



SAMPLE SEMINAR TOPICS

Here is a list of the seminar topics I am currently offering. Details on each seminar are outlined on the following pages. For more information or to book a seminar, contact Jane Killion at jane@pigsflydogs.com or 908-310-9498.

GENERAL TRAINING SEMINARS

- Pigs Fly Fundamentals and Introduction to Free Shaping Behaviors
 - Attention as a Behavior
- From Behavior To Performance: Finding The Missing Link
 - Pigs Fly Pets
 - Fearful Dog Judo

AGILITY SEMINARS

- Pigs Fly Agility Handling System and Skills
- Pigs Fly Course Analysis - Introduction to Agility for Beginners and Puppies
 - "Issues" Seminar for Agility

OBEDIENCE/RALLY SEMINARS

- Learning to Love Rally/Obedience
- "Issues" Seminar for Rally and Obedience

SHOW HANDLING SEMINARS

- Attention and Focus for Show Handling

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GENERAL TRAINING SEMINARS



PIGS FLY FUNDAMENTALS AND INTRODUCTION TO FREE SHAPING BEHAVIORS (PREREQUISITE TO ALL OTHER SEMINARS)

Eight hours. This seminar is the basis for my system so it is a prerequisite that anyone attending the later seminars at least audit the CLASSROOM portion.

- Seminar begins with a 3-4 hour classroom presentation on the scientific fundamentals of training behaviors and free shaping. All concepts are illustrated with video examples so, even for experienced students, this is an interesting segment.
- The next section is a 4 hour working session, where students apply the classroom concepts to free shape various behaviors. Depending on the level of the students and the dogs, these behaviors can be anything from basic offering of any behavior, to complex behaviors, such as weave poles, go outs, tricks, skateboarding, etc.

ATTENTION AS A BEHAVIOR

Four hours. Most people do not realize that attention is a behavior that can be taught like any other. By the end of the seminar, the goal is that things that the dogs currently find distracting (like other dogs barking, judges following them, crazy noises) will simply become cues for more attention and focus.

The seminar starts with a PowerPoint and video presentation on attention as a behavior and how to train it.

Then we turn to shaping not only attention and focus, but an excited, anticipatory attitude, as well.

Topics will vary, depending on the specific needs of the group, but topics may include:

- Performance in the presence of other dogs
- Performance in the presence of other people
- Performance around food/toy distraction
- Recalls with distraction
- Start line focus
- Stay/release

This seminar can easily combine obedience and agility attention and focus, or can be tailored specifically to one or the other.



FROM BEHAVIOR TO PERFORMANCE: FINDING THE MISSING LINK



- Is your dog holding you hostage?
- Do you have to give him a treat every few seconds or you lose his attention?
- Will he grab a treat from you and then run away immediately?
- Will he offer a behavior, and then bounce into five more behaviors if you don't immediately treat him?

If you answered yes, then this seminar is for you.

Learning how to shape behaviors and attention is one thing, but how do you get those behaviors and attention without food and a clicker? In this seminar, you'll learn how to travel the road from behavior to finished performance by scientifically raising the criteria and thinning the reinforcement ratio. You'll learn how to go from:

- Reinforcing every step of heeling, to heeling a full competition obedience pattern
- Reinforcing every time your dog looks at you, to a walk in the park with distractions
- Reinforcing every agility obstacle to running a 21 obstacle course.

What's more, you'll learn techniques that will actually cause your dog to perform *better*, even as you're giving him fewer reinforcements.

This seminar can be held as an agility, obedience, or companion course.



FEARFUL DOG JUDO: USING FEAR TO FUEL CONFIDENCE



- Have you given your dog a thousand hot dogs for walking into a strange place, but he still shakes in his boots every time you take him somewhere new?
- Have you dumped a ton of cheese into your dog for getting on the teeter, but he still refuses it every time
- No matter how you tempt him with steak, does your dog still refuse to walk across shiny surfaces?

Wouldn't you love just to be able to take your dog places and do things with him like a "normal" dog? Here's the seminar that will show you how!

The key to success with a fearful dog is understanding and controlling his motivators and using them to your advantage.

Simply adding cookies and praise will not have much effect on a fearful dog, unless you apply those things in a very specific manner. In fact, the way cookies and praise are commonly applied can actually make fearful dogs worse. In this seminar you will become an expert on recognizing WHAT is available to you as a reinforcer in any given context by using preference assessments, and HOW to apply those reinforcers to get your fearful dog BEGGING to do the things of which he was previously scared to death.

