BACK-TO-BACK TRICKS WORKSHOPS WITH DIANE GIBBONS AND MARY HORNE IN BRATTLEBORO, VT!

Saturday, October 17th, 2015

\$50.00 per workshop for Working Teams (limited to 6); \$25 for auditors (unlimited)

Held at Breeze Thru Agility, 30 Bradford Drive (off Putney Rd near I91 Exit 3 roundabout), Brattleboro, VT

Register for both workshops and save \$10!

Trick training - fun in and of itself - is excellent for enhancing one's dog's proprioception skills, building his or her ability and eagerness to learn, and strengthening the bond between you. Please join us for one or both of the following!

Foundation Skills for Trick Training 10am.-12pm.

In this workshop, we will help you and your dog build a strong foundation that can be applied to trick training and virtually any other venue of training (agility, obedience, etc.) you desire. Core skills such as nose touches, paw touches, mat behaviors, perching, offering behavior (free shaping) and the basics of sit, down and wait will all be covered. Once a dog knows the basics, learning more complex behaviors becomes a snap!

Tricks for FUN!: 1-3 p.m.

While they may or may not have practical applications, some trick are just plain fun to teach and show off to friends and family. Many of these are crowd pleasers in Animal-Assisted Therapy Dog visits as well. Tricks to be introduced in this workshop include: Hoop jumping, pushing a ball, say your prayers, roll over, play dead, platform jumping, jump over my _____ (arm, leg, back, etc.), and "scotch" backwards in a play bow. With these tricks in his or her repertoire, your dog will be the star of any show!

Dogs attending should be injury-free and in good health, have good focus in a class setting, be food motivated and be able to follow a lure. Dogs should also be able to work comfortably around other dogs on leash and be reasonably quiet during demo and discussion time (or they will need to be crated in your car. Please bring a chew bone to help with quiet, if needed).

Diane Gibbons is an agility and trick dog instructor. She teaches at the Monadnock Humane Society as well as through her business Deep Down Dog Training. Her dogs have titles in agility, rally obedience, and trick dog. Her interest is in active sports training for building a great relationship between dogs and their people. She is a graduate of the Karen Pryor Academy of Animal Training and Behavior, and is a Certified Training Partner. She is all about positive training and having fun with your dog.

Mary Horne has been training dogs (and their people!) in basic skills and manners, therapy dog work and competition obedience and Rally for over 15 years. She has titled her own dogs at the highest levels of obedience and Rally and enjoys training in retriever field work, tracking, agility and, of course, tricks! Fun is the name of the game for Mary and her dogs in all they do. Mary is a graduate of the San Francisco Academy for Dog Trainers, a Certified Professional Dog Trainer (CPDT-KA) and a member of the Association of Professional Dog Trainers (APDT). For more info about Mary, please visit www.VTDogLover.com.

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