

Flyball Relay Course

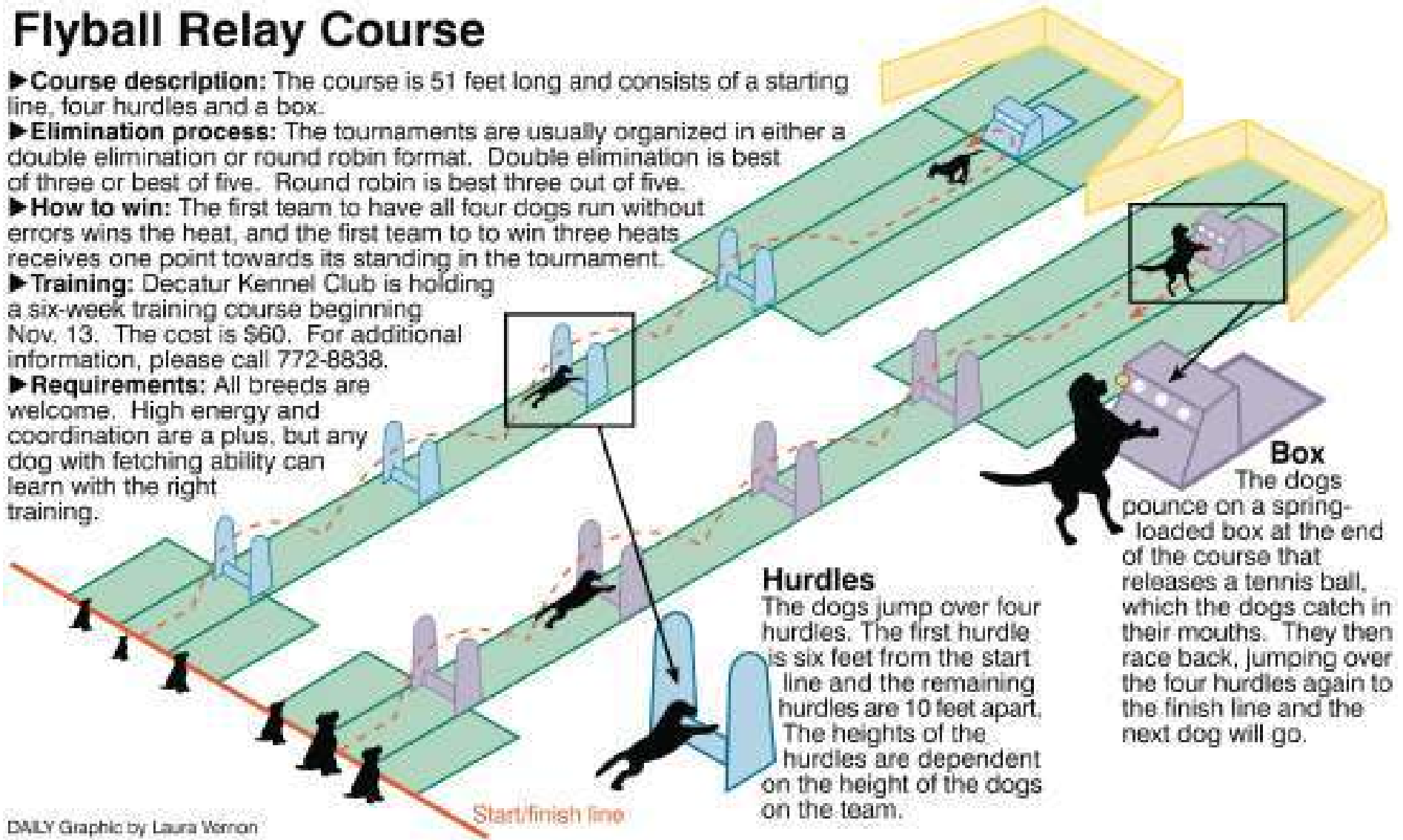
► **Course description:** The course is 51 feet long and consists of a starting line, four hurdles and a box.

► **Elimination process:** The tournaments are usually organized in either a double elimination or round robin format. Double elimination is best of three or best of five. Round robin is best three out of five.

► **How to win:** The first team to have all four dogs run without errors wins the heat, and the first team to win three heats receives one point towards its standing in the tournament.

► **Training:** Decatur Kennel Club is holding a six-week training course beginning Nov. 13. The cost is \$60. For additional information, please call 772-8838.

► **Requirements:** All breeds are welcome. High energy and coordination are a plus, but any dog with fetching ability can learn with the right training.



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Hurdles

The dogs jump over four hurdles. The first hurdle is six feet from the start line and the remaining hurdles are 10 feet apart. The heights of the hurdles are dependent on the height of the dogs on the team.

Box

The dogs pounce on a spring-loaded box at the end of the course that releases a tennis ball, which the dogs catch in their mouths. They then race back, jumping over the four hurdles again to the finish line and the next dog will go.