



How to Be Successful at Agility Games ~ Focus on Gamblers and Snooker ~

Workshop

WAC Fundraiser Event

Understanding games strategy and skills required for success

Are you mystified by the rules of Gamblers and Snooker? Are you looking for ways to improve your distance work and other skills so that you can achieve those elusive games titles? Then this is the workshop for you. When we start playing agility with our dogs we tend to focus on achieving clear rounds in agility and jumping classes but before too long we find ourselves enticed into enter those mysterious games, only to realize that we don't have the understanding or skills required to be successful. Agility Games can be very confusing and each game has its own particular set of strategies and skills. This workshop focuses on teaching you the strategies involved with Gamblers and Snooker and skills you and your dog need to be successful. Handlers will run a number of sequences which cover the basic skills such as distance work, running past obstacles and thinking on your feet. Handlers will also participate in strategy sessions designed to help you become more successful in Gamblers and Snooker. The workshop will be followed by a games competition where you can put your newly acquired knowledge and skills into practice. Workshop participants will receive a discount on their entries (see competition schedule for details).

DATE: Saturday 10th April, 2010
VENUE: Tivoli Sports Complex, 69 Church Street, Tivoli.
TIME: Arrive 9:30 am for a 10:00am start. 4:00pm finish
COST: Working spot (with a dog) \$80 - limited
Auditor (without a dog) \$50 – unlimited

REGISTRATION Completed registration forms with payment must be received by **Thursday 1st April, 2010.**
Working spots are not secured until payment is received.
Juniors (10 – 16 inclusive) *must complete and return a guardian permission form*

Instructors:

Maria Thiry has been training and competing with her dogs in agility since 2000. She has successfully trained both of her Border Collies Roxy and Split to many titles with both achieving AAC and multiple MAAD titles along with games and team titles. With Roxy she was in the top 3 places of the Individual Agility Challenge at the ADAA Grand Prix for every year they competed and with Split she won the Novice Agility finals at the ANKC Nationals in 2006. She started competed with her young border collie Kwyk in June 2009 and since then she has achieved her SAAD and AATD titles in ADAA and in ANKC she has AD, JD, SD, GD, SPD.

Natalie Kirkwood has been competing since 1989 beginning as a Junior. She has put titles onto her dogs at both ANKC and ADAA. She has achieved three AAC titles with multiple breeds of dogs and has been successful at major events at all levels of competition in both ANKC Nationals and ADAA Grand Prix with her dogs Buddee, Skye, Nitro (border collies) and Sonic and Spaghetti (bearded collies). She has earned all types of Games titles with multiple dogs. She has also been an ADAA judge since 1995, and has been teaching new judges the intricacies of games for many years.

Denise Crook began agility in 2003, with her rescue Kelpie cross, Lexie. She has successfully trained both Lexie and her young Border Collie, Flash to Advanced and Masters level. Both dogs hold numerous Agility and Games titles. Along with her IAD4 and multiple MAAD titles, Lexie has also achieved both her AAC and her Ag CH titles while Flash has achieved her AAC. Denise has competed successfully in both ADAA and ANKC agility. She has achieved 1st, 2nd and 3rd places at ANKC National and State level and has won the Medallion Stakes, the Individual Agility Challenge, the Individual All Round Challenge and the Individual Games Challenge at the ADAA Grand Prix. In 2008 and 2009 she and Lexie were members of the Queensland State Agility team.

Ian Weston became interested in Agility in 2005 after being introduced to the sport by a neighbour who is a member of Suncoast Fundogs Agility Club. Ian joined SCFD with Bobbi, a terrier cross puppy rescued from the RSPCA pound at Dakabin, who is his first agility dog. After 4 years of competition, Bobbi has earned various titles including AAC, MAAD9 and IAD2, and has enjoyed success at the previous three ADAA Grand Prix competitions including winning the 2008 and 2009 Medallion Stakes Finals.

