



Agility Seminar



The Durham Kennel Club (DKC) is excited to announce we will be hosting a combined agility seminar with **Tracy Hirsch and Greg Fontaine on September 15 and 16, 2018.**

We are pleased to offer this special joint seminar designed to improve your handling skills and focus on how to address course challenges while having fun. *This format will give the attendees two instruction perspectives for each topic/session.*

The seminar will be held at the DKC's beautiful outdoor field with two rings. The facility offers indoor bathrooms. Crating will be outside next to the field.

Tracy Hirsch: Short introduction: Tracy is a highly energetic and enthusiastic individual who teaches in a clear and simplified manner. Tracy uses positive reinforcement, games, and shaping to build winning behaviors in dogs while teaching their handlers to be consistent and positive. **See full bio below.**

Greg Fontaine: Short introduction: Greg has helped students earn spots on world teams, win national championships, qualify for and place at invitationals, AND just as importantly, SIMPLY ENJOY mutual fully-engaged play together. **See full bio below.**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Both Tracy and Greg will offer private lessons on Friday September 14th at \$80/hr. Privates will be available from 8 am to 5 pm, with last one booked at 4 pm. There will be a one hour lunch break at noon. We will try to accommodate requested times.

Breakfast goodies and lunch will be included in the seminar fee along with bottled water.

The seminar entries will close September 7th.

Entries will be accepted on a first come basis. Payment is required to hold your spot. Once the seminar has filled, subsequent entries will be placed on a wait list or will be contacted to switch to a different session.

Seminar costs:

- \$125 per dog/4 hour seminar
- Discounts:
 - Multiple dogs per seminar:
 - 1st dog in the seminar = \$125
 - Additional dogs in the same seminar = \$115
 - Multiple seminars for a dog
 - 1st seminar = \$125
 - Additional seminars for the same dog = \$115
- There is no limit on audit spots. Audit spots \$30/seminar, \$50/day, \$75/both days.

Refunds:

Bitches in season will not be able to attend. A refund will be given if the attendee notifies us of the withdrawal before close date.

Injured or ill dogs will not be able to attend. Refunds will be considered on a case-by-case basis. A letter from their veterinarian must be submitted prior to the start of the seminar.

If the seminar is cancelled (e.g. SEVERE weather) a refund will be given.

Seminars

Saturday September 15th

International Skills and Drills: \$125 (8 am – 12 noon) Improve your handling skills using techniques that are best for you and your dog. Find the best path for your dog and the best handling strategies for you and your dog as you accomplish your goals. Improve consistency.

Lunch – 12 noon – 1:30 pm

Proofing Contacts, Discriminations, Weave Entries and Exits, Jumping

Commitment and Turns: \$125 (1:30 pm – 5:30 pm) Learn how to help your dog keep these skills and not lose them. Learn how to practice these skills to improve and keep consistent at the highest level of competency.

Sunday September 16th

Novice/Open Handling: \$125 (8 am – 12 noon) Ready to begin competing but not sure you and your dog are ready? Enhance your skills to begin competing in Novice or Open class and also learn what you need to move to the next level.

Lunch – 12 noon – 1:30 pm

Master/Advanced Handling Skills: When to use, how to decide, how to recover: \$125 (1:30 pm – 5 pm) Learn the appropriate turns to find the best path for success. Learn how to decide when to use the correct turn and what to do when your plan has to change during the run.

There will be a maximum of **six (6) attendees per ring per seminar topic.**

How it works: Two rings will be running at the same time. For **each** seminar topic, in ring 1, Tracy Hirsch will be instructing six attendees and at the same time in ring 2, Greg Fontaine will be instructing six attendees. After two hours, the groups will switch rings.

Tracy Hirsch



Tracy is a highly energetic and enthusiastic individual who teaches in a clear and simplified manner. Tracy uses positive reinforcement, games, and shaping to build winning behaviors in dogs while teaching their handlers to be consistent and positive. She emphasizes teamwork, consistency, handling skills and most importantly, fun for both handler and dog. She has extensive experience teaching private lessons, local classes and seminars throughout the United States. Come have lots of fun, get energized, and leave excited and ready to play with your dog in the incredible sport we call Agility.



