



Fenzi Dog Sports Academy Training Camp

June 1-3, 2018

Roberts Centre - Wilmington, Ohio

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

Instructors

Denise Fenzi, Deb Jones, Hannah Branigan, Julie Flanery, Julie Symons,
Loretta Mueller, Nancy Gagliardi Little, Sarah Stremming, Shade Whitesel, Stacy Barnett,
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Registration

Priority registrations (see phases) will be given to students who have previous enrollments in FDSA online courses. Course registrations will be counted as of December 16, 2017. Registration codes will be emailed to qualified students 24 hours prior to the opening of the relative phase for registration.

Priority registration **phase one** will open January 8, 2018 (9am to 11pm PST) for academy students who have previously registered for eight or more courses at any level (gold, silver or bronze).

Priority registration **phase two** will open January 10, 2018 (9am to 11pm PST) for academy students who have previously registered for four or more courses at any level (gold, silver or bronze).

General registration will open January 15, 2018 at 9am PST.

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

Full camp auditing spot (no dog) fee is \$235 plus an estimated \$10 registration program service fee.

Single day auditing spot (no dog) fee is \$100 plus an estimated \$9 registration program service fee and will open February 1, 2018 if space is still available.

Please direct any additional questions to fdsa.training.camp@gmail.com

Frequently Asked Questions

How do the dog and 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 one morning and one afternoon working lab each day for Friday and Saturday. Teams will have a fifteen minute private lesson on Sunday (morning OR afternoon) and select one additional lab (morning OR afternoon). Handlers will audit the other sessions when they are not working a dog. We strongly suggest that working spot registrations review all the lab selections before registration. Working spot selections are space limited so options will decrease as spots fill. Additional lab spots may be available once general registration has filled.

How do audit registrations work?

All sessions are open seating for people not working a dog. Audit registrations are **not** required to pre-select their sessions during registration.

Experience Levels for Working Dogs

Each session contains the required experience level for a working team. Novice is defined as having introductory experience with the topic. Example: Nosework and Agility – you would not take a working spot if your dog has never taken part in the sport or never taken a class.

Can I bring an extra dog?

Yes, there is limited crating room available for extra dogs for either working or audit spots. You must indicate this during your registration. The fee is \$30 per dog for the entire camp. This fee will be donated to help fund the FDSA scholarship programs. Please note this option is limited so register early before it 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?

Only you can answer this question. Will your dog be comfortable and well-behaved in a moderately crowded space? 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, 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.

Your dog will likely need to spend a fair amount of time in a crate. The crating space will be a high traffic area. Can your dog handle being crated for hours on end in a separate area without your presence and without making excessive noise? Barking and whining can be a huge problem. It is stressful for the other dogs 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.

This conference lasts three days. Is your dog mentally mature enough to work several times over a weekend? Even a highly seasoned dog is going to be taxed by this. Before enrolling, ask yourself if attending this conference with your dog is in their best interest.

What is your policy for bitches in season?

In season female dogs are not allowed at the conference and there will be no refunds given for females who come into season. This includes dogs spayed using the ovary-sparing spay procedure.

What is your refund policy for Working Spots?

A refund will be issued if requested on or before March 15, 2018. Refunds and/or substitutions requested after March 15, 2018 up to and including May 1, 2018 will be conditional on a suitable replacement from the waiting list or an approved substitute registering for the same type of spot. Cancellations or approved substitutions are refunded in the full amount excluding service fees, and less a 25% processing fee (maximum \$100). All requests must be done by email to fdsa.training.camp@gmail.com. No refunds or substitutions will be considered after May 1, 2018. There are no exceptions to this policy.

What is your refund policy for Audit Spots?

A refund will be issued if requested on or before May 1, 2018. Cancellations or approved substitutions are subject to a \$50 processing fee and will be refunded in the full amount excluding service fees. All requests must be done by email to fdsa.training.camp@gmail.com. No refunds or substitutions will be considered after May 1, 2018. There are no exceptions to this policy.

Other Important Information

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

Visit <https://www.robertscentre.com/> for more information about the facility and surrounding area.

