



# Fenzi Dog Sports Academy

## Training Camp

### June 19-22, 2016

#### Purina Farms Event Center

#### Gray Summit, MO

**Obedience, Rally, Agility, Nosework, Freestyle, Rally FrEe**

#### Instructors

**Denise Fenzi, Deb Jones, Hannah Branigan, Julie Flanery, Loretta Mueller, Nancy Gagliardi Little, Shade Whitesel, Sue Ailsby, Amy Cook, Julie Symons, Stacy Barnett**

#### Registration

Priority registrations (see phases) will be given to students that have previous enrollments in FDSA online courses. Course registrations will be counted as of December 1, 2015. Registration codes will be emailed to qualified students 24 hours prior to the relative phase for registration opening.

Priority registration **phase one** will open December 10, 2015 (9am to 11:00pm PST) for academy students that have previously registered for ten or more courses at any level (gold, silver or bronze).

Priority registration **phase two** will open December 12, 2015 (9am to 11:00pm PST) for academy students that have previously registered for four or more courses at any level (gold, silver or bronze).

**General** registration will open December 14, 2015 at 9am PST.

Full camp working spot (with dog) fee is \$425 plus a \$25 registration program service fee.

Full camp auditing spot (no dog) fee is \$225 plus a \$15 registration program service fee.

Single day auditing spot (no dog) fee is \$100 plus a \$9 registration program service fee and will open February 1, 2016 if space is still available.

Please see our Frequently Asked Questions page in this document for additional information.

Please direct any additional questions to [fdsa.training.camp@gmail.com](mailto:fdsa.training.camp@gmail.com)

# Fenzi Dog Sports Academy Training Camp - Summary Schedule

## SUNDAY - June 19, 2016

Time	Format	Session	Session	Session	Session	Session
9:00-9:45	Lecture	Group Welcome - Instructor Introductions				
9:45-10:00	Break					
10:00-12:00	Lab 1	Stimulus Control Hannah Branigan	Agility Motivation Games Loretta Mueller	Ring Confidence Denise Fenzi	Tricks Deb Jones	Foundation Nosework Julie Symons
12:00-1:00	Lunch					
1:00-3:00	Lab 2	Energy Games Nancy G. Little	Collection & Tight Turns Loretta Mueller	Advanced Rally Skills Sue Ailsby	From Click to Cue Julie Flanery	Nosework Scent Puzzles Stacy Barnett
3:00-3:15	Break					
3:15-3:45	* Lecture *	* Lecture * Engagement Denise Fenzi	* Lecture * Toy Play Shade Whitesel	* Lecture * Focus Deb Jones	* Lecture * Stop Sniffing Hannah Branigan	N/A
3:45-4:00	Break					
4:00-6:00	Lab 3	Engagement Denise Fenzi	Toy Play Shade Whitesel	Focus Deb Jones	Stop Sniffing Hannah Branigan	N/A

## MONDAY - June 20, 2016

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## TUESDAY - June 21, 2016

Time	Format	Session	Session	Session	Session	Session
9:00-10:00	Lecture	Heeling Lecture - Problem Solving with Denise Fenzi				
10:00-10:15	Break					
10:15-12:45	Lab 1 (all)	Heeling - Six Rings (Denise, Deb, Hannah, Nancy, Shade, Sue)			Lecture - Nosework Julie S. / Stacy B. Lecture - Rally FrEe Julie Flanery	N/A
12:45-1:45	Lunch					
1:45-3:00	Lab 2	Back it Up Julie Flanery	Agility Handler Choice Loretta Mueller	Signals Nancy G. Little	Shaping Retrieves Sue Ailsby	Nosework Handler Choice Stacy/Julie S.
3:00-3:15	Break					
3:15-4:30	Lab 3	Drop on Recall Deb Jones	Which Cross Where? Loretta Mueller	Handler Choice Denise Fenzi	Scent Discrimination Hannah Branigan	N/A
4:30-4:45	Break					
4:45 - 6:00	Lab 4	Judging Pressure Amy Cook	Obedience Games Julie Symons	Advanced Retrieves Shade Whitesel	Freestyle Handler Choice Julie Flanery	N/A

## WEDNESDAY - June 22, 2016 Individual Lessons

Time	Format	Individual 15 minute lessons
9:00-12:00	Lab	Denise Fenzi, Deb Jones, Hannah Branigan, Julie Flanery, Loretta Mueller, Nancy Gagliardi Little, Shade Whitesel, Sue Ailsby
12:00-12:30	Other	Closing Session

