



Fenzi Dog Sports Academy Training Camp

June 22-25, 2017

Linn County Expo Center, Albany, Oregon

Obedience, Rally, Agility, Nosework, Freestyle, Rally FrEe

Instructors

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Registration

Priority registrations (see phases) will be given to students that have previous enrollments in FDSA online courses. Course registrations will be counted as of December 16, 2016. Registration codes will be emailed to qualified students 24 hours prior to the relative phase for registration opening.

Priority registration **phase one** will open January 9, 2017 (9am to 11:00pm PST) for academy students that have previously registered for eight or more courses at any level (gold, silver or bronze).

Priority registration **phase two** will open January 11, 2017 (9am to 11:00pm PST) for academy students that have previously registered for two or more courses at any level (gold, silver or bronze).

General registration will open January 16, 2017 at 9am PST.

Full camp working spot (with dog) fee is \$425 plus an estimated \$25 registration program service fee.

Full camp auditing spot (no dog) fee is \$235 plus an estimated \$10 registration program service fee.

Single day auditing spot (no dog) fee is \$100 plus an estimated \$9 registration program service fee and will open February 1, 2017 if space is still available.

Please direct any additional questions to fdsa.training.camp@gmail.com

Frequently Asked Questions

How do the dog & handler working spots register and work?

All dog and handler working teams must pre-select their labs during registration. Teams will select and participate in one morning and one afternoon working lab each day for Thursday and Friday. Teams will work a fifteen-minute private lesson on Saturday and select one additional lab. Teams will select a sport for Sunday for a 10-minute run-through with judge (instructor) feedback. Handlers will audit the other sessions when they are not working a dog. We strongly suggest that working spot registrations review all the lab selections before registration. Working spot selections are space limited so options will be decreased as we fill spots. Additional lab spots may be available once general registration has filled.

How do audit registrations work?

All labs and lectures are open seating for people not working a dog. Audit registrations are **not** required to pre-select their sessions during registration. Auditors are welcome to attend day four but should note that audio will not be available.

Experience Levels for Working Dogs

Each session contains the required experience level for a working team. Novice is defined as having introductory experience with the topic. Example: Nosework and Agility – you would not take a working spot if your dog has never taken part in the sport or never taken a class.

Can I bring an extra dog?

Limited extra crating room is available for extra dogs for either working or audit spots. The fee for this will be \$30 per dog for the entire camp and you must include this as part of the registration process. This fee will be donated to help fund the FDSA scholarship programs. Please note we will limit this option so we advise you to register early before that option sells out.

Can I work more than one dog?

You may work separate dogs in separate labs but cannot split working time in a single lab. If you need crating space, then you are subject to the extra dog fee as above.

Is my dog suitable for this camp?

Will your dog be comfortable and well behaved in a moderately crowded space with the presence of other dogs and people? While we have limited enrollments to avoid excessive crowding, other dogs and people will be nearby. If you are working through uncontrolled reactivity or aggression, then this is not a suitable environment. It's not fair to your dog, and it's not fair to other dogs who need to feel safe to perform their best.

This conference runs for 3.5 days. The crating will be a high traffic area. Can your dog handle being crated for hours on end in a separate area without your presence? Barking and whining can be a huge problem. It is stressful for the other dogs that will be crated near your dog, and it is highly disruptive to both speakers and participants. If your dog cannot settle comfortably in a crate for several hours, your dog is not a good candidate for this event. Is your dog mentally mature enough to work several times over a weekend? Even a highly seasoned dog is going to be taxed by a 3.5-day conference. Before enrolling, ask yourself if attending this conference with your dog is in their best interest.

What is your refund policy?

A refund (less a 25% registration processing fee – maximum \$100) will be issued if requested on or before February 28, 2017. Refunds and/or substitutions requested after February 28, 2017 up to and including May 21, 2017 will be conditional on a suitable replacement from the waiting list or an approved substitution registering for the same type of spot. Cancellations and / or approved substitutions are refunded in the full amount excluding service fees, less a 25% processing fee (maximum \$100). All changes must be requested by email to fdsa.training.camp@gmail.com. No refunds or substitutions will be considered after May 21, 2017. There are no exceptions to this policy.