Tracy and her canine teammates have earned multiple wins and placements at local, regional, national and international events. Including 2017, 2016 and 2015 WAO United States World Team Member. 2016 two time Gold, Silver and Bronze medalist. 2015 Silver medalist, 2014 USDAA DAM Team Gold Medalist, 2013 U.S. Open Gold Medalist, 2013 IFCS U.S.A. World Team member CCOE, and 2013 22 inch Top Overall Dog at Cynosport. Plus, much much more.

Greg Fontaine



For nearly twenty years now, Greg Fontaine has been a passionate student across every aspect of the game of dog agility. His first dog, Ivan, was a repeat AKC top-ranked Labrador Retriever, a repeat USDAA national finalist, a Purina Incredible Dog Challenge competitor, and earned his AKC MACH & USDAA ADCH. His current dog Spice earned the win-on spot for Team USA at the 2015 IFCS World Agility Championships. They have multiple national finalist medals, including winning a national championship at last year's USDAA Cynosport Steeplechase / Performance Speed Jumping and two silver medals at the 2013 IFCS Continental Championships of Europe.



Greg has helped students earn spots on world teams, win national championships, qualify for and place at invitationals, AND, just as importantly, SIMPLY ENJOY, mutual fully-engaged play together. He has a creative approach to agility training, bringing a broad variety of approaches and influences to build upon the particular strengths of each individual dog and handler. His approach to the sport embraces the dog's need for comfort before speed; as well as the handler's need for awareness over athleticism.

REGISTRATION for Tracy Hirsch and Greg Fontaine Seminar
The Durham Kennel Club Agility Field
September 15 and 16, 2018
PLEASE FILL OUT ONE APPLICATION FOR EACH DOG

Handler: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Dog's Name: _____ Breed: _____

Jump Height: _____ Age: _____

Are you currently competing with this dog and what level/venue: _____

Privates on Friday September 14th (\$80/hr.):

Tracy Hirsch: Time 1st Choice: _____ Time 2nd Choice: _____ \$ _____

Greg Fontaine: Time 1st Choice: _____ Time 2nd Choice: _____ \$ _____

Seminar Sessions:

International Skills and Drills: \$ _____

Proofing Contacts, Discriminations, Weave Entries and Exits, Jumping Commitment & Turns: \$ _____

Novice/Open Handling: \$ _____

Master/Advanced Handling Skills: When to use, how to decide, how to recover: \$ _____

Auditing - \$30/Session or \$50/Day, \$75 for both Saturday and Sunday: \$ _____
(Please circle sessions you will be auditing.)

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Payment must be received to hold your spot. **Deadline for payment is September 7, 2018.**

Make checks payable to: Durham Kennel Club (Cash or checks only)

Send registration and checks to: Melissa Hoppes, 215 Dunnegan Road, Hillsborough, NC 27278

Questions: Melissa Hoppes @ melissa@hoppesstudio.com

Waiver:

I, by submitting this registration application to DKC, in consideration of the enrollment in an agility seminar being hosted by the Durham Kennel Club, do hereby agree that I release and waive any right that I may have in law to recover medical payments, property damages or bodily injury damages for any liability regardless of cost, provided that liability is due to ordinary negligence (This release does not contemplate wanton, willful or malicious conduct) as a result of any injury that I may sustain from any other dog or my own dog, dogs or property belonging to me, within the limits of the Durham Kennel Club headquarters or training area. I further agree that I hereby release and waive any right that I may have in law, to hold the Durham Kennel Club and/or the owner of the premises, liable for any injury which may occur to me or my dog, dogs or other property provided this injury or damage is due to ordinary circumstances of negligence. I further agree that I am assuming the risk of participating in agility training where there are other dogs whose temperament is unknown to me, that I waive all right that I may have to institute any suit or other proceeding to cover therefore.

I have read this form and am fully aware that this contract constitutes a waiver and release Durham Kennel Club of any and all liability as a result of any injury to me, to my dog, dogs or property. I hereby certify that I am over 21 years of age, am sober and of sound and understanding mind.

Signature: _____

Date: _____