



Kerry Smith

AGILITY SEMINARS

Friday, 11/5 - Sunday, 11/7

Kerry tries to build upon skills taught each day and incorporate those skills throughout the weekend, so it is very beneficial to attend multiple days but not necessary, as she can also adjust and modify to your needs.

Fri 11/5: Importance of Foundations

This session is for puppies, young dogs, or older dogs that need a refresher on foundational skills. Topics include building drive vs. impulse control, forward drive vs. handler focus, collection vs. extension, and jumping skills. There will also be opportunities to proof these foundational skills in the presence of distractions.

Session 1: 8am-12pm *For puppies up to 6 months

Session 2: 1-5pm *For dog over 6 months

Sat 11/6: Problem Solving and Skills in Short Sequences

This session will help you develop skills to improve distance and gain advantage on course whether you are handling ahead, laterally or behind. We will go over how to use verbal skills and body language to help your dog on course, and use short sequences to practice those skills. Time will be taken to make sure criteria are understood by both the handler and the dog. Whether you are working on AKC style courses or international style challenges, there will be drills and homework to address your specific needs. Jumps and tunnels only.

Session 1: 8am-12pm

Session 2: 1pm-5pm

Sun 11/7: Work Smarter NOT Harder

This session will focus on analyzing and running international style courses using lines that are the clearest and fastest for your dog. Finding the best lines on a course will help you determine which way to turn on a course and choose the best way to handle a sequence. Finding the natural line for the dog will make you feel less frantic on course and be more proactive. It will let your dog know earlier which way to go and you will see less frustration in your dog and you will actually have to run less.

Session 1: 8am-12pm

Session 2: 1pm-5pm

Working spots: \$175/session
(Working spots limited to 5 each session)
Auditing spots: \$75/session

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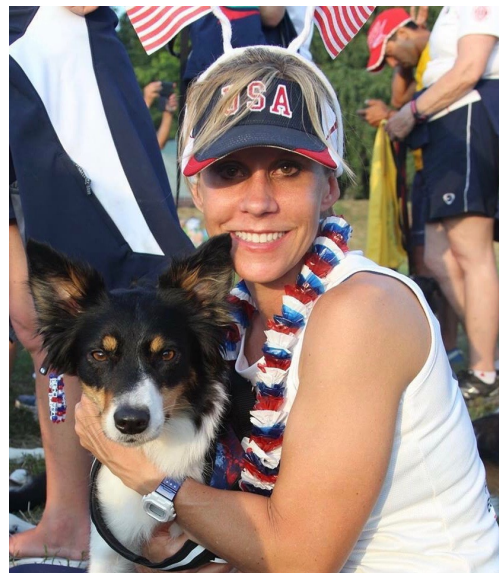
Seminar will be held at Top Dog Training Center

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Kerry Smith

Kerry has a long history of teaching both people and animals. She has a M.Ed. and also trained and competed with horses before agility. In 2002, Kerry started competitive obedience and agility with her difficult and strong-willed dachshund Xena, and after working through much frustration, attained MACH5, multiple top 5 rankings, and 2 Invitationals. Since then, she has run and trained cavaliers, terriers, dobermans, border collies, and many other breeds. Kerry understands that not all dogs have the same drive, work ethic, and confidence, and teaches you how to best connect with your dog and put yourself in your dog's place. Whether your goals are local, national, or international competition, her experiences have given her the ability to adapt to each handler's needs.

In 2018, Kerry's student Robin Terry and her Novice A dog Cassie won AKC National Championships in the 20" class and represented the US on the EO team. This year, Robin and Cassie will be representing the USA at the 2020 World Agility Open.

Some of Kerry's accomplishments include:

- 2019 Cynosport Grand Prix silver medalist
- 2019 US Open finalist
- 2017, 2016 IFCS USA world team member
- 2017 WAO USA world team member
- 2017 US Open gold medalist
- 2015 Americas y el Caribe Agility International – 4th overall large dog
- 2015 Cynosport 2x silver medalist (two different dogs)
- 2014 European Open USA team member
- 2014 FCI Agility World Championships short list
- 30+ medals at various regional events and tryouts with multiple dogs

Kerry's handling is primarily inspired by OMD methods. She has worked with top instructors including: Jenny Damm, Marco Giavoni, Timo Liuhto, Tuulia Liuhto, Tobias Wurst, Daniel Schroder, and Anne Lenz (among others).