Other Important Information

Pre-purchased lunch options are available as part of registration. Please keep in mind that lunch is only one hour when making your choice.

Visit <http://www.lcfairexpo.com/> for more information about the facility and surrounding area.

Accommodation information. The host hotels are located next to each other and on the grounds of the facility. We have negotiated a rate of \$129 per night (two adults) with a \$10 per night per room pet fee. Please phone the hotels directly and request the Fenzi Dog Sports group rate to book. Both hotels include hot breakfast.

Holiday Inn Express 541-928-8820 <https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/albany/alnkb/hoteldetail>
Comfort Inn 541-928-2053 <https://www.choicehotels.com/oregon/albany/comfort-suites-hotels/or100>

RV Camping is also available on the grounds. For more information and to reserve please visit <http://www.lcfairexpo.com/>

Day One - Thursday June 22, 2017						
Time	Time	Session	Session	Session	Session	Session
8:30-9:00	30min	Welcome - Denise Fenzi Lecture				
9:00-9:15	Break					
9:15-10:45	90min	Julie Symons Ring Confidence	Deb Jones Shaping Retrieves	Hannah Branigan Figure 8	Loretta Mueller Agility Motivation Games	Stacy Barnett Inaccessible Hides
10:45-11:00	Break					
11:00-12:30	90min	Julie Flanery Back It Up	Shade Whitesel Dog Ready to Work	Denise Fenzi Time to Compete?	Nancy G. Little Agility Start Lines	Amy Cook Reactivity Mgmt
12:30-1:30	Lunch					
1:30-3:40	130min	Denise Fenzi Engagement	Shade Whitesel Toy Play	Hannah Branigan Stop Sniffing	Loretta Meller Getting Ahead	Stacy Barnett Confidence/Motivation
3:40-4:00	Break					
4:00-6:00	120min	Julie Flanery Training Aids Use/Lose	Deb Jones Focus	Nancy G. Little Healing Your Handling	Julie Symons OB Games - Novice	Debbie Gross Sit to Stand Conditioning

Day Two - Friday June 23, 2017						
Time		Session	Session	Session	Session	Session
9:00-10:40	100min	Julie Flanery Fabulous Fronts	Shade Whitesel Heeling	Amy Cook Judging Pressure	Loretta Mueller Weaves	Stacy Barnett Elevation High / Low
10:40-11:00	Break					
11:00-12:40	100min	Nancy G. Little Utility Problem Solving	Denise Fenzi Heeling	Julie Symons Stand Your Dog	Hannah Branigan Drop on Recall	Deb Jones Human Shaping Lab
12:40-1:40	Lunch					
1:40-3:40	120min	Shade Whitesel Location Specific Markers	Amy Cook Play Without Toys	Denise - Heeling Nancy - Heeling	Loretta Mueller Proper Use of Motion	Stacy Barnett Hide Placement Design
3:40-4:00	Break					
4:00-6:00	120min	Julie Flanery Back Chaining	Hannah Branigan Heeling	Deb Jones Clockwork & Cues	Julie Symons OB Games - Open/Utility	Shade - Lecture 60 min Reducing Reinforcement

Day Three - Saturday June 24, 2017							
Time		Session	Session	Session	Session	Session	
9:00-11:00	120min	Individual Sessions 15 minutes - Denise, Shade, Hannah, Nancy, Loretta, Julie S.					Sarah Stremming Lecture - Is My Dog OK?
11:00-11:15	Break						
11:15-12:45	90min	Deb Jones Rally Skills	Julie Symons Scent Discrimination	Julie Flanery From Click to Cue	Amanda Nelson Distance	Stacy Barnett Converging Odor	
12:45-1:45	Lunch						
1:45-3:45	120 min	Individual Sessions 15 minutes - Denise, Hannah, Shade, Julie F., Nancy, Stacy					Sarah Stremming Lecture - Behavior Wellness
3:45-4:00	Break						
4:00-5:30	90min	Deb Jones Handler Choice	Julie Symons OB Jumping Skills/Games	Amanda Nelson Confidence Games	Loretta Mueller Mental Mgmt	Debbie Gross Condition EVERY Dog	
5:30-5:40	Break						
5:40-6:00	20min	General Closing Session - Denise Fenzi					

Day Four - Sunday June 25, 2017						
Time		Session	Session	Session	Session	Session
9:00-12:00		Mock Trial With Feedback (10 minutes) - Obedience, Fenzi TEAM, Agility, Rally, Rally Free, Nosework				

See detailed lab descriptions for more information

Day One – Morning Lab Descriptions

Handlers with working spots will select one morning lab.
Maximum of 9 working dogs per lab.