\* Additional private lessons during training camp for an extra charge may be available with Amy Cook, Julie Symons, Stacy Barnett

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **How do the dog & handler working spots register and work?**

All dog and handler working teams must pre-select their labs during registration. Teams will select and participate in two working labs each day for Sunday and Monday. Teams will work a ten minute private lesson heeling session on Tuesday and select one additional lab in the afternoon. Teams will select an instructor for a fifteen minute private lesson on Wednesday. Handlers will audit the other sessions when they are not working a dog. We strongly suggest that working spot registrations review all of the lab selections before registration. Working spot selections are space limited so options will be decreased as we fill spots.

### **How do audit registrations work?**

All labs and lectures are open seating for people not working a dog. Audit registrations will not be required to pre-select their sessions during registration. Auditors are welcome to attend day four but should note that audio will not be available for all instructors.

### **Can I bring an extra dog?**

Limited extra crating room is available for extra dogs for either working or audit spots. The fee for this will be \$30 per dog for the entire camp and you must include this as part of the registration process. This fee will be donated to help fund the FDSA scholarship programs. Please note we will limit this option so we advise you to register early before that option sells out.

### **Can I work more than one dog?**

You may work separate dogs in separate labs but cannot split working time in a single lab. If you need crating space then you are subject to the extra dog fee as above.

### **Is my dog suitable for this camp?**

Will your dog be comfortable and well behaved in a moderately crowded space with the presence of other dogs and people? While we have limited enrollments to avoid excessive crowding, other dogs and people will be nearby. If you are working through uncontrolled reactivity or aggression then this is not a suitable environment. It's not fair to your dog, and it's not fair to other dogs who need to feel safe to perform their best.

This conference runs for 3.5 days. The crating will be a high traffic area. Can your dog handle being crated for hours on end in a separate area without your presence? Barking and whining can be a huge problem. It is stressful for the other dogs that will be crated near your dog, and it is highly disruptive to both speakers and participants. If your dog cannot settle comfortably in a crate for several hours, your dog is not a good candidate for this event. Is your dog mentally mature enough to work several times over a weekend? Even a highly seasoned dog is going to be taxed by a 3.5 day conference. Before enrolling, ask yourself if attending this conference with your dog is in their best interest.

### **What is your refund policy?**

A refund (less a 25% registration processing fee – maximum \$100) will be issued if requested on or before February 15, 2016. Refunds and/or substitutions requested after February 15, 2016 up to and including May 15, 2016 will be conditional on a suitable replacement from the waiting list or an approved substitution registering for the same type of spot. Cancellations and / or approved substitutions are refunded in the full amount excluding service fees, less a 25% processing fee (maximum \$100). All changes must be requested by email to [fdsa.training.camp@gmail.com](mailto:fdsa.training.camp@gmail.com). No refunds or substitutions will be considered after May 15, 2016. There are no exceptions to this policy.

## **Other Important Information**

No outside food or drink is permitted by Purina Farms (exception for RV campground allowed).

Water fountains are available and food and drink are available for purchase by Purina Farms in the seminar building.

Pre-purchased lunch options are available as part of registration. Please keep in mind that lunch is only one hour when making your choice.

Visit [www.purinafarms.com](http://www.purinafarms.com) and explore the event center page for more information about the facility and surrounding area.

We will be hosting a complimentary pizza party on Sunday evening at the host hotel Budget Lodging.

Accommodation information for the camp is available on the FDSA website – Training Camp page.

<http://www.fenzidogsportsacademy.com/index.php/component/content/article/8-fdsa/6934-fdsa-camp-2016>

## Day one – with lab descriptions

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**Handlers with working spots will select two labs for the day.**

**Maximum of 14 working dogs per lab.**

**Working teams registering for Lab 3 (4-6pm) should attend the related lecture.**

### All About Stimulus Control: Right On Cue!

#### **Lab with Hannah Branigan; Experience level - All**

Teaching your dog when you do NOT want a behavior is just as important as teaching him how to perform it at the correct time. In this lab, we will discuss the procedures for putting behaviors on cue, testing for stimulus control, and developing a plan for improving any weak elements. Develop your stimulus control and watch your accuracy skyrocket!

