



North Arkansas Kennel Club Inc. ~ March 20 & 21st 2010

Obedience Seminar with Gail Brown

Saturday 9 am – 5 pm ~ Sunday 9am – finish about 3 to 4 pm
Held at Northwest District Fairgrounds, Harrison, Arkansas 72601
(Indoors – Blue Building) Fairgrounds Road off of Route 62 B

Saturday's Seminar Topics:

Mini Seminar Topics:

- Training philosophy
- Keeping dogs under control...Dog related etiquette...excessive barking, my dog is just being friendly, jumping on people
- Seminar-itis symptoms and what to do about it
- When the dog does wrong in the show ring...what to do about it

Instructing:

- How to correct a dog physically & correctly...a correction makes a dog correct = praise follows
- When to try exercises off leash in class...either obedience, rally or agility
- If a dog is off leash and attacks, endangers or harasses other students' dogs, the other students' rights to safe training conditions ...

Training dogs:

- Why do we think agility training is fun but obedience training isn't?
- Going with the flow...how to listen to the dog when training
- The use of rewards in training...what to use & when to use them
- Avoidance behaviors in training...what they tell you & how to deal with them
- A dog's defense drive...fight or flight...how that pertains to training, you can correct the problem of biting or running away, but it is no longer related to the original training problem.
- Use of body language in obedience, rally & agility...it's all related
- How to get more control from a distance...the area of influence

Saturday's Seminar Topics Continued:

- Introducing the jumps...teaching the dog to push off & use its legs & body correctly
- How to correct a stay problem...timing, making it clear to the dog
- what is wrong & what is right
- Teach the moving sit
- Teach the down...and the moving down
- Teach heel position exercises...straight, sideways, pivot right/left, about turns, U-turns
- Challenging the dog...when to challenge, when to help, when to go back & train instead
- Show the fast take off from heel position...show how it relates to a change of pace

Sunday's Seminar Topics:

- From the judge's point of view
- How to set up a ring and the reasons why
- How to decide on the heeling pattern and the reasons why
- How to decide where to do the other exercises and the reason why
- Learning to see the important parts of the exercise
- Judging handler errors
- Scoring
- Your judging equipment

* QUESTIONS WILL BE ADDRESSED AFTER EACH SUBJECT
There will be many opportunities for people to work with their dogs both in a group and singly.

Gail Brown has been involved in dog training since 1961. She started with a Sheltie and since then has trained 17 different breeds to titles, including dogs from the Sporting, Hound, Herding, Working, and Non-sporting groups, ranging in size from a Toy Poodle to a Borzoi. She has earned 42 CDs, 28 CDXs, 22 UDs and 4 UDXs. She has earned 3 AKC OTCHs including the first AKC OTCH in Oklahoma, the first VCD 3 in Oklahoma, 4 UKC OCHs, including numerous High in Trial & High Combined awards. She has also has titled multiple dogs to advanced levels in tracking, Schutzhund, Rally, AKC and UKC agility. She is currently showing her rescue Belgian Tervuren.

She has instructed classes at all levels of obedience since 1962, and more recently added agility & rally. She became an AKC obedience judge in 1978 and is approved through Utility.

Gail believes in a balanced training program. She uses many different methods to accomplish her training goals and doesn't look at any method as being totally wrong. She feels that every training method has merit, since those various methods have worked successfully with some dog, somewhere, at some time. If there is a "secret" to good dog training, it is being able to choose the correct method and knowing the right time to use it with each individual dog. Gail doesn't try to force people to change methods but instead encourages trainers to try to find the weak links in their training program or look for slightly different approaches to training problems.



Seminar Registration

Name(s): _____ Phone:(_____)

E-mail: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

\$75.00 per person – NAKC Members \$50.00 per person – Juniors (under 18) \$20.00 per junior with paid adult in attendance - Make checks payable NAKC, and mail to: NAKC 2009 Seminar, Attn Cj L. Titus, P.O. Box 341, Lakeview, AR 72642. Registration conformation will be made by email if provided. Any questions contact Cj Titus at: cj@dbarcy.com and put NAKC in subject or call and leave message at 870-404-1758.