

<b>Day 1 - Building Opens at 7:00</b>			
Time			
7:30 - 8:40	Check-in & get your goodies!		
8:40 - 9:00	<b>Welcome to Camp! Here's how the weekend works!</b>		
9:00 - 9:15	<b>Break - get ready for session 1!</b>		
9:15 - 10:45	Amy "What is your dog telling you?"	Shade "Offered Behavior"	Sarah "Ritualized Reinforcement"
10:45 - 11:00	<b>Break - get ready for session 2!</b>		
11:00 - 12:30	Amy "Reactivity Management"	Shade "Stand By"	Sarah "Managing Arousal"
12:40 - 1:40	<b>Lunch - get ready for session 3!</b>		
1:40 - 3:40	Amy "Social Play Skills"	Shade "Toys; Step 1: Chase!"	Sarah "Consent from Crate to Gate"
3:40 - 3:55	<b>Break - get ready for end of day session</b>		
3:55 - 4:30	Open Q&A with all instructors!		
<b>Day 2 - Building Opens at 7:30</b>			
8:00 - 8:45	Check-in & get your goodies (not necessary to check-in if this is day two)		
9:00 - 10:40	Amy "Emotional Caretaking"	Shade "Marker Cue Mechanics"	Sarah "Duration Behaviors"
10:40 - 11:00	<b>Break - get ready for session 2!</b>		
11:00 - 12:30	Amy "Connected Transitions"	Shade "Reducing Reinforcement"	Sarah "Mind Your Beeswax"
12:40 - 1:40	<b>Lunch - get ready for session 3!</b>		
1:40 - 3:40	Amy "Startle to Recovery"	Shade "Toys; Step 2: Tug & Beyond"	Sarah "Problem Solving"
3:40 - 4:00	<b>Break - get ready for end of day session</b>		
4:00 - 5:00	Open Q&A with all instructors		

**Saturday & Sunday Afternoon:** Open Q & A with Amy, Sarah, & Shade!

We will take time at the end of each day to discuss common questions with this trio of instructors. Students (workers and auditors) will be able to submit questions ahead of time & instructors will answer & discuss with you as many as time permits!

Amy Cook:

**Saturday Lecture:** What is your dog telling you? Understanding your dog's emotion signals. *Lecture only. No working team spots!*

Is your dog ready to work? Is your dog comfortable in the environment and able to think clearly? Your dog's comfort needs have to be met first before he can work. Do you know how he's communicating those needs with you? Signs of stress and discomfort and subtle early on. Come learn how to read your dog in new ways!

**Saturday Working:** Reactivity Management

Most dogs can be reactive sometimes, and even the happiest dogs in the world have to pass by challenging dogs now and then! Come learn why management isn't the same as training, and which skills to focus on to make getting through life without big blow ups much easier to accomplish. Come practice your magnet walking, jumping hand touches, find its , and see how they fit into the dance that is active management!

**Saturday Working:** Social Play Skills in Practice

Get on the floor with your dog and make each other laugh! Social play skills will be coached and discussed with each team. Bring your sense of humor! For experienced teams, we may experiment with toy- and food-augmented social play.

**Sunday Lecture:** Emotional Caretaking - Preventing stress through choice and predictability

One of the biggest desires of any animal is to make choices freely and to have control over what happens to them. Since that's not something we can give a dog at all times, what are some of the key places where giving them choice can make a big difference to them? Come learn new ways of thinking about those experiences and importantly, how to soften the blow when you can't give them the choices they want!

**Sunday Working:** Connected Transitions

Moving from exercise to exercise in the obedience ring, or from gate to start line in the agility ring without deflating your dog's energy and losing connection or ricocheting them up into the stratosphere can be a real challenge! This is your time to stay connected and move together while keeping your dog ready to work. Don't know what your dog needs? Come learn your options!

**Sunday Working:** Startle to Recovery

You're carrying on as usual at a trial or on a walk and then something surprising happens that scares your dog! A table crashes! A door slams! What do you do? Helping your dog shake it off and return to normal requires laying a recovery foundation ahead of time! In this lab you'll install a recovery sequence from start to finish, by backchaining each element until you have the whole thing assembled. Give your dog some recovery language!

Sarah Stremming:

**Saturday Working:** Ritualized Reinforcement

Ritualizing your reinforcers gives them more power! Learn how to get longer sequences of high quality behavior because the dog knows his big time payoff is coming. This will help with ring stress that is masked by reinforcers, it will help with elevating the value of certain behaviors (weaves poles, contacts, etc.), and it will give you a way to apply “jackpotting” in a more accurate way.

**Saturday Lecture:** Managing Arousal

We like our crackhead dogs. But could they maybe be a little less on crack sometimes? Just sometimes? This talk will give you tools and strategies for your worked up sport dog, and will provide some answers to the burning “why do they do that?” questions you might have.