### Agility - Motivation Games For Agility Dogs

#### **Lab with Loretta Mueller; Experience level – Novice and above**

Do you want your dog to have more focus and drive in agility? Do you need some things to do with your dog that require very minimal equipment? This lab will introduce games to get your dog focused and in drive, games to manage drive, games to get that "on switch" and games to build resiliency in your dog.

### Ring Confidence

#### **Lab with Denise Fenzi; Experience level – All**

Did you know that your dog needs to be taught to enjoy the competition ring? It's true! This lab is designed to help your dog look forward to the ring in spite of the normal stressors that exist at a dog show! By emphasizing a positive association between the traditional ring entrance found in trials and your ability to produce a fabulous party, we can closely condition our dogs to love the competition ring.

### It's All Tricks

#### **Lab with Deb Jones; Experience level - All**

Teaching tricks is much more than just a silly pastime. By training tricks you are strengthening both your personal and working relationship with your dog in a fun and enjoyable way. You are also encouraging your dog to use his cognitive and physical skills in a variety of unique ways. This lab is a great way to kick off your time at camp! It will be relaxed and informal, a good warm-up for the rest of the camp activities. Working teams may choose tricks that are already in progress (maybe you are stuck at a certain level or want to improve some aspect of the trick) or Deb will give you some suggestions for introducing foundation tricks that lead to the ability to perform more complex ones.

### Foundation Nosework Skills

#### **Lab with Julie Symons; Experience level - All**

Interested in Nosework but not sure what it is or how to get started? Or want to strengthen the Nosework skills you have using fun foundation games? Nosework is a wonderful outlet for dogs of all shapes, sizes and temperaments. You'll learn about odor and why dog's and handlers love this fun and fast growing sport. We'll focus on building value for odor and drive for hunting. With this lab you will be well on your way to participating in this exciting new sport.

### Energy Games

#### **Lab with Nancy Gagliardi Little; Experience level - All**

Training and competing with your dog is demanding and can deplete energy and focus – even with dogs that have lots of energy. It's important to be able to balance the precision and focus your dog gives you in training with games that keep them excited and energetic. In this lab, we'll look at games that you can add to your training to help keep the energy level and focus at optimal levels in your dog.

### **Agility - Collection/Tight turns:**

#### **Lab with Loretta Mueller; Experience level – Novice and above**

Does your dog not turn when you need them to? Do you have off courses because your dog just isn't as responsive as you like? Do you have a dog that HATES turns? If so this is the session for you! We will go over: Drills to help dogs understand turning over jumps; When to cue your dog to get the tightest turns possible for your dog; How to help your dog LOVE collection and turning. Not every dog needs the same approach, this will be tailored to EACH team so you can move forward with a plan that will help you and your dog LOVE turns!!!!

### **Advanced Rally Skills**

#### **Lab with Sue Ailsby; Experience level - Intermediate / advanced**

Heeling, check. Sit and down, got 'em. Finishes, yep. But those sidesteps? Yikes! Backing up? Distance? Moving stands? You're kidding, right? Front from Heel without moving your feet? And what's with that weird "schutzhund turn" thing? You and your dog have amazing skills, now it's time to learn how to apply them to the higher levels of Rally! That's right - pocket hand, hand targets, focus and enthusiasm - you have the tools, we'll show you how to use them to produce the tougher behaviors.

### **From Click to Cue – Keeping it Clean**

#### **Lab with Julie Flanery; Experience level - All**

Effective communication is key in training. While we communicate to our dogs in a variety of ways, markers and cues are two of the most potent forms of communication we have to create and be able to rely on specific behavior. Creating meaningful cues is one of the most misunderstood, yet one of the most important processes in training and is often applied in a less than efficient way. Without meaningful cues our dog's ability to perform desired behaviors when asked can become random. The clicker or other marker as a communication tool is only as effective as the handler using it. Applying the practice of "clean training" in both the use of a clicker and the process of placing behaviors on cue can substantially change your results in training, creating more effective communication and greater levels of success.

### **Nosework Scent Puzzles**

#### **Lab with Stacy Barnett: Experience Level - Novice and above**

Test and build your skills with a series of exercises designed to help you and your canine partner develop teamwork and take your searching capabilities to the next level. Learn how to use your environment and the basics of scent theory to unravel puzzles that can be encountered at all levels of competition. Puzzles will cover a variety of scenarios found in all four search elements using the beautiful facilities of Purina Farms.