Accommodation information. The host hotel is a Holiday Inn <https://www.robertscentre.com/holiday-inn/> and is located on the grounds of the facility. We have negotiated a rate of \$124 per night (two adults). Up to four dogs will be permitted per room. A pet fee of \$35 will be charged for each room in which a dog is housed per three night stay.

Hotel rooms may be booked beginning December 4, 2017 by calling the hotel directly at 937-283-3200.

FDSA SPORTS CAMP 2018

Day One - Friday June 1, 2018

Time	Time	Ring 1	Ring 2	Ring 3	Ring 4	Ring 5	Ring 6
8:30-9:00	30min	Welcome - Denise Fenzi Lecture					
9:00-9:15	Break						
9:15-10:45	90min	Julie Flanery Verbal Cues	Julie Symons Ring Confidence	Sarah Stremming Start Button Behaviors	Loretta Mueller Agility Motivation Games	Stacy Barnett Inaccessible Hides	Deb Jones Shaping Retrieves
10:45-11:00	Break						
11:00-12:30	90min	Hannah Branigan Figure 8	Denise Fenzi Ready to Compete	Shade Whitesel Dog Ready to Work	Amanda Nelson Consistent Contacts	Nancy G. Little Positions at Distance	Sara Brueske Tricks with Purpose
12:30-1:40	Lunch						
1:40-3:40	120min	Julie Flanery Training Aids Use/Lose	Julie Symons Scent Discrimination	Sarah Stremming Reinforcement Strategies	Loretta Meller Getting Ahead	Stacy Barnett Confidence/Motivation	Deb Jones Human Shaping Lab
3:40-4:00	Break						
4:00-6:00	120min	Denise Fenzi Engagement	Nancy G. Little Healing Your Handling	Hannah Branigan Stop Sniffing	Shade Whitesel Location Specific Markers	Sara Brueske Sports Foundations	Amy Cook Play Without Toys

Day Two - Saturday June 2, 2018

Time	Time	Ring 1	Ring 2	Ring 3	Ring 4	Ring 5	Ring 6
9:00-10:40	100min	Julie Flanery Fabulous Fronts	Hannah Branigan Drop on Recall	Denise Fenzi Heeling	Loretta Mueller Weaves	Stacy Barnett Elevation High / Low	Sarah Stremming Lecture: Whole Picture
10:40-11:00	Break						
11:00-12:40	100min	Shade Whitesel Heeling	Nancy G. Little Utility Problem Solving	Julie Symons Rockin Retrieves	Amanda Nelson Commitment to Distance	Amy Cook Judging Pressure	Deb Jones Co-op Care Lec/Lab
12:40-1:40	Lunch						
1:40-3:40	120min	Julie Flanery Back Chaining	Hannah Branigan Heeling	Denise Fenzi Toy Play	Loretta Mueller Proper Use of Motion	Sarah Stremming Never Wrong	Stacy / Julie Lecture: Advanced NW
3:40-4:00	Break						
4:00-6:00	120min	Mariah Hinds Proofing	Nancy G. Little Heeling	Deb Jones Focus	Julie Symons Obedience Games	Stacy Barnett Hide Placement Design	Shade Whitesel Lecture: Reducing Reinforcement

Day Three - Sunday June 3, 2018

Time	Time	Ring 1	Ring 2	Ring 3	Ring 4	Ring 5	Ring 6 / 7
9:00-11:00	120min	One to One (15 min) - Denise, Hannah, Julie F., Shade, Julie S.(NW), Loretta (AG)				Amy Cook Lecture: Reactivity Management	Nancy G. Little Lecture: Ring Tips ----- Melissa Breau Lecture: Marketing
11:00-11:15	Break						
11:15-12:45	90min	Sarah Stremming Handler Choice	Deb Jones Remote Reinforcement	Mariah Hinds Food for Thought	Sara Brueske Disc Tricks	Stacy Barnett Converging Odor	Sue Yanoff Lecture: Canine Sports Medicine
12:45-1:45	Lunch						
1:45-3:45	120 min	One to One (15 min) - Denise, Hannah, Nancy, Shade, Stacy (NW), Amanda (AG)				Amy Cook Lecture: Emotional Caretaking	Mariah Hinds Lecture: Overgreeters
3:45-4:00	Break						
4:00-5:30	90min	Julie Flanery Back It Up	Sarah Stremming Self-Capping Behaviors	Deb Jones Handler Choice	Loretta Mueller Extreme Commitment	Julie Symons Stand Your Dog	Sara Brueske Recalls
5:30-5:40	Break						
5:40-6:00	20min	General Closing Session - Denise Fenzi					

Items shaded on schedule are lecture only with no registered working teams

Day One – Morning Session Descriptions

All working teams will select one morning lab - Maximum of 9 working dogs per lab.

