

## **2018 AGILITY CLUB OF EVANSVILLE SEMINAR with KELLIE VERRELLI**

### ***FRIDAY APRIL 6<sup>th</sup> 8am – 12:00pm WARM UP SKILLS and CONDITIONING***

The focus of this clinic is warm up skills and conditioning to get and keep your canine partners in shape using such aids as FitPaws. Learn what to do to keep your dog in shape without a lot of time and space. Doing this will not only help with their agility career, but also help to give them a better quality of life as they age. (ALL LEVELS WELCOME)

### ***FRIDAY APRIL 6<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm – 5:00pm DRIVE, MOTIVATION and RELATIONSHIPS***

The focus of this clinic is to build drive, motivation and relationships by the use of games to get the most out of your dog. If your dog is not having fun, you probably are not having fun either. These 3 elements are the key to having a fun, satisfying agility career with your canine partner. (ALL LEVELS WELCOME)

### ***SATURDAY APRIL 7<sup>th</sup> 8am – 12pm CROSSES: WHICH TO USE and WHERE; HOW TO EXECUTE TO GET TIGHT TURNS and ACCELERATION OUT OF THE TURNS***

Often handlers are unsure of which cross would best help their canine partner most efficiently get through a course. In this clinic the focus will be on front, rear and blind crosses with false turns as line aids. These are the basic “meat and potatoes” handling maneuvers that all agility dogs should be able to read and understand without questioning. Without clear handling, the more sophisticated techniques fall apart. Each of these crosses play a very important part in agility and mastering timing and foot work will be covered. (ALL LEVELS WELCOME)

### ***SATURDAY APRIL 7<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm – 5:00pm DISTANCE WORK/OBSTACLE INDEPENDENCE***

Do you struggle with getting your dog to commit to obstacles without you physically needing to be near the obstacle? Does your dog truly understand their job on each obstacle? This clinic will focus on both of these skills and in combination. It's very hard to do your job as the handler and then do your dog's job as well. Learn to see where your dog is committed and how to strengthen their overall obstacle skills. (ALL LEVELS WELCOME)

### ***SUNDAY APRIL 8<sup>th</sup> 8:00am – 12:00pm TURNING CUES and HOW TO TEACH THEM***

Agility is all about running fast and in full extension until your dog needs to suddenly slow down and turn tightly. The balance between extension and collection can be hard for both dog and handler, yet this is the pure definition of dog agility. Dogs don't like late turning information so the earlier they see the cue, the better. This clinic will focus on how to get your dog to understand when a turning cue is coming and how to prepare for it. The next step

is having them read the cue and slow down which often includes a lead change. Weight shift and stride adjustment exercises will be included. (ALL LEVELS WELCOME)

***SUNDAY APRIL 8<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm – 5:00pm SEQUENCING and COURSE WORK***

This clinic will focus on sequencing/course work. Use your skill sets to put together and plan the most efficient way to execute and run sequences or a full course. (MUST BE ABLE TO DO SHORT SEQUENCES)