

Jo Sermon Agility Seminars, September 28 – October 9, 2009



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Touch & Go Agility Center
7335 34th Street, North Highlands, CA 95660

To register, fill out and return with at least a 50% down payment to Touch & Go Agility, 7335 34th Street, North Highlands, CA 95660. Balance is due no later than Sep 1, 2009 unless other arrangements are made with TAG. Make checks payable to Touch & Go Agility.

Handler Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail (list only if you check it regularly): _____

Dog Name: _____ Breed: _____

Getting Started Lecture/Demo: \$85.00/day

Full Day Seminars: Working Teams: \$140.00 per day; Auditing: \$70.00 per day

Focus Sessions: Working Teams: \$70.00 per half day; Auditors: \$35 per half day

SEE FOLLOWING PAGES FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND COMPLETE SEMINAR / WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Monday, September 28, 2009: Getting Started the Right Way, Part 1 _____

Tuesday, September 29, 2009: Getting Started the Right Way, Part 2 _____

Wednesday, September 30, 2009, AM: Teaching Turns Work: _____ Audit: _____

Wednesday, September 30, 2009, PM: Building Obstacle Focus Work: _____ Audit: _____

Thursday, October 1, 2009, AM: Developing Impulse Control Work: _____ Audit: _____

Thursday, October 1, 2009, PM: Avoiding Traps! Work: _____ Audit: _____

Friday, October 2, 2009, AM: Focus on Contacts Work: _____ Audit: _____

Friday, October 2, 2009, PM: Focus on Weave Poles Work: _____ Audit: _____

Monday, October 5, 2009: What's YOUR (Dog's) Problem Work: _____ Audit: _____

Tuesday, October 6, 2009: It's All About the Handler - Masters Work: _____ Audit: _____

Wednesday, October 7, 2009: Masters Handling Work: _____ Audit: _____

Thursday, October 8, 2009: It's All About the Handler -Intermediate Work: _____ Audit: _____

Friday, October 9, 2009: Intermediate Handling Work: _____ Audit: _____

I (we) agree that Touch & Go Agility and Jo Sermon have the right to refuse this enrollment or to expel a student for any cause which the aforementioned shall deem to be sufficient.

In consideration of the acceptance of this enrollment and the opportunity to participate in this seminar, I (we) agree to hold Touch & Go Agility and Jo Sermon harmless for any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of my (our) dog(s) while in, upon or near the premises, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim.

I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of my (our) dog(s) by disappearance, theft, death or otherwise, and from any claim for damage or injury to the dog, whether such loss, disappearance, appearance, theft, damage or injury, be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes. I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expenses (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting there from, sustained by any person or person, including myself (ourselves) or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequences of my (our) participation in these classes, howsoever such injuries, death or damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may have alleged to have caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other person.

I (we) certify that the dog to be entered in this seminar is not a hazard to persons or other dogs.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY, AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS THEREOF. I/WE ARE AWARE THAT THIS IS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND TOUCH & GO AGILITY, AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL FOR MYSELF OR MY CHILD, OR ANY INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM I AM THE GUARDIAN.

Signature (if under age 18 parent/guardian must sign)

Date

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Jo Sermon Agility Seminars & Workshops - Something for Everyone! September 28 – October 9, 2009 Hosted by: Touch & Go Agility

Seminar Location: Touch & Go Agility Training Center, 7335 34th Street, North Highlands, CA 95660

Jo Sermon is one of England's top trainers and handlers. She has been named the top ABC (Anything But (Border) Collie handler. Jo has raised and trained bearded collies for over 20 years. Jo works with all breeds, but her first love is her beardies. She has taught at Clean Run, Power Paws, and Say Yes agility camps to rave reviews. She brings a wealth of experience and an unparalleled perspective to her seminars. Learn more about Jo at <http://www.agility-training.co.uk/>

REGISTRATION LIMITS:

- * Getting Started Seminar: No limit
- * Monday, October 5, What's Your Dog's Problem: Limited to 14 working teams
- * All other sessions limited to 12 working teams
- * Auditors are unlimited all days

HOURS:

- * Full day sessions: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm with an hour break for lunch
- * Focus Sessions: AM Session: 8:00 – 11:30 am; PM Session: 12:30 – 4:00 pm

COST:

- * Full days: Working spots: **\$140.00** per day; Auditors: **\$70.00** per day
 - * Focus Sessions: Working spots: **\$70.00** per half day; Auditors: **\$35** per half day
- Cost includes: Continental breakfast items; afternoon snacks; water available all day

Monday, September 28 – Tuesday, September 29, 2009 AGILITY FOUNDATION TRAINING SEMINAR

September 28/29, Monday/Tuesday: Getting Started the Right Way – Puppies & Adult Beginners

- Jo will share her techniques for getting your dog, be it puppy or adult beginner, started off on the right paw. Basically it's what she does **away** from Agility in preparation **for** Agility. She will cover things to do when puppy first comes home or you decide to get started with your adult: building focus & motivation; daily routines; record keeping; how to build a working routine, stays, sends, recalls, play, use of food/rewards, etc.
- **This is a lecture demonstration session.** Jo will select dogs from the audience to use to illustrate her points. Dogs in attendance must be quiet and well behaved.
- Attendance at this session is not required to attend the follow on sessions; however, she will not be covering this same information during those sessions.