Ring Confidence Lab with Julie Symons; Experience level – All

Did you know that your dog needs to be taught to enjoy the competition ring? It's true! This lab is designed to help your dog look forward to the ring despite the normal stressors that exist at a dog show! By emphasizing a positive association between the traditional ring entrance found in trials and your ability to produce a fabulous party, we can closely condition our dogs to love the competition ring.

Shaping Retrieves Lab with Deb Jones; Experience level - All

This lab will focus on the process of shaping to introduce and improve your dog's formal retrieve. We will be splitting the retrieve behavior into tiny parts to isolate any problem areas. Dogs at all levels of the retrieve, including the very beginning steps, are welcome. Dogs in working spots should be highly food motivated. Bring an appropriately sized retrieve object for your dog to work with in this lab.

Figure Eight Lab with Hannah Branigan; Experience level – See Description

This lab will be an intensive focus on the Figure Eight exercise found in Novice and Open obedience, and all levels of Rally. We will break out and refine the skills necessary for a focused, precise, and joyful performance. We will be covering both dog skills and critical handling skills. Because we will be practicing these skills both with and without the dogs, dogs must be able to rest comfortably (and quietly) in their crates when they are not working. We will not be covering heeling foundation skills, so working teams should have a good start on heeling fundamentals before attending. Teams that are already experienced with shaping, hand targeting, pivot platforms, and zen games will get the most out of this workshop.

Agility - Motivation Games for Agility Dogs Lab with Loretta Mueller; Experience level – Novice and above

Do you want your dog to have more focus and drive in agility? Do you need some things to do with your dog that require very minimal equipment? This lab will introduce games to get your dog focused and in drive, games to manage drive, games to get that "on switch" and games to build resiliency in your dog.

Nosework - Conquering Inaccessible Hides Lab with Stacy Barnett; Experience level – Novice and above

Are you ready to take the next step in Nosework? Learn how to train and refine inaccessible hides. When do you call Alert? How close is close enough? What about the many gradations of inaccessible? This skill based workshop will teach you about handling Inaccessible Hides from both ends of the leash. Dogs in working spots should be on odor and adept at single, simple hides.

Back it UP! For Freestyle, Rally-FrEe and Rally Obedience Lab with Julie Flanery; Experience level - All

Learn how to clearly communicate criteria to teach or strengthen back-up in heel, right, in front of and with distance from the handler. If time permits we'll use the back-up skill to create other behaviors such as back circles, back thru, or turn back thru.

Is Your Dog Ready to Work? Lab with Shade Whitesel; Experience level – All

You've trained the behaviors in your basement, in your training class and in your front yard. Now's the time to take them on the road and possibly on to trial! When you take your dog to a new place, how do you know your dog is in a mindset conducive to perform those behaviors fluidly, fast and confidently? Join Shade as she explains how to figure out a ritual to "ask" your dog how they feel about the environmental pressures before letting criteria slip, and explores some protocols to work through those pressures.

Are You Ready for Obedience Competition? Lab with Denise Fenzi; Experience level – See Description

Ring readiness isn't just about the exercises. It should also include a plan for getting into the ring, setting up and waiting for the judge, moving between exercises, handling the loss of food and toys in competition and a plan for leaving the ring. Is your dog on board with your plan? In this lab, each team will complete a formal "run through" for the individual Novice or Open exercises. However, the focus of Denise's feedback will not be the actual exercises; instead she will focus on the 'unjudged' elements that can make or break a team's run. For example, Denise might comment on the need for more connection entering the ring, along with some simple ways to get it, rather than providing advice on improving the team's heeling skills. This lab is appropriate for teams that are close to being ready to compete at either the Novice or Open Level. Novice can be modified to accommodate the Beginner Novice exercises, but signs will not be provided, so the team must be comfortable with verbal direction. The ideal student for this lab has taken the following classes: Bridging the Gap, Engagement and Ring Confidence.