**Saturday Working:** Consent from Crate to Gate

Consent is a layered process that extends far beyond just the usage of start button behaviors. We must be asking our dogs to consent to the game all the way from their crate to the gate, and beyond. Learn how to read your dog’s “no” and encourage his “yes” at each step!

**Sunday Working:** Duration Behaviors

Pesky duration behaviors... they’re tough for all of us, but why? In this lab, Sarah will simplify these behaviors that so often confound trainers, and help you meet your dog in the middle when learning how to “hold” a behavior.

**Sunday Working:** Mind Your Beeswax

Default attention in the face of social opportunities is important for all sport dogs, whether they are overly social or a bit fearful. Teaching them that zoning in on their human when a stranger or strange dogs approach is a kindness we can give them because it will help them function in trial environments.

**Sunday Lecture:** Problem Solving

You’ve got a problem and you know about five potential solutions; how do you choose the right one? Or, you’ve got a problem and you’re coming up blank! You’re in luck; there’s a process for deciding! This lecture will give you the steps to solve any problem you are having. Sarah will go over the humane hierarchy (a guideline for choosing training solutions) as it applies to sport dogs.

Shade Whitesel:

**Saturday Working:** Offered Behavior

Want to create really pushy, confident behaviors? Having trouble communicating to your dog that you want a specific behavior on verbal cue? Are previously named trial behaviors deteriorating as you trial? Learn how to create a ritual with your dog to communicate that you want a specific behavior and then proof that behavior with all sorts of body language before adding the verbal cue back in. Half shaping/half capturing, this process works to teach your dog to "push" you with the behavior, creating fluid confident skills that you can then put on verbal stimulus control.

**Saturday Working:** Stand By

We love that "breakthrough" moment when the dog figures out that their motions make us click. Trainers get reinforced because it's so cool when they do that! And.. on and on, to hspaing heaven, until you're preparing to trial and there is a moment of stillness and suddenly the dog is offering all the things - legs and feet dancing around, head moving - not exactly the steady position changes you were hoping for! Join Shade as we teach our dogs the difference between verbal stimulus control sessions and offering/shaping sessions. We'll teach them that stillness (a stand by/wait ) is a good thing, without the frustration of waiting through an extinction burst of behaviors.

**Saturday Working:** Toys; Creating a Thinking Reinforcement - Step 1: Chase!

Chase, Catch, Spike, Switch! Think of all the varieties you can do with 2 toys while you teach your dog to drop 1 toy, then bite the second toy, in the process learning that you are the holder of all the toys! First we'll lure, attract, prompt, trade food, etc... to get the dog to drop one in exchange for the other. Then, we'll fade that lure, and teach the dog to choose to drop the toy he has to get you to produce the second one! This is especially important for dogs who have big feelings around holding toys in their mouths and don't want to give it up. Once we get the basics, I'll teach you how to intersperse behavior cues into the toy game, and how to develop a communication system with your dog partner, so he can have an opinion about how much play reinforcement he needs. Students who have taken my online classes, or a seminar are welcome to join us in this working lecture/lab as well as students brand new to this concept.

**Sunday Working:** Marker Cue Mechanics

'Yes' versus 'Get it', 'Strike' versus 'Chase'; now you are allowed to pounce on the toy on the ground, now you need to take food instead! Having verbal cues that tell your dog when, where, and what reinforcement that are getting can be mind blowing to the handler, but so clear for the dog. No guessing on the dog's part, no staring at your bait pouch or pockets or hands for movement and signals. The dog can devote their entire attention to what the handler is teaching, which makes it more enjoyable and efficient for both parties. Join me as I explain how and why! Handler dog teams will practice mechanics with humans only for the first couple times out, and they get to practice with their dogs.

**Sunday Lecture:** Reducing Reinforcement

- or more aptly, How to teach and gather information from your partner dog so that you aren't reducing reinforcement! I'll go over some key bullet points about how I think about reducing reinforcement and getting a trial ready performance. This subject/concept that is very dear to me, since I compete in one sport (IPO) that has an obedience routine that lasts 20 minutes without reinforcement, and the other sport (AKC obedience) that has a long maintenance phase.

**Sunday Working:** Toys; Creating a Thinking Reinforcement - Step 2: Tug & Beyond!

Push, Pull, Let him have it, bring it back, etc... ! Let's expand on the 2 toy game in part 1 and explore tugging, how to put tug on physical cue, how to combine chase and tug games, and how to get some behavior skills into the game. This is the working lab/lecture to get into the special skills, like toy on the ground, all the different toy marker cues, presentations versus verbals, and more. Students brand new to my toy concepts need to have taken Part 1:Chase to be eligible for a working spot. Students who have taken my online class, or a previous seminar are also welcome to join.