### **Engagement; Shifting the Power Dynamic**

#### **Lecture and Lab with Denise Fenzi; Experience level – All**

##### **Working teams should attend lecture or have completed the related FDSA online class.**

Most sport training for competition dogs is focused on getting behaviors and preparing to trial. By using food, toys and personal play, we can convince our dogs that working with us is a lot of fun! And this is perfect....until it's not. It's time for you to stand back and let your dog push you! Push you to train. Push you to work. Push you to bring out the food and toys. Engagement training is the process of moving responsibility for work from the human to the dog. No more begging. No more bribing. A simple and respectful way to engage your dog. A dog with excellent engagement training will no longer require the sight of food or toys to begin work; A dog that understands engagement will simply take opportunities to work when they arise and will remain focused and engaged throughout the session.

### **Toy Play**

#### **Lecture and Lab with Shade Whitesel; Experience level – All**

##### **Working teams should attend lecture or have completed the related FDSA online class.**

**Working dogs that would do best in this class are ones that are comfortable in the seminar environment and have some degree of drive already for toy play.** Have a dog that likes toys? Have a dog that makes it their life mission to tear up and destroy each super expensive toy that you bring home from the pet store? Still trying to find that perfect toy that your dog will tug with? Want to reward that perfect heeling with a ball throw? Join Shade as she dissects the rules of the toy games, why you want those rules in order to use toy play as a reward in your interactions with your dog and any other question that comes to mind involving toy play. Add the obedience skills into the toy game, and it all becomes play. We'll work on either the fetch or the tug game one on one in the working spots.

### **Focus: The Invisible Skill**

#### **Lecture and Lab with Deb Jones; Experience level – All**

##### **Working teams should attend lecture or have completed the related FDSA online class.**

This lecture/lab will be a general introduction to the concept of focus in dog training. Deb will discuss the definition of focus and how it differs from attention and engagement. She will also talk about the benefits of focus both to your personal and working relationship with your dog. The practice of acclimation and how it helps improve focus will be considered. Working teams will have an opportunity to practice a variety of focus exercises and get personalized feedback. These exercises will help your dog learn when to focus and help develop the habit of focus while training. We will also address how to handle a loss of focus in training.

### **Stop Sniffing**

#### **Lecture and Lab with Hannah Branigan; Experience level – All**

##### **Working teams should attend lecture.**

In this lecture/lab, we will discuss the various causes of sniffing, how to tell why your dog is sniffing, and what to do about it. We'll explore both training alternative behaviors and also using Premack's principle to use sniffing behavior to our advantage. We will work to find the underlying cause of your dog's sniffing and how best to prevent sniffing from becoming a problem in the first place.

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### Conditioned Emotional Response

#### **Group Lecture with Amy Cook**

You've spent a lot of time on learning about your dog's behavior and how to teach them all the skills they need. Have you spent as much time on their emotional lives? How do you make sure your dog is feeling the best he can while you work together? Emotions color everything they do, and can take the best laid training plans and wreck them! Stress creeps up quickly, and you should have strategies to both prevent the stress proactively and to address stress should it occur. Come learn about a Conditioned Emotional Response, and also the strategies from the Bogeyman class that help you know for sure that your dog feels his best!

### Reducing Reinforcement

#### **Lab with Shade Whitesel; Experience level - All**

We know how to train behaviors, we know what our dog wants and needs as a reward for those behaviors. How do we get from a cookie after every sit to a ring ready performance? Sequencing and/or chaining, knowing what behaviors need more payment than others, trained and untrained secondary reinforcers; all these concepts come into play while preparing for trials. Join Shade as we work on some of these concepts in the working spots, along with developing a ritual to "ask" your dog what their opinion is of reducing reinforcement.

### Go Outs and Directed Jumping

#### **Lab with Nancy Gagliardi Little; Experience level – Intermediate / advanced**

Problem solve your dog's go outs or directed jumping issues. We will review the exercise, break down the chain, and focus on areas that can be improved. Working teams should have the foundations for this exercise but do not need to be competition ready.

### Proofing Stays

#### **Lab with Sue Ailsby; Experience level - All**

Sure, my dog can stay! She can do long sits, long downs, hold a start line, wait to retrieve - as long as I hold my tongue just right, don't breathe, and use my laser-beam glare! For most people, stays are booooooring, so they put as little thought and time as possible into them. Then, when they see they have a stay problem, they throw in some distractions... but exactly how much distraction should you be using? What do you do when your dog breaks the stay? What exactly IS a stay? How do you get across that a sit stay is not a down stay? We'll be putting a little joy and understanding back into the situation!