Agility - Start Lines Lab with Nancy Gagliardi Little; Experience level – All

The way your dog responds to the start line routine will affect that subsequent run. Why do so many trainers struggle with their dog's behavior at the start line? Why do good start lines eventually go bad for some dogs? If your dog has a good start line, this session will help you maintain it over your dog's career by making minor changes to your handling. If you have issues that are developing in training or in trials, find out what you can do to improve them. Many times, the start line issues that crop up are caused by handler or handling issue.

Reactivity Management Lab with Amy Cook; Experience level - All

Every great training plan has a management plan behind it! You don't have the space to train if you're still not sure how to get through your daily life and walk your dog without "over threshold" moments! Before you can teach your dog that strange dogs or people are not scary, you first need to get past them with your dog under control and not getting a big jolt of arousal. Come join me and learn how management is different from training or rehab, and why it needs daily practice whether your dog is "over threshold" or not!

Day One – Afternoon Lab Descriptions

Handlers with working spots will select one afternoon lab.

Sessions described as lecture and lab will begin with a 30-minute lecture.

Maximum of 10 working dogs per lab.

Engagement; Shifting the Power Dynamic Lecture and Lab with Denise Fenzi; Experience level – All

Most sport training for competition dogs is focused on getting behaviors and preparing to trial. By using food, toys and personal play, we can convince our dogs that working with us is a lot of fun! And this is perfect.... until it's not. It's time for you to stand back and let your dog push you! Push you to train. Push you to work. Push you to bring out the food and toys. Engagement training is the process of moving responsibility for work from the human to the dog. No more begging. No more bribing. A simple and respectful way to engage your dog. A dog with excellent engagement training will no longer require the sight of food or toys to begin work; A dog that understands engagement will simply take opportunities to work when they arise and will remain focused and engaged throughout the session.

Toy Play Lecture and Lab with Shade Whitesel; Experience level – See Description (8 working spots)

Working dogs that would do best in this class are ones that are comfortable in the seminar environment and have some degree of drive already for toy play. Have a dog that likes toys? Have a dog that makes it their life mission to tear up and destroy each super expensive toy that you bring home from the pet store? Still trying to find that perfect toy that your dog will tug with? Want to reward that perfect heeling with a ball throw? Join Shade as she dissects the rules of the toy games, why you want those rules to use toy play as a reward in your interactions with your dog and any other question that comes to mind involving toy play. Add the obedience skills into the toy game, and it all becomes play. We'll work on either the fetch or the tug game one on one in the working spots.

Stop Sniffing Lecture and Lab with Hannah Branigan; Experience level – All

In this lecture/lab, we will discuss the various causes of sniffing, how to tell why your dog is sniffing, and what to do about it. We'll explore both training alternative behaviors and using Premack's principle to use sniffing behavior to our advantage. We will work to find the underlying cause of your dog's sniffing and how best to prevent sniffing from becoming a problem in the first place.

Agility - Getting Ahead Lab with Loretta Mueller; Experience level – Novice and above

Do you constantly feel like you are racing to keep up with your dog? Are you always told you are "late" with commands or "standing still"? This is the session for you! It is not about "running faster" but rather about "staying in motion".

Nosework - Confidence & Motivation Lab with Stacy Barnett; Experience Level - Novice and above

Do you want to know the secret to moving up the levels in Nosework successfully? Learn why some dogs seem to naturally do well and apply these concepts to your own team. Every dog has the potential to trial successfully in Nosework. Unlocking concepts of Confidence and Motivation will get you on the right path. Working spots will need to bring a crate to the workshop. Dogs in working spots should already be introduced to odor.

Use it and Lose It! Successful Application of Training Aids Lecture and Lab with Julie Flanery; Experience level - All

The use of training aids such as platforms, targets, training gates and clickers are highly effective in communicating criteria, maintaining a high rate of reward for correct responses, and building stronger behaviors faster. Understanding how to best use these aids and the process of removing them in a way that maintains strength in the behavior makes the difference between a useful tool and just another fad. This session will focus on the varied uses of aids and the process of separating them from the behavior.