Say What? Teaching Clean Verbal Cues Lab with Julie Flanery; Experience level - All

Do you struggle with getting your dog to understand verbal cues? Creating meaningful cues is one of the most misunderstood and erroneously applied processes in training. Having a trained behavior includes being able to draw it out of your dog when needed. If your behaviors aren't on cue, they aren't fully trained. In this session you will learn to apply a protocol that ensures success and explains why this handler skill is so important in helping your dog be successful and responsive in performance and the real world!

Ring Confidence Lab with Julie Symons; 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 despite 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 condition our dogs to love the competition ring.

Start Button Behaviors Lab with Sarah Stremming; Experience level – All

Learn to create a language of consent surrounding all of your training and performing with your dog. Teach your dog how to say YES to each run, each repetition, every time!

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.

Nosework - Conquering Inaccessible Hides Lab with Stacy Barnett; Experience level – Novice and above

Are you ready to take the next step in Nosework? Learn how to train and refine inaccessible hides. When do you call alert? How close is close enough? What about the many gradations of inaccessible? This skill based workshop will teach you about handling inaccessible hides from both ends of the leash. Dogs in working spots should be on odor and adept at single, simple hides.

Shaping Retrieves Lab with Deb Jones; Experience level - All

This lab will focus on the process of shaping to introduce and improve your dog's formal retrieve. Deb will be splitting the retrieve behavior into tiny parts to isolate any problem areas. Dogs at all levels of the retrieve, including the very beginning steps, are welcome. Dogs in working spots should be highly food motivated. Bring an appropriately sized retrieve object for your dog to work with in this lab.

Figure Eight Lab with Hannah Branigan; Experience level – See Description

This lab will be an intensive focus on the Figure Eight exercise found in Novice and Open obedience, and all levels of Rally. Hannah will break out and refine the skills necessary for a focused, precise, and joyful performance. Hannah will be covering both dog skills and critical handling skills. She will not be covering heeling foundation skills, so working teams should have a good start on heeling fundamentals before attending. Teams that are already experienced with shaping, hand targeting, pivot platforms, and zen games will get the most out of this workshop.

Are You Ready for Obedience Competition? Lab with Denise Fenzi; Experience level – See Description

Ring readiness isn't just about the exercises. It includes getting into the ring, setting up and waiting for the judge, moving between exercises, handling the loss of food and toys in competition and a plan for leaving the ring. In this lab, each team will complete a formal "run through" for the individual Novice or Open exercises. However, the focus of Denise's feedback will not be the actual exercises; instead she will focus on the unjudged elements that can make or break a team's run. For example, Denise might comment on the need for more connection entering the ring, along with some simple ways to get it, rather than providing advice on improving the team's heeling skills. This lab is appropriate for teams that are close to being ready to compete at either the Novice or Open Level.

Is Your Dog Ready to Work? Lab with Shade Whitesel; Experience level – All

You've trained the behaviors in your basement, in your training class and in your front yard. Now's the time to take them on the road and possibly on to trial! When you take your dog to a new place, how do you know your dog is in a mindset conducive to perform those behaviors fluidly, quickly and confidently? Join Shade as she explains how to figure out a ritual to "ask" your dog how they feel about the environmental pressures before letting criteria slip, and explores some protocols to work through those pressures.

Agility – Consistent Contacts Lab with Amanda Nelson; Experience level – Novice and Above

Want to have fabulous stopped or quick release contacts? Want your dog to have proper form on the contacts, as well a consistent and fast performance at the bottom of the board? This class will cover Amanda's method of teaching a stopped or a quick release contact. She will cover how to teach a weight shift for both a stopped and quick release contact, as well as how to teach speed and consistency with the bottom of the board performance. (Only the A-frame will be used for this class, but instructions will be given for the dogwalk as well.)