Gus, the dog pictured, above, was so fearful that he would not walk over a single bar on the ground when he began training with me, and now he bangs down full height teeters with abandon. If Gus, can overcome his fears, your dog can, too!



PIGS FLY PETS



Four to Eight Hours. This seminar lays out a basic system for pet owners to live with and enjoy their dogs. While this seminar will teach specific useful behavior and how to solve specific problems, the real focus is on teaching the students how to create a protocol for dealing with any future problems or issues that may arise. Topics include:

- Free shaping basic foundation behaviors – sit, come, loose leash walking and more, if time permits
- Free shaping the most important foundation behavior of all – attention. Dogs will learn attention as a behavior
- Taking it on the road - performing behaviors with focus and attention in various contexts
- Learning how to solve behavior problems through the use of foundation behaviors.
- Learning management and training strategies for daily life
- Understanding motivation, reinforcers, and punishers.
- Learning to use the dogs natural behaviors to train him

AGILITY SEMINARS

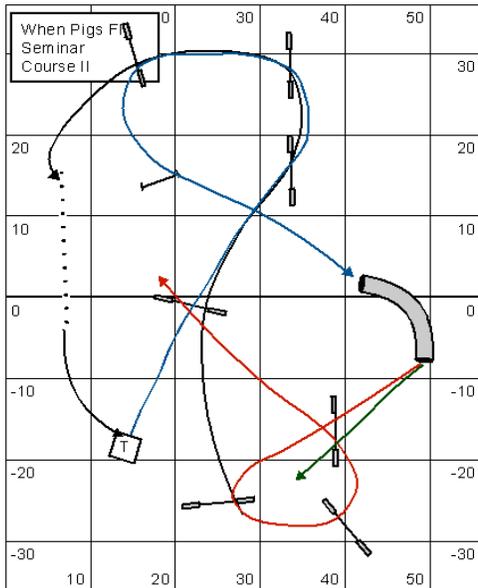
PIGS FLY AGILITY HANDLING SYSTEM AND SKILLS

Four to Eight Hours. Pigs Fly dogs may not be the fastest, so you need to be as efficient as possible when running an agility course. The range of behaviors that you can expect to train a Pigs Fly dog in his lifetime may also be different than for more traditional agility breeds. Finding a consistent handling system that uses the skills that a Pigs Fly dog can reasonably be expected to perform is key to your success. This seminar focuses on helping you sort out, train, and consistently apply the skills you need to train in order to run a course successfully. Topics may include:

- Shaping a working space
- Front and rear cross fundamentals
- Start line behaviors
- How to cue the correct obstacles while keeping your dog in drive
- Correct use of reinforcers and figuring out how to motivate your dog.
- Contact performance



PIGS FLY COURSE ANALYSIS



Four to Eight Hours. Wouldn't it be nice to walk out onto a course and know, with absolute certainty, that you know how to handle all the challenges? Being able to read a course and handle it consistently and fairly is key to motivating your Pigs Fly Dog. Your dog has to have 100% confidence that he knows where he's going in order for him to remain in drive. A good portion of the reason why some Pigs Fly Dogs become unmotivated is that their handlers fail to read the course correctly and find themselves re-directing and calling off their dogs. This seminar begins with a classroom session on course analysis, and then a "test" course where students get to walk then run the course using their new found course analysis skills. Learn how to:

- Read, analyze, walk, and run an agility course with ANY dog
- Decide which handling moves and crosses are most efficient where
- Figure out what the most successful options are, based on the ability and training level of your team
- Tailor a course strategy to your dog, not some perfect dog you don't have, while still maintaining a professional and consistent handling system.

PIGS FLY COURSE ANALYSIS – LEVEL II



Four to Eight Hours. Prerequisite: Pigs Fly Course Analysis. Test your Pigs Fly course analysis skills on courses designed with multiple handling options. Entire class will walk then run the course without discussion, then we analyze which strategies worked for each individual team, which didn't and why. We will discuss lead changes, cross choices, and equipment technique for each team. Then each time will have a chance to run each course a second time with "new and improved" handling, and see what difference more efficient handling can make.

By going out of their comfort zone and running the course with different options than they might have first chosen, students will learn to expand their skill set and potentially shave precious seconds off of their runs.

