

DogStar Activity Center presents
AGILITY SEMINARS
with AMANDA SHYNE

Saturday - Sunday, February 17-18, 2018
DogStar Activity Center, Acton, MA
9:00am - 5:00pm each day

Join us for one day or both days to build on your agility foundation and create better teamwork between you and your dog.

Day One – Teaching Commitment Seminar (Jumps & Tunnels only)

Fantastic agility teams work together. The handler creates the path for the dog and the dog performs each obstacle on the path created by the handler. This beautiful, seemingly effortless communication, occurs only when the handler has first trained their canine teammate to look for and perform the obstacles on their path. This seminar is designed to instruct handlers how to teach their dogs to look for obstacles. The focus of the course will be jump commitment, however, we will also do a few training exercises that will work to improve tunnel commitment as well.

This seminar is recommended for students and dogs that have, at a minimum, taken Intro to Agility and/or Agility Handling Skills One or Agility Handling Skills Two or who are currently in Sequencing Classes and want to improve their dog's commitment to path on course.

This seminar is great for almost everyone! Young dogs are fine – but they have to be at least 7 or 8 months (and be mature enough to work for the day) – however, it is also really great for masters level dogs who just do not stay committed if the handler is trying to cue a turn or leave.

Day Two – Skills and Drills (Jumps and Tunnels only)

Need to improve your basic handling skills with your current dog? Looking to build your foundation with a new upcoming dog?

Then join us for an informative seminar that will help you build a better foundation and improve the skills your team already has. We will cover but are not limited to these skills - front crosses, blind crosses, rear crosses, collection cues as well as some of the newer international handling skills.

This seminar is recommended for students and dogs that have taken Agility Handling Skills One and Agility Handling Skills Two or who are currently in Sequencing Classes and would like to improve their handling skills foundation.

Fees:

10 Working Dog spots and 5 Auditor spots available each Day.

Spots are open to DogStar Students first but if we do not fill these seminars by 12/31/17 we will open them to outside students.

\$175.00 Working one day per dog/handler team

\$325.00 Working both days per dog/handler team

\$ 95.00 Auditors per day

Coffee & Beverages available. Please bring your own lunch. There will be an hour break for lunch each day.

Who is Amanda Shyne?

Amanda Shyne is the founder of Data Driven Agility. Amanda loves all animals and pursued a graduate degree studying animal behavior at Northeastern University in Boston, MA. Her PhD dissertation examined the effects of environmental enrichment on zoo animal welfare. Due to her training as a researcher her agility school takes a scientific approach to agility and dog training as it is constantly looking for the most effective ways to communicate course direction to dogs. Amanda is not afraid to try new techniques and enjoys taking seminars as much as she does teaching them. One of her catch phrases, "Good to know," reminds her students that all data is important even if it suggests the need for more training. Amanda loves agility and will continue to learn from her dogs for the rest of her life.

Currently, Amanda teaches classes in Vermont and seminars throughout New England as well online classes through her website: <http://datadrivenagility.com/>

Amanda has been competing in dog agility for 15 years. She and her Border Collie, Dilly, were the 2007 and 2009 USDAA Northeast Regional Grand Prix of Dog Agility winners in the 22" class. In 2014 they won the Northeast Regional Performance Grand Prix in the 16" class. The team was also a USDAA Dog Agility Steeplechase finalist at the Cynosport World Games in 2008 and 2009, and a USDAA Grand Prix of Dog finalist at the World Game in 2007, 2008, and 2009, placing 3rd in 2008. At the 2010 AKC National Agility Championships, Amanda and Dilly won the AKC International Jumpers class and the combined International Jumpers/Standard class.

In 2017 she and her 2 year-old BC Joker placed second in the USDAA Northeast Regional Grand Prix 24" class.

ABOUT THE FACILITY



310B School Street
Acton, MA 01720
978-429-8396

DogStar Activity Center is conveniently located off Route 2 in Acton, MA - see website for detailed directions - www.DogStarActivityCenter.com.

Parking and entrance to our facility is at the back of the building. The facility arena is air conditioned and fully matted.

*Please mail registration info for "Amanda Shyne Agility Seminar" below with
check payable to "DogStar Activity Center"*

Questions? Contact our Seminar Coordinator: Donna Kiuru
Donna@DogStarActivityCenter.com 978-429-8396

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Dog's Name/Breed: _____

Sat Working (\$175) Sun Working (\$175) Both Days Working (\$325)

Sat Auditor (\$95) Sun Auditor (\$95)

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ check # _____

No refunds after February 1, 2018 - refunds subject to \$5 processing fee.