### Successful Removal of Training Aids

#### **Lab with Julie Flanery; Experience level - All**

The use of training aids such as platforms, targets, training gates and clickers are highly effective in communicating criteria, maintaining a high rate of reward for correct responses, and building stronger behaviors faster. Understanding the process of removing these aids in a way that maintains strength in the behavior is imperative to their use. This session will focus on the use of aids and the process of separating them from the behavior.

### Nosework - Maintaining Criteria / Handling Skills

#### **Lab with Stacy Barnett; Experience level - All**

Do you ever wonder how some handlers seem to dance with their dog when they are handling? Or wonder why their dogs have such crystal clear alerts? In this workshop you will be able to learn how to maintain criteria and build your handling skills. We'll work on those scary intentional distractions and learn how to distinguish distraction from odor and how to handle false alerts during training.

## **Rally Run-Thru with Coaching**

### **Lab with Sue Ailsby; Experience level - All**

Take a deep breath, we're here to take the panic out of the Rally course! Feel like you're stumbling and bumbling through the course? Can't seem to pay attention to the signs and your dog at the same time? Realizing you're always telling your dog what you want her to do after she should have already done it? Rally at its best shows off the smooth and beautiful partnership between you and your dog. We'll walk your team through some signs and courses to build your skill and confidence.

## **Agility - Sending and Commitment**

### **Lab with Loretta Mueller; Experience level – Novice and above**

Are you always feeling rushed when running your dog? Do you want more distance from your dog? Do you always worry your dog will pull off a jump and get a refusal? This is a session for you and your dog! We will go over: WHEN to cue for optimum commitment! How to get INSTANT COMMITMENT as soon as you cue the dog! How to not "wait" for your dogs, so you can maximize the speed you have! It isn't all about "JUST RUN FASTER" it is about "RUNNING SMARTER".

## **Loose Leash Walking**

### **Lab with Hannah Branigan; Experience level - All**

Loose leash walking is a separate behavior from formal heeling. In this session, we will practice human leash handling skills as well as teaching the dog what behavior is expected. We will cover criteria, practice drills to improve leash skills, and how to apply those skills in real life. No magic wands, but lots of concrete, practical tips for real results in real life.

## **Focus Games**

### **Lab with Deb Jones; Experience level - All**

Each team will be coached through a variety of focus games. We will work through different categories of games designed to increase motivation, improve self-control, and add variety and excitement to your training. These games are valuable for any dog at any level of training.

## **Going Blind! Building Mental Stamina for Nosework**

### **Lab with Julie Symons; Experience level – Novice and above**

Nosework is a sport that not only requires focus and stamina on the part of your canine partner, but also on you! You need to maintain your mental game and build stamina for trial type searches. This lab will work on your endurance – your “staying power” for efficiently covering a search area with all the pressure that comes from a trial like environment. We will have access to many areas of the Purina Farms facility, allowing for ideal training experiences! Each search will be discussed and analyzed as a group.

## **Effective Back Chaining**

### **Lecture and Lab with Julie Flanery; Experience level – All**

#### **Working teams should attend lecture.**

Back chaining has long been used in many areas to turn discrete behaviors into reliable chains or sequences of behavior. Behavior chains are all around us in competitive dog sports. How we view and train behavior chains can greatly impact our dog's reliability in the ring. This session will focus on how to apply the process of back chaining behaviors to help create acceptance of delayed reinforcement and build stronger behavior chains. We'll also discuss dealing with anticipation within a back chain, why chains fall apart, and how to rebuild them. Applications include freestyle sequences, obedience exercises such as drop on recall or dumbbell retrieves, teaching agility contacts or basic house manners such as “go to bed”. Attendees will apply back chaining to a sequence of previously trained, known behaviors.

## **Playing without Toys**

### **Lecture and Lab with Amy Cook; Experience level – All**

#### **Working teams should attend lecture or have completed the related FDSA online course.**

Have you ever thought about what play would look like if you didn't have a toy to play with? Have you ever thought about playing with your food instead of handing it over? Play, especially play that doesn't involve toys, is often something we don't explore with our dogs, but it's really a useful skill! Developing a good personal play relationship with your dog (playing without the help of toys) will allow you to play anywhere, and playing with food raises its value and introduces dogs unfamiliar with play to the idea. Come play with us!