Focus: The Invisible Skill Lecture and Lab with Deb Jones; Experience level – All

This lecture/lab will be a general introduction to the concept of focus in dog training. Deb will discuss the definition of focus and how it differs from attention and engagement. She will also talk about the benefits of focus both to your personal and working relationship with your dog. The practice of acclimation and how it helps improve focus will be considered. Working teams will have an opportunity to practice a variety of focus exercises and get personalized feedback. These exercises will help your dog learn when to focus and help develop the habit of focus while training. We will also address how to handle a loss of focus in training.

Healing Your Handling Lab with Nancy Gagliardi Little; Experience level - All

Well trained dogs make mistakes in heeling when handlers do not properly cue them with smooth and clear handling. This lab will help you identify the areas of potential confusion in your handling and help you develop good habits. Look at handling from a different perspective – feel it spatially instead of using specific footwork. **This lab will work without dogs.**

Novice Obedience Games Lab with Julie Symons; Experience level - All

This lab will showcase the popular “daily” games covered in Obedience Games for retrievers, recalls, fronts, setups, resets and more! A key concept will be how to maintain our dog's willingness to learn and play even when there are errors. We'll lose the formality and build enthusiasm by mixing things up and keeping everybody on their toes and paws! By adding “game training” and less predictability, we build relationship and transfer reinforcement to the act of playing!

Sit to Stand Conditioning Lecture and Lab with Debbie Gross; Experience level – All (6 working spots)

Regardless of the activity your dog engages in, every dog needs to sit. Whether it is part of an obedience or rally task, a sit for an exercise, or just a sit for a cookie, sits are a part of a dog's life. This workshop will focus on the biomechanics of the sit, how to strengthen a sit, how to determine if the dog is not sitting correctly due to weakness or structure, or if the dog is just lazy. We will examine each dog's sit and the biomechanics of the individual sit. A simple activity may be broken down in so many ways, and there are many ways to strengthen a sit and stand.

Day Two – Morning Lab Descriptions

Handlers with working spots will select one morning lab.
Maximum of 10 working dogs per lab.

Fabulous Fronts Lab with Julie Flanery; Experience level – All

Have you been trying to get that fabulous front forever? A sitting “front” for obedience and a standing “center” for freestyle are deceptively difficult to build and maintain with precision and accuracy. Come learn fun games, exercises and reward strategies to build value and muscle memory in crafting fabulous fronts and spectacular centers!

Heeling Lab with Shade Whitesel; Experience level - All

Working spots will work one-on-one with the instructor for ten minutes.

Dealing with Judge Pressure! Lab with Amy Cook; Experience level - All

You’ve trained hard, have your heeling all set, your dog is engaged... uh oh. Where’d that judge come from? Why is he following us? Lots of dogs are proximity sensitive, and aren’t comfortable with being directly approached, followed, or crowded by strangers (especially strangers with clipboards and hats!). Some dogs want to rush to greet anyone within a 10-foot radius, and the judge will do just fine! In this class, we’ll go over things you can do to help your dog be comfortable with these “strange” judge behaviors and not feel the need to keep an eye on them, and help those greeters learn that judges are boring and you are best!

Agility – Weaves Lab with Loretta Mueller; Experience level – Novice and above

Weaves: Is your dog struggling with the weaves? Stress issues? Popping out of pole 10, missing entrances? Or just new to weave training. See how to systematically work on your dog’s weaves!

Nosework – Elevation Highs and Lows Lab with Stacy Barnett; Experience level – See Description

Looking to take your Nosework training to new Heights? This workshop will work on elevation. Learn elevation systematically and practice different scent puzzles to build your dog’s elevation skills. Not sure when to call Alert? Does your dog have problems finding high hides? This workshop will teach you a systematic approach to teaching this skill. Dogs in working spots should be confidently sourcing multiple hides although elevation is not required.

Utility Problem Solving Lab with Nancy Gagliardi Little; Experience level – Intermediate / advanced

Having a problem with a Utility exercise or part of a Utility exercise? Do you need help with handling for Utility? In this session, we will address any Utility Obedience handling or training issues that you might have.

Heeling Lab with Denise Fenzi; Experience level - All

Working spots will work one-on-one with the instructor for ten minutes.

