



INVITE YOU TO ATTEND A WEEKEND OF SKILL BUILDING WITH ANDREA DEXTER!

Friday, Saturday and Sunday: May 3, 4 & 5, 2024

The Spring Skill Building Weekend **Distance challenges for all levels!**

This spring we look at building our skills in distance: from 5 to 30+ feet. Come and join us and get the full benefit of learning from a great instructor over the weekend. This weekend will enhance your agility handling; and, therefore, your teamwork!

Auditing is very useful. Please plan on coming to watch those classes you are not signed up for. One plan would be for advanced handlers to audit morning seminars to refresh your knowledge base. New and semi new handlers: stay and watch the advanced classes so you can see where this all leads. Please consider auditing. You will not be disappointed.

Take the time to read the descriptions for each seminar and make sure you and your dog have **skills** that are a good fit before signing up.

Those of you starting new dogs please remember: you might have a skill set your new partner does not. If you have any questions about the skills you and your dog(s) need for a seminar: **ASK!**

Andrea Dexter will be joining us to teach for the weekend and we are thrilled! You will be too!

Andrea is a regular contributor to our agility program here. We invite her back time & again because she has tons of experience with agility and dog training in general and is able to customize her help and advice for each team. She makes agility more fun, more challenging, and more rewarding for everyone: including your dog. If you haven't had the chance to work with Andrea, just ask anyone who has if they would recommend participating.

For this weekend, there may be some full height contact equipment, but expect primarily jumps and tunnels, as we are working on techniques for perfecting distance handling. We will use training aids when necessary, no worries.

The fine print: Seminars will be filled by lottery on Friday 4/19, so please have your information in to us before Thurs. 4/18.

Friday May 3, 2024

8:00AM - 10:00AM: *Distance handling for teams new to agility:* The plan is to provide you with tools to help you improve your confidence in distance handling. (2 hours, 5 teams) **Required skill set:** You are new to agility and have a reliable start line stay OR your dog is comfortable with being restrained on the start line (hand in collar, or on a ribbon); you are interested in getting more comfortable with distance handling basics. You must be able to reward your dog! (2 hours 5 teams)

10:30AM - 12:30PM: *Kicking distance handling up a notch:* We will focus on increasing your distance handling confidence and will work on strategies to maximize your skills. **Required skill set:** for handlers who have a reliable stay and a 10' send. You must be able to reward your dog. (2 hours 5 teams)

1:00- 3:00PM: *Distance strategies for advanced teams* We will discuss and address any specific distance handling issues. Then, we'll work on applying advanced distance handling techniques and strategies. (2 hours: 5 teams) **For advanced handlers only:** you must be comfortable strategizing and running 18 - 20 obstacle courses, be willing to try new strategies, have a reliable stay past 2 jumps, and a 15 - 20' send to various obstacles. Lavish rewarding is obviously necessary. (2 hours 5 teams)

Saturday May 4, 2024

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