



Orchid Isle Dog Agility *Training Seminar Series Topics, 2009*

March, 2009

3/7/09, Saturday AM: "The 10 best exercises to do at home" The seminar will concentrate on circle work, stay games, single jump work, crate games and recall games. Working spots are *open to dogs (and their handlers) competing at any level. Auditors without dogs are also welcome.*

Saturday PM: **"Puppies and getting started"** How do you get started with your puppy or new dog? We will be discussing foundation and first floor behaviors, and training fundamentals. *Working spots are open to dogs who are not yet competing (and their handlers), including puppies over 3 months old. Auditors without dogs are also welcome.*

3/8/09, Sunday AM: "Double Digit Distance" How to handle 10, 20 and 30 feet away from your dog, and how to handle "chances" types of courses. *Working spots are open to dogs (and their handlers) competing at the novice level in chances/fast class/gamblers. Auditors without dogs are also welcome.*

Sunday PM: **"Devilish Discriminations"** How to handle the more difficult discriminations such as: jump/jump; dog-walk/tunnel and tunnel/weaves. *Working spots are open to dogs (and their handlers) competing at the open/elite/excellent level in regular/standard courses. Auditors without dogs are also welcome.*

3/11/09, Wednesday evening: "Dinner and a Movie" Join us for dinner at Toni and Perry's house. Afterwards, we will watch video of several recent Fun Match/Trial runs and Andrea will help analyze them to help us continue to optimize observation skills, help us explain some of the principles of handling, and help with thinking about how to come up with exercises that would isolate some common handling and training issues. *Island agility instructors are particularly encouraged to attend. Handlers at all levels are welcome to attend. No dogs please.*

3/14/09, Saturday AM: "Wonderful Weaves" Handling into and out of weaves, and helping a novice dog with weave entries and staying in the poles. *Working spots are open to dogs (and their handlers) competing in novice regular/standard or novice weavers. Auditors without dogs are also welcome.*

Saturday PM: **"Sneaky Serpentine"** Handling sequences that don't look like serpentine but are. *Working spots are open to dogs (and their handlers) competing at the open/elite/excellent level in regular/standard courses. Auditors without dogs are also welcome.*

3/15/09 Sunday AM: "Jumping Agility for novice teams" Handling basics for novice teams for when the jumps just keep coming. Analyzing the jumpers course, finding the dog's path, deciding which handling option works best, front cross and rear cross basics. *Working spots are open to dogs (and their handlers) competing at the novice level in jumpers type courses. Auditors without dogs are also welcome.*

Sunday PM: **"Jumping Agility for advanced teams"** Handling more advanced and technical jumpers courses including course analysis, execution of the best handling options for your dog, and optimizing the path. *Working spots are open to dogs (and their handlers) competing at the open/elite/excellent level in jumpers-type courses. Auditors without dogs are also welcome.*

Mid week private classes in both March and July can concentrate on any obstacle training issues (Contacts, Weaves, Table, Teeter etc...); start line issues; learning the course or course analysis; and jumping skills or jump training, depending on the wishes of the group taking the class. Class size is limited to 3 handlers and one dog each.



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7/11/09 Saturday "Do Over Day for Novice Handlers" One prerequisite for this seminar is that you participate in the Novice Regular Agility Run in the June Fun Match. Your run will be video taped and Andrea will be giving handlers a critique of the original run and give input on how to optimize the course. Then we will have a chance to re run the course applying what we have learned.

NOTE: Anticipating a large number of working teams, you will be assigned to either the morning OR afternoon session. Every effort will be made to accommodate your preference.

7/12/09 Sunday AM: "Do Over Day for Open/Elite Handlers" The pre-requisite for this seminar is that you participate in the elite Regular Agility Run in the June Fun Match (even if you are currently competing at the open level in actual trials). Your run will be video taped and Andrea will be giving handlers a critique of the original run and give input on how to optimize the course. Then we will have a chance to re run the course applying what we have learned.

Sunday PM: "**Tunnelers Fun Runs**" This will be like a fun run, only the judge will be helping you ace the course! *Teams competing at any level are welcome.*

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7/18/09 Saturday AM: "Decent Directionals" How to best turn your dog away, using and teaching left, right and turn commands. *Working spots are open to dogs (and their handlers) who are not competing yet or are competing at the novice level in regular/standard. Auditors without dogs are also welcome.*

Sunday PM: "**Lovely Lead Outs**" Positional cues, shaping, setting the line and using your stay at contacts, table and start line to your advantage on course. *Working spots are open to dogs (and their handlers) competing at any level in regular/standard courses, however please note: dogs must have a reliable stay to participate. Auditors without dogs are also welcome.*

7/19/09 Sunday AM: "Crazy Crosses" Focusing specifically on front and rear cross training and problem solving including how, when and where to put them on course. *Working spots are open to dogs who are not competing yet or are competing at the novice level in regular/standard. Auditors without dogs are also welcome.*

Sunday PM: "**Tricky Traps**" Technical handling, and handling options for master's level challenges. *Working spots are open to dogs competing at the open/Elite level in regular/standard courses. Auditors without dogs are also welcome.*

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