Stand Your Dog Lab with Julie Symons; Experience level – All

I love a good standing dog! Having a strong response for the stand cue will make all the difference for a successful performance. We will cover various methods for teaching a stand cue, developing an instant “wait” with moving stands along with fun ways to address anticipation, subtle footwork for the signal stand, and time permitting, breaking down the exam portion. Our goal is to make standing one of your favorite exercises!!

Drop on Recall Lab with Hannah Branigan; Experience level – See Description

The Drop on Recall is one of the deadliest traps in the Open ring. The ultimate test of stimulus control. The gold standard is a dog who comes fast, and drops fast... on cue! Can we have both a wicked fast recall AND a crazy fast drop? Yes, indeed! In this session, we will break apart the component of the Drop on Recall behavior chain, enhance fluency the behaviors, use games and strategy to build drive and speed, and challenge your stimulus control. Working teams should already have down on a verbal cue or hand signal, experience with zen bowl games, and a reasonable sit/wait and recall foundation.

Day Two – Bonus Sessions (no working registrations)

Human Shaping Lecture / Workshop with Deb Jones; Experience level – All

In this workshop, you will be shaping the most difficult species of all, humans! Everyone who participates will have the opportunity to see what it’s like not only to be the trainer, but to also be the subject, timer, and scribe. Experiencing the process from your dog’s perspective will lead to amazing insights. You will shape each other in small groups using a series of fun exercises. Each exercise will highlight and strengthen an important aspect of the learning process.

Reducing Reinforcement Lecture with Shade Whitesel; Experience level - All

Such an important concept before entering a trial! My primary sport (IPO) involves on average 30 minutes of obedience trialing with no primary reinforcement, so this is a subject dear to my heart. Even high drive dogs start to flag and act unmotivated after repeated trialing, especially when they start to get “trial wise.” With AKC trialing, dogs spend less time in the ring without reinforcement, but with more pressure and more frequent trialing. Concepts we’ll cover in this lecture:

Effort of dog-cheap versus expensive behaviors
Don’t forget to train the in between exercises or have a plan!
Secondary Reinforcers

Remote reward-cookie or toy on table
Don’t trick your dog-it will come back to haunt you
Sequencing...

Day Two – Afternoon Lab Descriptions

Handlers with working spots will select one afternoon lab.

Sessions described as lecture and lab will begin with a 30-minute lecture.

Maximum of 10 working dogs per lab.

Location Specific Markers Lecture and Lab with Shade Whitesel; Experience level – All

Yes, versus Get it, Strike versus Fetch, now you are allowed to pounce on the toy on the ground, now you aren't! Having verbal cues that tell your dog where to collect toy or food reinforcement can be so mind blowing and complicated for the HANDLER, but it clears things up and makes things so much simpler for the DOG! Now the dog doesn't have to guess where that treat pouch is, or which pocket or hand the ball is in. They can devote their entire concentration to listening to you and performing the obedience skills instead of watching your physical motions as predictors of where and when the reward is coming. A side benefit is dogs with a reward hierarchy don't feel as tricked when their association of a specific reinforcement for a well done job isn't met. Join Shade as she explains these concepts, why she's adapted them, and why she thinks they are more efficient than just one or two marker words. Working teams will work on the concepts explored in the lecture one on one, staying within your capabilities. Toy drive is not needed, we can do some of the exercises with food only.

Playing without Toys Lecture and Lab with Amy Cook; Experience level – All

Have you ever thought about what play would look like if you didn't have a toy to play with? Have you ever thought about playing with your food instead of handing it over? Play, especially play that doesn't involve toys, is often something we don't explore with our dogs, but it's really a useful skill! Developing a good personal play relationship with your dog (playing without the help of toys) will allow you to play anywhere, and playing with food raises its value and introduces dogs unfamiliar with play to the idea. Come play with us!

Heeling Lab with Denise Fenzi; Experience level - All

Working spots will work one-on-one with the instructor for ten minutes. Note: this lab will not have sound for spectators

Heeling Lab with Nancy Gagliardi Little; Experience level - All

Working spots will work one-on-one with the instructor for ten minutes. Note: this lab will not have sound for spectators

Agility – Proper Use of Motion Lab with Loretta Mueller; Experience level – Novice and above

What people think is the proper use of motion and what dogs think is the proper use of motion can be two very different things. Learn how to use motion in a way that makes sense to your dog on an instinctive level.

