driveway past the residence house and guest house to park. If parking spaces are full, you can park on the right hand side of the driveway where convenient.

Once you arrive, put your dog on leash and let them stretch their legs and ask them to potti in the pottie area shown on the map. This is a grassy area at the back of the Arena for this. Please discourage your dog from peeing on the building!

We graciously ask you all to use only 2 feet of your 6 foot leash when in close proximity of other dogs. Although there is a strong urge to allow our dogs to “Meet and Greet” with other dogs, **Please Do Not Do This**. AVID strives to build the fun of agility with “You and your Dog” and places much less emphasis on dogs playing with dogs.

We don't allow choke collars or pinch collars for training. They can catch on equipment. A flat collar will work just fine. If you are currently needing to use a control collar, you may want to look at private instruction to make your training environment as fruitful as possible for you and your dog.

Many people come prepared with a bait pouch. This belt-type of pouch is handy for storing your pick up bags, your **moist (preferred)** food tid-bits and treats, and perhaps your dog's favorite toy. It is key to provide your dog's “reward” in timely fashion. Kibble works (not too tasty for dogs and it is dry) and chicken works (very messy and hard to keep from falling onto the ground. The best bait (cheap and easy) is to buy a package of wieners, cut them into little squares, lay them on a plate, microwave the pieces for 4 or 5 minutes,... voila! Cheese, liver treats, rollover are all other common rewards.

Tugging with your dog has been proven to be a great interactive play session and is proven to **NOT** have links to aggression, as may have been thought so “in the Old Days”.

If you have clicker trained your dog and wish to use a clicker, by all means bring it. Lots of trainers rock by using either a verbal “yes” or “okay” This will totally be your choice as to what reward marker you use. Although some avid members do train with clickers, this training technique is not taught in our classes,... but can be arranged privately.

Wear comfortable running shoes. Our running surface is Sand/Sawdust. Wear loose clothing and consider layering. It is easy to take-off/put-on a layer of clothes when getting hot/cold.

Bring along your immunization papers, a copy of your dog's enrollment information if you have not submitted it to us online at <http://www.avidagility.com/AvidClassEntry.html> and of course, bring your fees. Cheques may be made out to AVID .

Remember to NOT feed you dog before any training class as we would like to see food motivation to enhance your dog's learning experience. Your dog will thank you by offering their best performance.

Most importantly,... Prepare to have some Fun!!! Barry and France Beckner



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