Joanne Lewohl has been competing in agility since 2003. She has successfully trained her Border Collies, Pepper and Luna, and her Cocker Spaniel, Sophie to numerous ADAA and ANKC agility and games titles. As well as multiple MAAD titles, all three dogs hold their AAC titles. Joanne has achieved 1st, 2nd and 3rd places at ANKC National and State level and Luna and Pepper placed first and second in both the Individual Agility Challenge and the Individual All Round Challenge at the 2009 ADAA Grand Prix.

WORKSHOP INFORMATION

General Information

- Combination of instruction, discussion and hands on
- Discussion of strategies for success in Gamblers and Snooker
- Teaching distance work from the ground up and distance drills for those with more experience
- Workshop sessions start at 10am and finish at 4pm. Registration commences 9.30am
- Limited working spots
- Unlimited Auditors

Instructors and Set-up

- All instructors are volunteers.
- Please show good manners and listen to what they have to say.
- When asked to change a course or a sequence, please jump in and help.
- Please be ready by 9.30 am to help the instructors with the set-up of the various classes.

Food/ Drink

- Self catering - BYO Food and Drinks.
- Tea and coffee provided. Some cold drinks available for purchase

What to Bring

- Dog crate (if possible) to house dog while watching videos
- Shelter or shade, hat and sunscreen
- Dog toys, treats etc
- Notebook, pens etc

Conditions

- **All handlers, auditors and instructors must be a financial member of ADAA.** Application forms are available from ADAA website. Applications should be posted to the

ADAA post box and should arrive by Thursday 1st April for processing prior to the workshop day.

- ADAA expects that all training be carried out in a humane and positive manner. No harsh handling will be tolerated.
- ADAA reserves the right to ask any member to leave or to stop them from entering their dog in any class/training situation if in the opinion of ADAA the handler has demonstrated bad sportsmanship or the handler has demonstrated harsh handling.

Refunds

- The Participant (and their Guardian where appropriate) has read and understands ADAA's Refund Policy, which is available at http://www.adaa.com.au/_policies/POL-FIN-13-Refund-Policy-080124.pdf and by signing and lodging the booking Form agrees to and is bound by the Refund Policy.

Need more Information?

For more information/queries contact Denise Crook email: dcrook@tpg.com.au or phone 3219 2218 or 0407814164.

This workshop is an ADAA World Agility Championships (WAC) fundraiser. All money raised will go towards funding the Australian team to compete at IFCS World Agility Championships in the UK, May 2010.

All of the instructors for this workshop are handlers selected for the Australian Team for the WAC in 2010 except for Maria Thiry who is the Australian Team Coach.



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BOOKING FORM

MR/MRS/MISS/MS SURNAME: FIRST NAME:

EMAIL:

POSTAL ADDRESS:

SUBURB: STATE: POST CODE:

PHONE: Day Mobile Night

Please tick the appropriate box

Handler with Dog Auditor

HANDLER WITH DOG - DOG'S NAME: DOG'S AGE: DOG'S

TITLES (if any):

CURRENT LEVEL OF COMPETITION:

IF YOUR REQUEST FOR HANDLING WITH DOG IS UNSUCCESSFUL, ARE YOU HAPPY TO AUDIT THE SESSION: Yes /

No / Please contact me first

IF APPLICABLE, PROVIDE SOME DETAILS OF YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH AGILITY GAMES:

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PROVIDE SOME DETAILS OF YOUR DOG'S TRAINING/SKILLS LEVEL:

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PAYMENT DETAILS

Please complete the box below

Position	Cost	Quantity	Total
Games Workshop – handler with dog	\$80		
Games Workshop – auditor	\$50		
TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE			
Cheque / money order to: Agility Dog Association of Australia Ltd			

Mail to: Denise Crook
40 Gilliver Street
Mount Gravatt East, 4122

NO BOOKINGS ACCEPTED AFTER THURSDAY 1st APRIL. PAYMENT REQUIRED TO SECURE BOOKING