Wednesday, September 30 – Friday, October 2, 2009 FOCUS SESSIONS

Each half day session is an independent workshop. You do not have to sign up for both morning and afternoon sessions. Dogs do not have to be competing, but may be working at any level to sign up for these focus sessions, so long as they are confident on equipment and do not require training aids. These are NOT handling sessions.

Wednesday, September 30

8:00 – 11:30 AM: Teaching Turns/Tightening Turns: It's not just about straight lines—they HAVE to turn.

- Classes are won and lost in the spaces between obstacles! Learn how to teach your dog to turn tight when needed, turning as they jump, not after they land.
- Jo will also evaluate your dog during sequencing and will show you how to improve your dog's turning ability.
- Dogs must be able to send forward to a jump in order to work in this session

12:30 – 4:00 PM: Developing Obstacle Focus and Working Distance

- Want your dog to run as fast as THEY can, not as fast as YOU can? Having trouble getting your dog out to that pinwheel jump so you can get your front cross in? They need to be in obstacle focus—looking forward and driving towards an obstacle when you send them on.
- Jo will show us how she teaches her dogs to drive on when sent and how to use those skills to enable you to get where you need to handle complex sequences

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Thursday, October 1

8:00 – 11:30 AM : Developing & Improving Impulse Control

- Even the most focused and motivated dogs need to develop impulse control so you can channel that amazing drive.
- Stays; Start lines; Speed out of any stationary position (start line, tables and contacts) are just a few of the topics Jo will cover. She will show you how she teaches these skills, keeping the work fun and motivating!

12:30 – 4:00 PM: Avoiding Traps: Understanding Lines of Drive

- All courses all have off course options. Some are very subtle, some are blatant. To move at top speed around a course, you need to understand how your dog will move through the course so that you can set them up correctly for any given sequence. When you can do this, you can defuse virtually any trap a judge may lay for the unsuspecting!
- Jo will use short sequences to help you learn how to identify where you want to put your dog on course and how to accomplish that.

Friday, October 2

8:00 – 11:30 am: Focus on Contacts:

- Speed, control, independence: all parts of contact performance. Jo will evaluate your current contact performance and offer suggestions and guidance on ways to improve.

12:30 – 4:00 pm: Focus on Weave poles:

- Entrances, speed, exits, independence: These are all possible weak areas of our dog's weave pole performances. Jo will offer her suggestions on improving your weave pole performance and overall weave pole training plan.

Monday, October 5 – Friday, October 9, 2009.: AGILITY HANDLING SEMINARS

This week's sessions will focus on building teamwork between dog and handler through improving your handling skills and strategies

Monday, Oct 5, 8:00 am – 4:00: What's YOUR (Dog's) Problem?

- **Open to dogs competing at any AKC or USDAA level; CPE Level 3 or higher; or with TAG permission**
- One of the comments frequently heard after a seminar is over is that your exact problem didn't get addressed! Well, this session takes care of that! About two weeks before the seminar, you will declare just what problem you want to work on.
- Focus/attention/motivation problems will not be addressed unless associated with a specific obstacle - these topics were covered in the Getting Started days!
- Handlers with the same problem will be grouped together
- Everyone is guaranteed the same amount of personalized attention (we're putting a clock on the sessions to be sure!) and you will also hear detailed instruction on a wide array of problems. The session enables everyone to listen into what is going on with the other handlers as well as having their own dedicated time with Jo.

Tuesday, October 6, 2009 - It's all About the Handler – Masters Level

- **Open to dogs and handlers working at the AKC Excellent B; USDAA Masters; CPE Level C; others with TAG permission. No motivation, focus or equipment issues.**
- **No Second Chances** – AKA: Get It Right the FIRST Time! The morning will challenge you to do it right the first time – just like in a trial. Often, in training situations, you know there is no consequence for making an error, so you don't put your full mental game on the line. Here, you are put under pressure because there IS a consequence for mistakes: you make an error, you're done. The goal for this session is to help you work on your mental game and have fun at the same time!
- **Which is Quicker?** – The afternoon will focus on decision making. Do you know how to choose the right path for YOUR dog when faced with an option? Not always the same for every dog! Video analysis may be used during these exercises.

Wednesday, October 7: Masters Handling:

- **Open to dogs and handlers working at the AKC Excellent B/USDAA Masters; CPE Level C; others with TAG permission. No motivation, focus or equipment issues.**
- Finding ways to shave seconds and feet off those tough sequences.
- This day will focus on helping you to achieve your best possible course times. Sequences will touch on such advanced handling skills such as threadles, serpentines, distance skills and more...all those skills we need to succeed at the Masters level.
- Exercises will be focused on handling jumping sequences, not contacts, so no control points to give you time to stop and think!! Handling skills are most needed when working at speed!

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Thursday, October 8: It's All About the Handler – Intermediate Level

- Open to dogs and handlers working at AKC Open/Excellent A; USDAA Advanced; CPE Level 4, 5 or with TAG permission
- Same as Masters session, but focused at the intermediate skill level.

Friday, October 9: Intermediate Handling: Putting it all together

- Open to dogs and handlers working at AKC Open/Excellent A; USDAA Advanced; CPE Level 4, 5 or with TAG permission.
- This day will focus on helping you to achieve the best possible course times and to identify areas you may need to do some focused training on to improve your performance.
- Exercises will focus on extending and refining your existing skills. Exercises may include, but are not limited to: proofing equipment skills; tightening turns; speed into turns; discriminations; and other challenges that you encounter on course. Video analysis of some exercises may be used during these sessions.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY OF THESE SESSIONS, PLEASE CONTACT KATHIE LEGGETT AT:

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