Nosework – Hide Placement Design Lab with Stacy Barnett; Experience level – See Description

Has your training stagnated? Are you stuck on what or how to teach your dog new skills? Do you always set similar hides or hides that are too difficult? Learn about how you can systematically increase your skills and how to work common scent puzzles using air flow. Learn how to design your training sessions to make them powerful and effective! Dogs in working spots should be adept at single hides in novel places.

Effective Back Chaining Lecture and Lab with Julie Flanery; Experience level – All

Back chaining has long been used in many areas to turn discrete behaviors into reliable chains or sequences of behavior. Behavior chains are all around us in competitive dog sports. How we view and train behavior chains can greatly impact our dog's reliability in the ring. This session will focus on how to apply the process of back chaining behaviors to help create acceptance of delayed reinforcement and build stronger behavior chains. We'll also discuss dealing with anticipation within a back chain, why chains fall apart, and how to rebuild them. Applications include freestyle sequences, obedience exercises such as drop on recall or dumbbell retrieves, teaching agility contacts or basic house manners such as "go to bed". Attendees will apply back chaining to a sequence of previously trained, known behaviors.

Heeling Lab with Hannah Branigan; Experience level - All

Working spots will work one-on-one with the instructor for ten minutes.

Clockwork & Cues Lecture and Lab with Deb Jones; Experience level - All

This session will blend the topic of cues with the concept of clockwork training. We will work with the clockwork behaviors of touch, go around, send away, pivot, front, and finish. Each working team will evaluate these behaviors and determine whether they are established or fluent. We will also consider distance and/or duration. These evaluations will help us determine if the behaviors should be on cue or not. We will consider when and how to properly add cues to behaviors. Poison cues and unintended multiple cues will also be discussed. Working teams should bring a target for touch and distance work and a perch for pivot work (if necessary).

Open/Utility Obedience Games Lab with Julie Symons; Experience level – Intermediate / Advanced

This lab will apply open and utility skills to advanced games concepts with retrieves, go-outs, signals, impulse control and more! A key concept will be how to maintain our dog's willingness to learn and play even when there are errors. We'll lose the formality and build enthusiasm by mixing things up and keeping everybody on their toes and paws! By adding "game training" and less predictability, we build relationship and transfer reinforcement to the act of playing!

Day Three

**Handlers with working spots will select one private lesson and one additional lab.
Maximum of 10 working dogs per lab.**

Rally Foundations Lab with Deb Jones; Experience level - All

Whether you are brand new and just starting out in rally or an experienced competitor, this session is for you! We will practice the foundation work that forms the basis for strong rally behaviors. Heel position, fronts, turns, circles, serpentines, and spirals are a major part of most exercises on a rally course, so we'll spend some time introducing and reviewing those. Working teams can request a chance to work on any rally exercises they would like.

Scent Discrimination Lab with Julie Symons; Experience level - All

Teaching scent discrimination does not have to be intimidating! It's quite easy to teach our dogs to find our scent using operant conditioning. In this lab, we will review each of the behaviors that make up the scent discrimination exercise. We will introduce how to reinforce and build value for our scent, and how to never ever create stress with this exercise. With more advanced teams we will problem solve specific issues they may have with this exercise. Working teams should bring 5-6 identical metal, leather or wood objects – they do not need to be official articles.

From Click to Cue – Keeping it Clean Lab with Julie Flanery; Experience level - All

Effective communication is key in training. While we communicate to our dogs in a variety of ways, markers and cues are two of the most potent forms of communication we should create and can rely on specific behavior. Creating meaningful cues is one of the most misunderstood, yet one of the most important processes in training and is often applied in a less than efficient way. Without meaningful cues our dog's ability to perform desired behaviors when asked can become random. The clicker or other marker as a communication tool is only as effective as the handler using it. Applying the practice of "clean training" in both the use of a clicker and the process of placing behaviors on cue can substantially change your results in training, creating more effective communication and greater levels of success.

Agility – Distance Skills Lab with Amanda Nelson; Experience level – All

Struggling with distance challenges in agility? Want your dog to have the commitment and drive to move ahead and away from you? Learn how to build confidence for distance work as well as teaching obstacle commitment. We will be focusing on proper handler footwork, timing, and verbals while working fun confidence building exercises for handler and dog!