Positions at Distance Lab with Nancy G. Little; Experience level – All

This lab will cover the stand, sit and down position changes. 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.

Tricks with Purpose Lab with Sara Brueske; Experience level - All

Tricks aren't just for fun anymore! This lab will focus on training tricks that offer more than meets the eye. Each of the tricks taught is specially picked for improving body awareness, developing critical thinking skills or for strengthening specific muscle groups. Sara will talk about looking deeper into behaviors traditionally taught for entertainment to see how they can help you reach your training goals. Join us and see what tricks are hidden up our sleeves, you won't be disappointed!

Day One – Afternoon Session Descriptions

All working teams will select one afternoon lab - Maximum of 10 working dogs per lab.

Use it and Lose It! Successful Application of Training Aids Lecture and Lab with Julie Flanery; Experience level - All

Training aids and props such as platforms, targets and training gates are highly effective tools in communicating criteria to our dogs quickly, allowing for fewer errors and a high rate of reward. Props are used in training to build heelwork, backing and many other behaviors and can speed the learning process, but only if we can remove the prop before it becomes an integral part of the behavior. Understanding how to apply this critical process while maintaining the strength in the behavior makes the difference between a useful tool and just another fad.

Scent Discrimination Lecture and Lab with Julie Symons; Experience level - All

Teaching scent discrimination does not have to be intimidating! It's quite easy to teach our dogs to find our scent using operant conditioning. This lab will have a short intro lecture, and then a working lab for introducing scent and problem solving. For teams just starting out, Julie will introduce how to reinforce and build value for your scent, and how to never ever create stress with this exercise. If your interest is in Handler Discrimination Scent Work, Julie can cover that too! With more advanced teams, she will problem solve specific issues they may have with this exercise. Working teams should bring 5-6 identical metal, leather, wood, or cotton objects – they do not need to be official articles.

Reinforcement Strategies Lecture and Lab with Sarah Stremming; Experience level – All

Learn and understand how applying reinforcement strategies can help to maintain or repair our competition behaviors.

Agility - Getting Ahead Lab with Loretta Mueller; Experience level – Novice and above

Do you constantly feel like you are racing to keep up with your dog? Are you always told you are "late" with commands or "standing still"? This is the session for you! It is not about "running faster" but rather about "staying in motion."

Nosework - Confidence & Motivation Lecture and Lab with Stacy Barnett; Experience Level - Novice and above

Do you want to know the secret to moving up the levels in Nosework successfully? Learn why some dogs seem to naturally do well and apply these concepts to your own team. Every dog has the potential to trial successfully in Nosework. Unlocking concepts of Confidence and Motivation will get you on the right path. Dogs in working spots should already be introduced to odor.

Human Shaping Lecture / Workshop with Deb Jones; Experience level – All - Lecture only- Open Participation!

In this workshop, you will be shaping the most difficult species of all: humans! Everyone who participates will have the opportunity to see what it's like not only to be the trainer, but to also be the subject, timer, and scribe. Experiencing the process from your dog's perspective will lead to amazing insights. You will shape each other in small groups using a series of fun exercises. Each exercise will highlight and strengthen an important aspect of the learning process.

Engagement: Shifting the Power Dynamic Lecture and Lab with Denise Fenzi; Experience level – All

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 that understands engagement will take opportunities to work when they arise and will remain focused and engaged throughout the session.

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 help you develop good habits. Look at handling from a different perspective – feel it spatially instead of using specific footwork. **Teams in this lab will work without dogs. Handlers will work extensively.**

Stop Sniffing Lecture and Lab with Hannah Branigan; Experience level – All

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

Location Specific Markers Lecture and Lab with Shade Whitesel; Experience level – All

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. Join Shade as she explains these concepts, and why she thinks they are more efficient than just one or two marker words. Working teams will work the concepts explored in the lecture, staying within your capabilities.