****Please note, there will be no PowerPoint presentation with this seminar – you must have attended the Pigs Fly Course Analysis seminar before taking this one so you have an understanding of how to analyze a course.**



FOUR INTENSE AGILITY WORKSHOPS



- Have you taken an agility seminar or class with a very successful trainer who obviously knows what they are doing because they've won about every agility award out there, yet when even you follow that trainers advice perfectly it seems to have no effect whatsoever on your dog?
- Have you been told "your timing's bad," "you were out of position," "your cues are not clear?" Yet, no matter how you try, you always seem to be in the wrong place at the wrong time?
- Does your dog do the weave poles OK at home, yet run past them as if he doesn't see them at trials?
- Have you tried every "system" out there, yet you still can't get the performance, crosses, or distance you would like?

I have experienced every one of these situations, and I'm happy to tell you that I know the answers to your problems, and I can share them with you. Chances are, if you're having any difficulty with a fundamental skill, it's not your timing, or that you have a "bad" handling system. More likely, the skills have not been broken down and explained to you in sufficient detail and, in turn, you have not broken down the skills needed and trained them individually with your dog.

These workshops bring you the nuts and bolt of these behaviors – from video that explains the physical mechanics of what you need to train, to plenty of hands on training and practice. Each Seminar is four hours -



Rear Cross University



Contact College



Weave Pole Workshop



Front Cross Camp

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INTRODUCTION TO AGILITY FOR BEGINNERS AND PUPPIES



Four Hours. This seminar begins introduces dogs and handlers to all they need to know to get started in agility. Subjects to be covered are:

- Teaching working space
- Learning how to change direction
- Introducing play
- Basic skills needed to perform contact equipment
- Introduction to lowered contacts and tunnels
- Teaching Weave Poles

Most importantly, puppies and dogs will learn to relax and focus in a class context, and handlers will learn how to keep their dogs safe and happy in a class or trial environment.

"ISSUES" SEMINAR FOR AGILITY



Four to Eight Hours. The students call the shots on this one as they declare their "issue" and the class collectively talks about how to set up a session to work on that issue. This is the seminar to iron out all the issues that have been holding your team back. Each person has the opportunity to set up a session to address a specific problem. General fear, distraction, or motivation issues are appropriate, as are specific obstacle performance or other "hot buttons," such as running to visit ring crew, weave pole issues, fear of other dogs/people, slow or refused contacts - whatever your dog's issue, we will set up a session to train/counter-condition/desensitize your dog as is appropriate for the situation. Emphasis on learning to manage your dog and learning how to set up sessions outside of class to work on your dog's issues on your own. We begin by finding your dog's comfort zone and working within that. Using operant conditioning, freeshaping, counter-conditioning, and desensitization, we will expand your dog's comfort zone and reliability.



OBEDIENCE/RALLY SEMINARS



LEARNING TO LOVE RALLY/OBEDIENCE

Four Hours. Appropriate for puppies, newbies, and advanced competitors who are interested in creating drive by free shaping behaviors to produce an operant dog. Free shaping of basic rally and obedience moves. Every behavior is defined not just in terms of the physical behavior, but the dog's apparent emotional state, as well. All behaviors will be shaped to include not just performance of the behavior, but performance of the behavior with the dog's ears up and tail wagging. Basic topics may include:

- Teaching the dog to seek out heel position
- Tuck sits
- Automatic attention
- Teaching the dog to cue off of footwork

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SHOW HANDLING SEMINARS

ATTENTION AND FOCUS FOR THE SHOW RING



Four Hours. This seminar focuses on how to get rock solid attention, confidence, and “attitude” in the show ring. While this seminar is geared toward showing in the breed ring, it will not be a handling class, per se. Instead, we will focus on building the behaviors needed for dogs to shine in the show ring.

Free stacking, moving, and maintaining attention/attitude while being examined will be covered.

We will begin by building attention as a behavior. Once attention and attitude has been taught, we introduce distractions. By the end of the seminar, the goal is that things that the dogs currently find distracting (like other dogs barking, judges looming over them, crazy noises) will simply become cues for more attention and focus.

VIDEO SERVICES

It's one thing to have someone tell you, it's another thing to see it with your own eyes!



We film most of our seminars. Our professional equipment offers students the opportunity to buy amazing footage of their one on one time with Jane Killion. This is a superb training aid – being able to review oneself on video tremendously increases the learning value of the seminar.

The clarity and detail in the video footage we produce is much more instructive and useful than that captured by the average home camcorder.

We also travel with a professional audiovisual system so that everyone, auditors included, can hear, see and get the full value of every moment of the seminar.

Please note: students are *always* free to video their one-on-one sessions with Jane Killion with their own cameras if they prefer.

