

KineticDog
Winter Wonderland Workshops
Descriptions



Advanced Deceleration – MEB

Deceleration is a crucial part of any level coursework, yet it is often misunderstood and misapplied. This workshop will build on the concepts of the original Deceleration workshop to apply the concepts in longer and/or more complex sequences. Sequences will consist of 10-14 obstacles of jumps and tunnels only. Deceleration workshop is a prerequisite.

Chasing & Passing – Rachel

Agility in its most basic description is “your dog chasing you through an obstacle course to a point where you allow the dog to pass you because you are turning to run in another direction where your dog will chase you again”

This workshop will use this very simple concept to help you form your handling plan and perfect the execution of that plan.

A contact and/or weave poles may be used - but can be skipped if necessary.

Coursework – MEB & Rachel

Handlers will be put to the test working on technical courses. Courses will consist of about 20-25 obstacles and will be the equivalent of the highest level seen in the US.

Deceleration – MEB

This is MEB's latest signature workshop. Whether your dog is fast, doesn't like turning or is undermotivated, this is a much-needed skill for all agility competitors. Most agility courses consist of many more turns than straight lines and most of these turns need deceleration skills. While it may seem like a basic skill, deceleration is often underutilized and misunderstood. In this workshop, you will learn why, when, and how to use deceleration. We will cover the elements of handling including connection, footwork, timing, and your dog's response to your cues. We will cover the differences between the rhythm change, send, and turning into your dog. Sequences will be shorter and will consist of jumps and tunnels. Got It highly recommended as a prerequisite

Either/Or (Basic) - Jessica

Classic “either/or” designed with young or green dogs in mind. Either/or training is the best way to test your dog's understanding of your handling cues as well as your ability to execute them.

This workshop will focus on sequences designed to test whether your dog is guessing or is truly

following and understanding your cues as well as test your ability to show clear handling for your dog to follow. Appropriate for dogs who are sequencing jumps and tunnels.

Get Sharp – MEB

The top handlers in agility have an edge that goes beyond having a well-trained dog and timely execution of handling skills. Key elements of this sport consist of a mental acuity that is rarely covered in seminars and camps. This is not your typical handling workshop. We will not go into detail on how to handle the sequences or critique your handling per se. In this workshop, you will learn how to become better at situational awareness, adapting on the fly, handling without traditional walkthroughs, and fighting for a run. This workshop is geared to help take you to the next level of your game. Obstacles will include jumps and tunnels only.

Hard Sh*t! – Jessica & Perry

Like the title conveys! This workshop will focus on the tricky stuff. Backsides, discriminations, threadles, tricky lines and hard weave pole entries. Come test your skills! Obstacles will include jumps, tunnels & weaves

Hard Sh*t! (Teenagers) – Jessica

Like the title conveys! This workshop will focus on the tricky stuff. Backsides, discriminations, threadles, and tricky lines. This will be slightly toned down for the teenage level dog. Come test your skills! Obstacles will include jumps, tunnels & weaves, although weaves will not be the focus.

Jumpers Coursework - MEB

We will work on technical level courses of jumpers with weaves. Courses will be of the highest level seen in the USA. Young dogs welcome as long as you are willing to break things down if needed. Course will consist of up to 25 obstacles of jumps, tunnels & weave poles.

Layering Basics – MEB

This workshop is perfect for any dog that has value for jumps and tunnels. Layering has become a necessary skill for many agility courses. It is important for the dog to understand how to drive lines and for the handler to understand how to use their eyes and motion to set up layering. Short sequences of jumps and tunnels only.

Layering Challenges - MEB

For dogs and handlers that already have layering skills. We will work more challenging sequences that are more technical in nature. We may also include either/or options so your dog knows when to come in towards you vs when to layer. Obstacles may include contacts and/or weaves.

Life After Tunnels – Rachel

It has been said that the most frequently faulted obstacle on a course is the obstacle following a tunnel!!!! This workshop will focus on short sequences with handling challenges and

discriminations following tunnels. Perfect your tunnel skills on the obstacle that seems so simple yet can offer tons of challenges. A contact and/or weave poles may be used - but can be skipped if necessary.

More Far Away – Rachel

Being successful at agility is not always about “running fast”. Being able to be successful on course often requires that your dog does the task when you are more far away. In these sequences you will find out what your dog can do, how to train what needs improvement, and achieve overall improvement in your communication and timing with your dog at a distance. A contact and/or weave poles may be used - but can be skipped if necessary.

Proper Planning – Rachel

The 5 P’s – Proper Planning Promotes Perfect Performance.

From your 1st walk through - to your decision making - to the dress rehearsal - to the performance.... work on the process to help you get that clean run!!!

A contact and/or weave poles may be used - but can be skipped if necessary.

Puppies – Rachel

No further description needed! Any age puppy is welcome with no prerequisites

Read the Room – MEB

Most handlers use the walkthrough to plan their handling and verbal cues. Then when they run their dogs, they are not paying enough attention to how the dog reacted to those cues. Therefore, they are unable to adjust on the fly to what the dog is needing at that moment. In this workshop, you will learn to identify spots on the course that your dog may react unpredictably and adjust your cues accordingly. Sequences will include jumps, tunnels and possibly a contact.

Stop Rushing! Start Connecting! – Perry

Rushing is one of the most common mistakes people make in agility. It can cause refusals, off courses, bars, and lots of frustration for our dogs. Learn how to see and trust commitment and expand your dog’s skills so you never feel rushed and develop seamless teamwork with your dog. Dogs should be able to run longer sequences. Contacts and weaves may be included.

Teenagers (Exchange Students) - Rachel

This is geared towards teenage level dogs that want to compete in International/ISC/UKI Open type courses. We will expand past basic foundation training into more technical skills. Weaves may be included but can be skipped if necessary.

Threadle Slice Skills – Rachel

In this workshop, you will focus on the balance between the handling and the verbal cue necessary to improve your execution of threadle slices. If needed, you will learn how to teach the verbal, and then proof for understanding and independence. Obstacles will consist of jumps and tunnels only.

Threadle Wrap Skills – Rachel

In this workshop, you will focus on the balance between the handling and the verbal cue necessary to improve your execution of threadle wraps. If needed, you will learn how to teach the verbal, and then proof for understanding and independence. Obstacles will consist of jumps and tunnels only.

Tunnel Skills – MEB

Most dogs know how to go IN to a tunnel, but do they know how to come OUT? We will learn how to teach basic exit skills such as straight lines, tight turns, and soft turns. The tunnel is one of the least trained and least handled obstacles in agility. Come learn these important skills. Dog should have been introduced to a tunnel and jumps, and have an understanding of how to go around a wing or a cone.

Walking Agility – MEB

Stop rushing! You will only be allowed to walk – no running. The purpose of this is to help you slow down your mind so that you can focus on reading your dog and giving handling cues at the correct time versus always running to try to “get there”. Obstacles may include contacts and/or weaves.

Weave Challenges - MEB

This workshop will feature sequences for the most challenging weave pole tests including: independence, discriminations and extreme entries and exits. Dog should be able to solidly enter and complete 12 poles.

Weave Skills - Rachel

Get your dog ready for any type of weave challenge that a judge can dream up!!! We will work on the training of entries, exits, independence, side changes and discriminations. Dogs should already be weaving 12 poles reliably.

Young Dogs - Rachel

This is the perfect workshop for young dogs that are just learning to sequence. Skills will focus on more basic handling techniques such as front, rear and blind crosses. Sequences will be 4-8 obstacles consisting of jumps and tunnels only.