Foundations for All Sports Lecture and Lab with Sara Brueske; Experience level – All

This lab will cover the foundation behaviors that will help start your performance dog off on the right paw, regardless of the sport they are destined for. We will focus on teaching important training concepts that will create an operant dog that is fluent in training a variety of behaviors as well as improve their ability to learn overall. Topics include training the concepts of the three different types of operant behaviors, session structure for offered focus, teaching body awareness as well as introducing impulse control and duration.

Playing without Toys Lecture and Lab with Amy Cook; Experience level – All

Play is your best stress reliever! 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 for making your dog feel better! Developing a good personal play relationship with your dog will allow you to play anywhere and reduce your dog's stress levels. Playing with food raises its value and introduces dogs unfamiliar with play to the idea. Come play with us!

Day Two – Morning Session Descriptions

All working teams will select one morning lab - Maximum of 10 working dogs per lab.

Fabulous Fronts Lab with Julie Flanery; Experience level – All

Have you been trying to get that fabulous front forever? A sitting “front” for obedience and a standing “center” for freestyle are deceptively difficult to build and maintain with precision and accuracy. A mistake often made is training the sit and the front position in relation to the handler at the same time. Come learn fun games, exercises and reward strategies to build value and muscle memory in crafting fabulous fronts and spectacular centers!

Drop on Recall Lab with Hannah Branigan; Experience level – See Description

The Drop on Recall is one of the deadliest traps in the Open ring. The ultimate test of stimulus control. Can you have both a wicked fast recall AND a crazy fast drop? Yes, indeed! In this session, Hannah will break apart the component of the Drop on Recall behavior chain, enhance fluency the behaviors, use games and strategy to build drive and speed, and challenge your stimulus control. Working teams should already have down on a verbal cue or hand signal, experience with zen bowl games, and a reasonable sit/wait and recall foundation.

Heeling Lab with Denise Fenzi; Experience level - All

Working spots will work one-on-one with the instructor for ten minutes.

Agility – Weaves Lab with Loretta Mueller; Experience level – Novice and above

Weaves: Is your dog struggling with the weaves? Having stress issues? Popping out of pole 10? Missing entrances? Or just new to weave training? See how to systematically work on your dog’s weaves!

Nosework – Elevation Highs and Lows Lab with Stacy Barnett; Experience level – See Description

Looking to take your Nosework training to new heights? This workshop will work on elevation. Learn elevation systematically and practice different scent puzzles to build your dog’s elevation skills. Not sure when to call alert? Does your dog have problems finding high hides? This workshop will teach you a systematic approach to teaching this skill. Dogs in working spots should be confidently sourcing multiple hides although elevation is not required.

The Whole Picture Lecture with Sarah Stremming - Lecture only- No working team spots!

Can exercise really solve behavior problems? Does it really matter if our dogs eat out of a bowl or a Kong? How important is consistent communication? Learn about all of this and more in this lecture on a holistic approach to dog care and training.

Heeling Lab with Shade Whitesel; Experience level - All

Working spots will work one-on-one with the instructor for ten minutes.

Utility Problem Solving Lab with Nancy Gagliardi Little; Experience level – Intermediate / Advanced

Having a problem with a Utility exercise or part of a Utility exercise? Do you need help with handling for Utility? In this session, Nancy will address any Utility Obedience handling or training issues that you might have.

Rockin Retrieves Lab with Julie Symons; Experience level – See Description

Building from obedience games foundations, we will add our retrieve items, gloves and dumbbells into the mix. This lab will focus on building drive and joy for retrieving! How fast can you get your dog to go out and come back? How quick can they pick up and turn straight back to you? Julie will cover many fun games to rock your retrieves! **This lab does require that your dog has a basic retrieve and hold.** Working teams should bring yummy treats, favorite toys and gloves/dumbbell to use for your retrieves!

Agility: Commitment to Distance Lab with Amanda Nelson; Experience level – Intermediate / Advanced

Trying to get those Gamblers, Jackpot, or Chances Qs? Want your dog to move away from you with confidence and speed? This class will cover how to teach obstacle commitment skills for great distance! The key to fun, fast, and fantastic distance skills are confidence and commitment! Come learn how to achieve all of that during this class!