## **Location Specific Markers**

### **Lecture and Lab with Shade Whitesel; Experience level – All**

#### **Working teams should attend lecture.**

Yes versus Get it, Strike versus Fetch, now you are allowed to pounce on the toy on the ground, now you aren't! Having verbal cues that tell your dog where to collect toy or food reinforcement can be so mind blowing and complicated for the HANDLER, but it clears things up and makes things so much simpler for the DOG! Now the dog doesn't have to guess where that treat pouch is, or which pocket or hand the ball is in. They can devote their entire concentration to listening to you and performing the obedience skills instead of watching your physical motions as predictors of where and when the reward is coming. A side benefit is dogs with a reward hierarchy don't feel as tricked when their association of a specific reinforcement for a well done job isn't met. Join Shade as she explains these concepts, why she's adapted them, and why she thinks they are more efficient than just one or two marker words. Working teams will work on the concepts explored in the lecture one on one, staying within your capabilities. Toy drive is not needed, we can do some of the exercises with food only.

## **Healing Your Handling**

### **Lab with Nancy Gagliardi Little; Experience level - All**

Well trained dogs make mistakes in heeling when handlers do not properly cue them with smooth and clear handling. This lab will help you identify the areas of potential confusion in your handling and also help you develop good habits. Look at handling from a different perspective – feel it spatially instead of using specific footwork. **This lab will work without dogs.**

## Day three – with lab descriptions

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**All handlers with working spots will participate in the heeling lab as 10 minute individual lessons.  
Working spots will also select one lab in an afternoon session (Lab 2, 3 or 4).  
Maximum of 7 working dogs per afternoon lab.**

### Heeling Group Lecture: Start to Finish

An overview of what it takes to get precise and enthusiastic heeling, with an emphasis on analyzing problems and applying appropriate solutions as they arise in your training. Catch your dog's "heeling tendencies" before they become problems.

### Heeling Lab

All handlers will participate in the heeling lab. Working spots will work one-on-one with an instructor for ten minutes. Instructors will be allocated based on dog and handler experience levels and goals as identified during the registration process.

### Sport of Nosework

#### **Lecture with Stacy Barnett & Julie Symons**

Come watch demos and hear about this exciting new sport that is growing by sniffs and bounds. By watching some of the demonstrations, you'll see why this is a great sport for every dog and handler! Nosework is both exciting and challenging while yielding unprecedented benefits for the unfocused or fragile dog. Learn about the different venues and why this is one of the fastest growing dog sports.

### Sport of Rally-FrEe

#### **Lecture with Julie Flanery**

Rally-FrEe is a unique dog sport combining trick behaviors of Canine Musical Freestyle with the format of Rally-Obedience. It emphasizes the precise execution of fundamental freestyle and obedience skills while encouraging creative and novel behaviors on a Rally-Obedience style course. If you enjoy teaching your dog novel tricks and behaviors, strive for precision in obedience skills and are looking for an enjoyable and supportive competitor experience, come give Rally-FrEe a try!

### Back it UP! For Freestyle, Rally-FrEe and Rally Obedience

#### **Lab with Julie Flanery**

Learn how to clearly communicate criteria to teach or strengthen back-up in heel, right, in front of and with distance from the handler. If time permits we'll use the back-up skill to create other behaviors such as back circles, back thru, or turn back thru.

### Agility - Handler Choice

#### **Lab with Loretta Mueller; Experience level – Novice and above**

This session will be handler's choice. Pick what you want to work and you'll have about 10 minutes of personal attention. Contact equipment (A-Frame, Teeter, and Dog Walk) will not be available for this session.

### Signals Success (Utility Signals)

#### **Lab with Nancy Gagliardi Little; Experience level - All**

This lab will cover the stand, sit, down, and recall signals from Utility. It will be driven by the needs of the working teams. Beginning teams will start with the early stages of teaching one or more of these positions while the more advanced teams will problem solve any issue that they have with the exercise.

### Starting (or Repairing) the Retrieve

#### **Lab with Sue Ailsby; Experience level - All**

Retrieving is a key element for so many dog sports and jobs. That means an enthusiastic take, a solid hold with no rolling, chewing, or tossing, and a willing release when you ask for it. We'll break the whole "retrieve thing" down into manageable pieces and show you how to get a reliable, cheerful retrieve from your dog, horse, cow or llama!

