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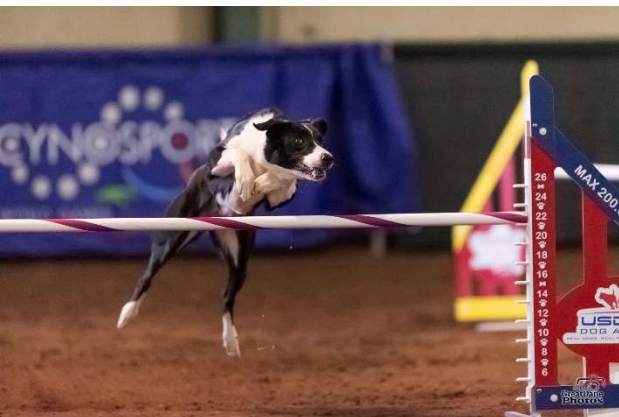
MELANIE MILLER

3-8 October 2017



Melanie has been involved in dog agility since 1998, and has developed her own style of handling, melding concepts from great handlers around the world. Her handling is always aimed at giving the dog the earliest possible information, while keeping the handler ahead to show clear, effective cues. She also recognizes that each dog and handler team is unique, and works to find the best possible solution for that team. She believes that each team's potential is unlimited and she works to give a clear plan for the next most critical steps to help that team reach their full potential. Melanie has a unique approach to her instruction, combining several key concepts:

- High motivation for all dogs to maximize drive and potential
- High reinforcement for all handlers to keep the game fun
- Focus on delivering information as early as possible to the dog through timely handling and skill proficiency
- A holistic view of all the components required, including a solid mental game, fitness of handler and dog, and keeping all elements in balance.



Melanie's career accomplishments include:

- 2017 European Open USA Large Team Member (Integrity)
- 2017 IFCS 500 Team Member (Integrity) - 7th Individual All Around, 3rd Agility Triathlon
- 2016 European Open USA Large Team Member (Integrity)
- 2016 IFCS 650 USA Team Member (Integrity)
- 2014 IFCS CCOA 16" All-Around Individual GOLD, Gamblers GOLD, Individual Jumping GOLD, Biathlon SILVER (Smitten)
- 2014 IFCS CCOA 26" Snooker GOLD, Gamblers SILVER (Integrity)
- 2014 US Open 3rd Biathlon Jumping, 4th Overall Speedstakes (Integrity)
- 2014 World Agility Open 650 USA Team Member (Integrity)
- 2011 European Open USA Medium Team Member (Smitten)
- 2010 AKC Invitational 3rd in Finals (Austin)
- 2009 European Open USA Medium Team Member and Finalist (Smitten)
- 15x National Finalist (Smitten, Austin, and Integrity)
- 14x Regional Champion (Smitten and Integrity)
- 3x USDAA LAA-Silver (Regan, Austin, and Smitten)
- 20 Championship Titles (Regan, Austin, Smitten, and Integrity)

*The format of this seminar will be the same as previous EmDogs seminars, as it has worked so well. There will be morning and evening sessions, with small groups to insure maximum working time for all people and pups, without having to spend all day at the seminar! The morning sessions will be limited to six (6) dogs, and the evening sessions will be limited to seven (7) dogs.*



## **4 October – Advanced Handling – 10am-3pm**

Coursework at the Advanced level to challenge your skills, timing, and best handling choices.

## **5 & 6 October – Masters & Beyond – 10am-3pm**

Masters+ courses designed to push dogs and handlers out of their comfort zones, identify the best handling strategies for each team, plus a list of homework items.

## **7 October – Novice Handling – 10am-3pm**

Getting ready to enter the ring with your next agility star? This session will help you problem solve your teamwork on novice-level sequences.

## **8 October – Young Dogs – 10am-3pm**

Learn all the puzzle pieces to building a successful agility the start! This day will introduce many fun games you can play with your future agility star both without equipment and with the use of a few items such as tunnel and wings.

## **3 October – Contacts & Weaves (Training)– 6pm-9pm**

This is for anyone just getting started, troubleshooting teaching weaves/contacts, or looking for ideas on how to make criteria clear from the very beginning. This session will cover start to finish teaching these obstacle skills.

## **4 October – Contacts & Weaves (Proofing) – 6pm-9pm**

Do you have trained contacts/weaves, but want to take your skills to the next level? This session is for you! Challenge your pup's understanding, and get ideas on how to keep success high and develop a higher level of confidence in your dog's abilities. This session will focus on proofing already trained behaviours versus starting the obstacles from scratch.

## **5 October – Extreme Verbals – 6pm-9pm**

Learn what all the top international handlers are saying! Open your eyes to what is possible for each verbal command, and leave with a game plan to teach them to your dog.

## **6 October – Missing Link – 6pm-9pm**

Unlock Your Dog's Full Potential with this session. Do you have trouble motivating your dog at trials? Do trial environments send your canine partner over the top? Find out which pieces of the trial process are standing in the way of reaching your full potential as a team! We will dig into what makes your canine partner tick, how to work with their natural tendencies and build to create a driven, motivated and focused worker!

## **7 October – Extreme Blind Cross – 6pm-9pm**

Think blinds only cue extension? Think again! Come learn the proper timing of blind crosses and see that when timed properly, they can be used just about anywhere on course.



# Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

First Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Experience Level?: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Experience Level?: \_\_\_\_\_

Working AM: \$200

Package 1: \$380 for two AM Working spots

Working PM: \$125

Package 2: \$560 for three AM Working spots

Auditing AM: \$50

Package 3: \$225 for one AM Audit, and one AM Working

Auditing PM: \$30

Package 4: \$75 for two AM Audit spots

\* Save \$10 on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> PM working session \* Packages can be shared over multiple dogs under same handler \*

## Morning Sessions

## Working/Auditing

## \$ Price \$

4 October – Advanced		
5 October – Masters +		
6 October – Masters +		
7 October -- Novice		
8 October – Young Dogs		

## Afternoon Sessions

## Working/Auditing

## \$ Price \$

3 October – Contacts/Weaves (Training)		
4 October – Contacts/Weaves (Proofing)		
5 October – Extreme Verbals		
6 October – Missing Link		
7 October – Extreme Blind Cross		

Camping is available on site at \$15/night.

**Total fees:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete the registration form and remit payment to EmDogs, 5108 14<sup>th</sup> St, Plano, TX 75074.**

E-mail reservations for the seminar may be made to [emdogs@gmail.com](mailto:emdogs@gmail.com), and 50% deposit must be received within 1 week or your spot will be cancelled. *Payment must be made in full by 4 August 2017 or your spot will be forfeited to someone on the wait list.*

- Some crating is available on site, please feel free to provide your own.
- Please bring your own chair.
- Light snacks and waters will be available throughout the day.