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! 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!

Cooperative Care with Deb Jones Lecture / Lab; Experience level – All (6 working teams)

The goal is to engage your dog as an active willing partner in their physical care. In this session Deb will discuss the topic of cooperative care for husbandry and grooming. The lecture portion will consist of an introduction to the area, particularly the importance of classical conditioning and choice-based methods. The hands-on portion will consist of practicing classical vs. operant conditioning exercises, recognizing your dog’s comfort level, allowing your dog to say “no” and how to respond when he does, and providing a gentle introduction to handling and tools. Dogs in working spots should be comfortable in the Camp environment and food motivated.

Day Two – Afternoon Session Descriptions

All working teams will select one afternoon lab - Maximum of 10 working dogs per lab.

Effective Back Chaining Lecture and Lab with Julie Flanery; Experience level – All

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. Attendees will apply back chaining to a sequence of previously trained behaviors.

Heeling Lab with Hannah Branigan; Experience level - All

Working spots will work one-on-one with the instructor for ten minutes.

Toy Play Lecture and Lab with Denise Fenzi; Experience level - All

This lab will help you develop excellent toy play with your dog. Denise will introduce both the mechanics and the qualities of the dog-human interaction that can make toy play either highly enjoyable for both parties or an absolute misery. Toy play is not simple! It is fascinating and complex and subtle and, best of all, it can be learned! Whether your dog shows absolutely no interest in toys or is a rabid tugger who simply refuses to return to re-engage, Denise can improve your game.

Agility – Proper Use of Motion Lab with Loretta Mueller; Experience level – Novice and above

What people think is the proper use of motion and what dogs think is the proper use of motion can be two very different things. Learn how to use motion in a way that makes sense to your dog on an instinctive level.

Never Wrong: Sometimes More Right Lecture and Lab with Sarah Stremming; Experience level – All

Let's face it, we aren't perfect. Some dogs are tough to keep in the game through our errors, and paying them for hanging there with us is a good idea. Learn how to keep your dog engaged and trying through handler error by keeping the reinforcement flowing, and still select for the behaviors you'd like to strengthen!

Advanced Topics in Nosework Lecture with Julie Symons and Stacy Barnett- **Lecture only- No working team spots!**

Come listen and participate in some advanced topics on scent detection skills and trialing. Stacy Barnett will discuss and examine the ins and outs of Advanced Nosework trialing. Julie Symons will discuss and answer questions about the new AKC Handler Discrimination division as well as the new Buried element. Training topics and challenges in these areas will be covered. Are teams struggling with an aspect of training or trialing? Do you have questions about rules and different trialing organizations? Let's talk!

Proof Positive Lecture and Lab with Mariah Hinds; Experience level – All

You've spent time, sweat and probably even a few tears working hard to teach your dog lots of different skills -- but now you need to make sure those skills will hold up when you enter a ring or are out in the real world. Mariah will go over how to build your dog's reliability with distractions in a way that will build your dog's confidence and enthusiasm when distractions are present. Learn how to set your dog up for success. Topics will include fluency, generalization, how to reset your dog to maintain confidence and reinforcement strategies to building reliability and precision.

Heeling Lab with Nancy Gagliardi Little; Experience level - All

Working spots will work one-on-one with the instructor for ten minutes.

Focus: The Invisible Skill Lecture and Lab with Deb Jones; Experience level – All

Learn 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. Deb will also address how to handle a loss of focus in training.

Obedience Games Lab with Julie Symons; Experience level – All

This lab will showcase the popular "daily" games covered in Obedience Games for retrievers, recalls, fronts, setups, resets and more! A key concept will be how to maintain your dog's willingness to learn and play even when there are errors. 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, you can build relationship and transfer reinforcement to the act of playing!

Nosework – Hide Placement Design Lab with Stacy Barnett; Experience level – See Description

Has your training stagnated? Are you stuck on what or how to teach your dog new skills? Do you always set similar hides or hides that are too difficult? Learn about how you can systematically increase your skills and how to work common scent puzzles using air flow. Learn how to design your training sessions to make them powerful and effective! Dogs in working spots should be adept at single hides in novel places.