Nosework – Converging Odor Lab with Stacy Barnett; Experience level – See Description

Is your dog on multiple hides but you aren't sure HOW to challenge him with converging odor? Are you afraid that you'll over-face him? Systematically teach your dog about converging odor in this workshop. Start small and build big! Dogs in working spots in this workshop should be adept at multiple basic hides, sourcing single inaccessible hides and some minor elevation (up to 4 feet). Stacy will show you how to bring these together into a cohesive plan for building converging odor skills.

Handler Choice Lab with Deb Jones; Experience level - All

Each team will have 10 minutes of one-on-one time to work what they want.

Obedience Jumping Skills & Games Lab with Julie Symons; Experience level – All

Jump skills are often overlooked for obedience dogs. It's important to build value for jumping as we do with other behaviors and skills. This lab will cover many games to reinforce jumping required for the broad jump, retrieve over high and directed jumping. We will use shaping and empower our dogs to love jumping! Have a jumping issue? We can problem solve specific issues to improve your jumping performance!

Confidence Games for All Sports Lab with Amanda Nelson; Experience level – All

Does your dog feel insecure in a trial environment? Do they get nervous or worried when working in class or in new places? Learn different games that can be taught to your dog to help boost their confidence as well as learn how to take these games to trial/class/new situations to help your dog feel more relaxed and at ease.

Agility – Mental Management Lab with Loretta Mueller; Experience level – novice and above

Are trials stressful for you? Do you worry constantly about the "what ifs"? In this session, you will learn some fun drills and skills to try out to improve your mental management!

Condition Every Dog Lab with Debbie Gross; Experience level – All (6 working spots)

Every dog needs basic exercises to maintain their body, core, and health. This workshop will focus on the five exercises every owner should perform with their dog. The five simple exercises may be adjusted to the canine athlete to the couch potato, as well as the puppy to the senior.

Individual Lessons

Teams will work one-on-one with instructors for 15 minutes. Available instructors are: Denise Fenzi, Hannah Branigan, Julie Flanery, Julie Symons (Nosework or OB), Loretta Mueller, Nancy Gagliardi Little (Agility or OB), Shade Whitesel, Stacy Barnett

Additional private lessons may be available for an extra fee during camp with FDSA Instructors
Amy Cook, Amanda Nelson, Amy Johnson, Debbie Gross and Sarah Stremming

Day Three – Bonus Sessions (no working registrations)

Is my Dog OK? --Examining the Emotional Experience of Sport Dogs Lecture with Sarah Stremming

Is that dog zooming around the outer ring of the course having fun or stressed? What does it mean when a dog barks nonstop or beats himself with a toy ringside? Was that uncharacteristically frantic run about you, or your dog? Why does your dog only bark during heeling AT a trial? Why are your weave poles quick and snappy in class, and painfully slow at trials?

These questions and more examined as we look at how to assess and consequently soothe the emotional states of our sport dogs, whether they are shut down or worked up.

The Four Steps to Behavioral Wellness Lecture with Sarah Stremming

Anyone that struggles with a behavioral issue in their dog should examine the four key areas that contribute greatly to our dogs' emotional wellbeing. We will discuss:

- *Exercise-Why a stroll around the block--or even an hour chasing ball--might not be cutting it.
- *Diet--Your dogs eat well, but could they eat better?
- *Enrichment--How taking a page from the zoo and aquarium world will improve your dogs' lives.
- *Communication--FDSA students are hitting this one out of the park in training, but what about in life?

Day Four – Mock Trial Day!!!

All handlers with working spots will participate in the dog sport of their choice.

This is your chance to try to “compete” in a friendly, supportive environment. Each event will be based on a real trial and the judge will be an instructor. Teams will run a course and receive feedback from the judge. Accommodations for skill levels will be made. Each working team is expected to receive 10 minutes of individual attention. Additional runs may be available after initial registration is completed.

Obedience – Novice, Open, Utility (No Stays)
Rally Obedience – Novice, Advanced
Fenzi TEAM Titles – Levels One, Two, Three
Agility - Jumpers Novice to Advanced
Nosework – NW1 to Elite
Rally Free – Novice, Intermediate, Advanced