## Nosework - Handler's Choice

**Lab with Julie Symons and Stacy Barnett; Experience level - All**

Here's your chance to work on what YOU want to work on. You will have an opportunity to work on any of the four elements and problem solve the challenges you are having. Teams just starting out through NW3 will be accommodated.

## Drop on Recall

### Lab with Deb Jones; Experience level - All

The Drop on Recall exercise often causes stress for both the dog and the trainer. It requires seemingly conflicting behaviors from the dog. First you want your dog to come as fast as he can, and then immediately drop into a down position and hold it, then come as fast as he can again to perfect front position. We will look at the typical issues that develop (slow drop, creeping in, sitting instead of dropping) and talk about how to address those. We will break this chain down into its smaller parts in order to improve the way it is performed.

## Agility - Skills: Which Cross Where?

**Lab with Loretta Mueller; Experience level – novice and above**

## Confused about if you should use a Front Cross or a Rear Cross? When do I use a Front Cross versus a Blind Cross?

Do you get overwhelmed easily by so many choices, need to simplify? We will go over: How to walk the course for YOUR DOG!

When do you make choices and HOW do you determine what handling you need for YOU AND YOUR DOG AS A TEAM!

## Obedience - Handler's Choice

**Lab with Denise Fenzi; Experience level - All**

This session will be handler's choice. Pick what you want to work and you'll have approximately 10 minutes of personal attention.

## Find Mine! All about Scent Discrimination

**Lab with Hannah Branigan; Experience level - All**

Working teams will need 5-6 identical objects - need not be "official" articles. Flat canning lids preferred for beginning dogs.

This lab will discuss the different components of the scent discrimination exercise. Beginning students will learn to introduce the idea of searching for scent to their dogs, while more advanced students will work on improving performance under varying levels of distraction. We will also discuss motivational games to build drive and focus, and as time permits, we will work on the non-scent components of the exercise, including the set-up, send and some beginning chaining. We will not teach pivots from scratch, but we will discuss incorporating them into the games for dogs who already know how to complete a pivot turn.

## Dealing with Judge Pressure!

**Lab with Amy Cook; Experience level - All**

You've trained hard, have your heeling all set, your dog is engaged... uh oh. Where'd that judge come from? Why is he following us? Lots of dogs are proximity sensitive, and aren't comfortable with being directly approached, followed, or crowded by strangers (especially strangers with clipboards and hats!). Some dogs want to rush to greet anyone within a 10 foot radius, and the judge will do just fine! In this class we'll go over things you can do to help your dog be comfortable with these "strange" judge behaviors and not feel the need to keep an eye on them, and help those greeters learn that judges are boring and you are best!

## Obedience Games

**Lab with Julie Symons; Experience level - All**

This lab will showcase games for retrieves, go-outs, recalls, signals, impulse control and more! We'll lose the formality and build enthusiasm by mixing things up and keeping everybody on their toes and paws! By adding "game training" and less predictability, we build relationship and transfer reinforcement to the act of playing!

## Advanced Retrieves

**Lab with Shade Whitesel; Experience level – Intermediate / Advanced**

You've got a dog that goes out and picks up the dumbbell but drops it at your feet instead of coming to front. Or, you've got a dog that holds in front just fine, but trots out and back with no enthusiasm. Let's pick those pieces of the retrieve apart, fix them and stick them back into the behavior chain that makes up the dumbbell retrieve! Students that would do best in this class are ones that have most pieces of the retrieve taught, and need help either problem solving or with one specific behavior in the chain.

## Freestyle / Rally FrEe - Handler Choice

### Lab with Julie Flanery; Experience level – All

This session will be handler's choice. Pick what you want to work and you'll have approximately 10 minutes of personal attention.

Day four - WEDNESDAY - June 22, 2016 Individual Lessons					
Time	Format	Individual 15 minute lessons			
9:00-12:00	Lab	Denise Fenzi, Deb Jones, Hannah Branigan, Julie Flanery, Loretta Mueller, Nancy Gagliardi Little, Shade Whitesel, Sue Ailsby			
12:00-12:30	Other	Closing Session			
* Additional private lessons during training camp for an extra charge may be available with Amy Cook, Julie Symons, Stacy Barnett					