Reducing Reinforcement Lecture with Shade Whitesel- **Lecture only- No working team spots!**

You know how to train behavior skills, you know what your dog wants and needs as a reward for those behaviors. How do you get from a cookie after every sit to a ring ready performance? Join Shade to talk about how to add sequencing to your training sessions, and how to add the concept of remote reward and predictable routines to you and your dog's training sessions while preparing for trialing. Do you know how proper timing of cues can reinforce the prior behavior (wanted or not) and how movement itself can be reinforcing to most dogs? Shade will talk about types of reinforcement to maintain sequences, easy versus hard behaviors, cheap versus expensive and the most important part of all, how to ask what your "learner dog" thinks of the session and the reduced reinforcement!

Day Three

All working teams will select a One-to-One Session

One-to-One – 15 minutes

Working Teams will work one-on-one with an instructor for 15 minutes.

Morning session available instructors are:

Denise Fenzi
Shade Whitesel

Hannah Branigan
Julie Symons (Nosework)

Julie Flanery
Loretta Mueller (Agility)

Afternoon session available instructors are:

Denise Fenzi
Shade Whitesel

Hannah Branigan
Stacy Barnett (Nosework)

Nancy Gagliardi Little
Amanda Nelson (Agility)

Day Three – Session Descriptions

All working teams will select one general (morning or afternoon) lab. Maximum of 9 working dogs per lab.

Reactivity Management with Amy Cook - Lecture only- No working team spots!

Every great training plan has a management plan behind it! You don't have the space to train if you're still not sure how to get through your daily life and walk your dog without "over threshold" moments! Before you can teach your dog that strange dogs or people are not scary, you first need to get past them with your dog under control and not getting a big jolt of arousal. Come join Amy and learn how management is different from training or rehab, and why it needs daily practice whether your dog is "over threshold" or not!

Ring Tips with Nancy Gagliardi Little - Lecture only- No working team spots!

Become better prepared for your ring performances with this lecture. Nancy judged AKC obedience trials and National Obedience tournaments for 20+ years. In this lecture, Nancy will cover some of the more common mistakes that handlers make in various exercises and what you can do to avoid these errors. Learn some things that can help you improve your performance. Hear some tips to improve your ring experience.

The Business End of the Dog: Marketing101 with Melissa Breau - Lecture only- No working team spots!

Do you run your own pet-related business? If you're a dog trainer, groomer, or another pet professional with your own business and you struggle with marketing your business, this class is for you. Whether you're new and trying to figure out where to start, have been marketing your business for a while and just aren't seeing results, or have enjoyed a ton of success but need to figure out what's working and what's not, in this lecture/lab we'll cover where most people go wrong, evaluate what's working for you now (and what's not), and discuss new ideas for improving the effectiveness of your marketing efforts. You'll walk away with a better understanding of how marketing works and new ideas for bringing in new clients.

Handler Choice Lab with Sarah Stremming; Experience level - All

Each team will have 10 minutes of one-on-one time to work on what they want.

Remote Reinforcement Lab with Deb Jones; Experience level - All

For reinforcement, location is everything! Remote reinforcement devices such as the Pet Tutor and Treat & Train offer many advantages in training. The ability to reinforce at a distance or in a specific location is often very helpful in training. Deb will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of both, and you'll have a chance to get your hands on and try them out. In this lab, Deb will look at how to introduce the device so your dog doesn't develop a fear of it or think it's a giant puzzle toy and try to interact with it. She will look at how to best use these devices to teach your dog to confidently work away from you, which is very helpful for exercises like the drop on recall, go outs and utility signals. Dogs in working spots should be comfortable in the Camp environment and food motivated (able and willing to work for a variety of treats). Dogs may work off-lead or on a long line for some of the exercises.

Food for Thought Lab with Mariah Hinds; Experience level – All

Can your dog spy a cookie on the floor 60 feet away? Does your dog do whatever it takes to get to that cookie? Wouldn't it be nice to be able to put a treat in a bowl, walk away and see your dog cooperate with you to earn that treat? It's possible! This lab will go over teaching your dog to cooperate with you to earn the treat even when the cookie is right under their nose or on their paws or laying out in the open. Join us for the fun and teach your dog to cooperate with you to earn that cookie!

Disc Tricks Lab with Sara Brueske; Experience level - All

While the name of this lab specifies tricks focused on the sport of freestyle disc, these tricks are sure to entertain any crowd. Disc tricks are known for showing off a dog's athleticism as well as the bond and trust between dog and handler. This lab will focus on teaching the beginnings of body stalls, dog catches, rebounds and body overs. Once these basics are learned, the sky is the limit for the creative twists that can be added to make these tricks your own. Toy/disc drive is not necessary for the tricks in the curriculum of this lab.

Nosework – Converging Odor Lab with Stacy Barnett; Experience level – See Description

Is your dog on multiple hides but you aren't sure HOW to challenge him with converging odor? Are you afraid that you'll over-face him? Systematically teach your dog about converging odor in this workshop. Start small and build big! Dogs in working spots in this workshop should be adept at multiple basic hides, sourcing single inaccessible hides and some minor elevation (up to 4 feet). Stacy will show you how to bring these together into a cohesive plan for building converging odor skills.

Canine Sports Medicine with Sue Yanoff - Lecture only- No working team spots!

Learn about some common, and not so common, injuries that can happen to your active dog and how to recognize those problems. Sue will discuss what a good sports medicine exam looks like, the importance of an accurate diagnosis and what to look for when finding someone to help you.

Emotional Caretaking: Use Choice to Prevent Stress with Amy Cook - Lecture only- No working team spots!

One of the biggest desires of any animal is to make choices freely and to have control over what happens to them. Since that's not something we can give a dog at all times, what are some of the key places where giving them choice can make a big difference to them? Come learn new ways of thinking about crate training, socialization to the world and to people (puppies and adults!), fear prevention, and importantly, how to soften the blow when you can't give them the choices they want! Let's be the best emotional caretakers we can be!

Overgreeters with Mariah Hinds - Lecture only- No working team spots!

Does your dog really, really want to go greet that person or that friendly dog way over there? Does your dog's greeting people habits or ability to greet other dogs politely leave a lot to be desired? In this lecture, Mariah will discuss teaching your dog to ignore people and other dogs when you have asked the dog to engage with you. She will discuss teaching your dog to greet people politely. Yes, you can have both! Your dog can greet people and love new people and ignore them when it's time to practice with you.

Back it UP! For Freestyle, Rally-FrEe and Rally Obedience Lab with Julie Flanery; Experience level - All

Are you unsure how to teach your dog to back up? Do you struggle with getting a straight backup? Or one with duration? Are you using a band-aid to hold your backing behavior together? Learn how to clearly communicate criteria to teach or strengthen back-up in heel, right, in front of and with distance from the handler.

Self-Capping Behaviors Lab with Sarah Stremming; Experience level - All

Learn to teach these vital behaviors that require self-control. External control can only achieve so much; our sport dogs must understand how to engage their brain, control their bodies, and bring themselves from a state of high adrenaline to a state of thoughtfulness

Handler Choice Lab with Deb Jones; Experience level - All

Each team will have 10 minutes of one-on-one time to work on what they want.

Agility – Extreme Commitment Lab with Loretta Mueller; Experience level – novice and above

This session will focus on getting INSTANT commitment to jumps when you need it! Many dogs will pull off obstacles as you are trying to get ahead. This session will show you how to create a dog that is solid on their commitment, so you CAN get ahead and STAY ahead!

Stand Your Dog Lab with Julie Symons; Experience level – All

Julie loves a good standing dog! Having a strong response for the stand cue will make all the difference for a successful performance. This lab will cover various methods for teaching a stand cue, developing an instant "wait" with moving stands along with fun ways to address anticipation, subtle footwork for the signal stand, and time permitting, breaking down the exam portion. Our goal is to make standing one of your favorite exercises!!

Recalls Lab with Sara Brueske; Experience level – All

The recall is the single most important behavior you will teach your dog as it will most likely save their life one day. This lab will give step by step instructions for creating a reliable recall as well as help troubleshoot potential areas of difficulty for adventurous dogs. Leave your dog whistle at home, it's time to make recalls fun!