

Call of the Wild

Dog Camp

September 4-5-6, 2009

PROGRAM



Program in Detail

Friday

Registration

When: 12:00-1:00

Where? North end of house

Meet and greet

Everyone

When? 1:00-1:30

Where? Area A (Marquee)

Nose Power

Caroline Spark

When: 1:30-2:30

Where? Area A (Marquee & meadow)

Learn ways of getting your dog's nose working over-time, and give him/her mental exercise. This session introduces the basics of "nose work" –for life enrichment and so you can jump into nature games, like Forest Agility and Good Rat Hunting.



Where Am I? Walk

Caroline Spark, Julie Diamond, Ursula Adler

When? 2:30-3:00

Where? Meet at Area A (Marquee)

Enjoy a short hike --and sniff out where you're at. Three guided walks, graded for different fitness levels (none of them are really demanding, but if you/your dog have difficulty with uneven surfaces or walking up/down a hill, A or B will suit you better).

A – River Stroll (easy - gravel road/grass)

B – Decision Tree Trail (a bit more difficult - mostly flat, but uneven ground)

C – Ridge Trail (more difficult - trail winds up and down a ridge, with some uneven terrain, and a hop across a small creek)

River Games

Lisa Plymale

When? 3:30-4:30

Where? Area H (Swimming hole)

For water-loving dogs, there are 2 games: Ducky Fetch and Bumper Relay. Ducky Fetch is played in handler-dog teams – it involves launching small rubber ducks from the bridge, a race along the bank, and retrieves from the water. The team with the biggest duck catch wins a prize. The Bumper Relay pits

handler/dog teams against each other, retrieving bumpers tossed from the bank of the swimming hole. A must for water-lovers and avid ball and stick fetchers.



Forest Agility

Caroline Spark

When: 4:30-5:30

Where? Area B (Forest)

This nature game puts together nose work and physical activity. The forest course includes log jumps, brush tunnels, hay bales, mossy hoop, weave trees, and more. See how many obstacles your dog can navigate, and pick up a reward after each one. Optional speed challenge at the end for willing teams – otherwise, just let your dog enjoy using nose and body to navigate an interesting obstacle course.

Take a Break for Focus and Drive

Greta Kaplan

When? 3:30-5:30

Where? Area D (Off leash area)

Guess what -- you don't have to be more interesting than dirt (or squirrels, people, food, or other dogs). Learn how to increase your dog's drive and focus in the face of distractions. The "Give Me A Break" game from *Control Unleashed* is a powerful, flexible tool that gives you power over distractions and can even put the power of those distractions to work for you.

What Is My Dog Saying?

Helix Fairweather

When? 3:30-5:30

Where? Garage Theatre

Our dogs have a wonderfully rich manner of communication with each other.

These silent signals express such things as the need for more distance, the desire for less distance, expression of politeness or friendliness, participation in conflict resolution, or expressions of fear, reluctance, discomfort, joy. The most subtle body language signals carry great meaning.

Using photos and video clips from the What Is My Dog Saying program created by Carol Byrnes, we will study many of these subtle signals as conversations pass between dogs. Learning to recognize these

conversations on the first day of camp can help you learn to read your own dog and, consequently, guide him through his camp experiences as he meets many new dogs and people.

Woven into the presentation will be observation time with some of the campers' dogs in off-leash greetings as we all explore "what are *these* dogs saying?"

Drinks and Demos

When? 5:30-6:30

Where? On deck in front of house

Fancy a Cosmodog? Bloodhound Mary? Hang out and get to know other campers before dinner (in town at local restaurants). Get a taste for things to come, watching Dog Sports Demos.

Saturday

Elk Meadow Hike

Caroline Spark

When? 8.00-9.30

Where? Meet at north end of house

For earlier birds and dogs – a longer hike through forest and meadow

OR

Short n' Sweet Walk

When? 9:00-9.30

Where? Meet in Area A (Marquee)

For those who like to sleep in a bit, or just want to stretch their legs before breakfast.



Disc Dog Taster

Carol Helfer

When? 10.00-11.30

Where? Area C (Corral)

This session will cover: a brief overview of the various types of disc dog events and organizations, the basics of throwing, beginning freestyle moves, injury prevention and proper conditioning. You'll also have the chance to try out in a Skyhoundz-like competition for Distance and Accuracy. Discs available for you to try, but please bring your own disc if you have one (type of disc doesn't matter, for the purposes of this class).

*Disc Dog (sometimes called Frisbee Dog) engages dogs and their human disc throwers in competitive events such as distance catching and somewhat choreographed freestyle catching.

Introduction to Canine Musical Freestyle*

Julie Flanery

When? 10:00-12:00

Where? Area E (Meadow in front of house)

This fun session will combine music and training to introduce you and your dog to behaviors and moves used to create freestyle routines for therapy work, demos or competition.

*Canine Musical Freestyle is dancing with dogs to music.

It adds dimensions such as music, timing, costuming, routine development, and showmanship to basic obedience training. A wonderful way to teach and bond with your dog.



Tricks and Games 101

Susan Fletcher

When? 10:00-11:00

Where? Area A (Marquee)

Tricks and games offer fun and surprising ways to practice obedience skills and bring out the best in your dog! Useful or cute, they can enlarge your dog's vocabulary, give your dog more information on how to do things, and build relationship. Brush up the basics (like Sit, Down, Stay, Leave It, Come) and make them fun. Play games like Tic Tac Toe, Typewriter, Tunnel of Love, and more. Intrigued? Come to this session, and find out what these games are about!

(This session is for beginners – try Tricks and Games 202 if your dog is ready for harder stuff).

Creek Paddle

Caroline Spark

When? 11:00-11:30

Where? Meet at Area G (behind the house). Take a leisurely stroll by the creek, and let your dogs unwind with a relaxing sniff along the water's edge.

Tug Time

Greta Kaplan

When 11:00-12:00

Where? Area C (Corral)

Description: Tugging and play with your dog can be a powerful motivator as well as a fun way to bond. It can be used to build confidence in shy or nervous dogs, and to build self-control in enthusiastic ones. Not every human is born knowing how to play tug with their dog! This session will help owners learn

how to motivate hesitant dogs, how to teach impulse control for intense dogs, and how to use tug effectively in training. Fun and safety are emphasized.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON 1.00-3.00

Carting

Sue Matthews

When? 1:00-2.30

Where? Area C (Corral)

If you're ever thought that your dog needs a job, but wondered if he'd really enjoy pulling a cart, here is your opportunity to give it a try! Sue Matthews has been carting with her Bouviers for years, and has provided hundreds of dogs of many breeds opportunities to hitch up and give carting a go as well.

Carting is an excellent activity to share with your dog. It builds teamwork, provides excellent aerobic exercise, develops and maintains strong musculature, and is a skill that has a lot of real world, useful applications. Take the children to the park in a dog powered wagon, let the dogs haul the grub for a picnic, or move bags of dog food from the car to the house easily with the dog's help.

Dogs of all breeds and sizes can cart. Your dog needs to have solid basic obedience skills, be non-reactive around people, other dogs and other critters, and be in good health. Interestingly enough though, dogs with hip dysplasia can cart, and actually carting is an excellent way to maintain strong musculature to protect the affected joints from deterioration.

In this class you'll learn about selecting appropriate equipment, training and motivating your dog, and understand the safety issues involved in carting. Sue will bring a variety of carts, scooters, wagons, and harnesses, and dogs who are appropriately social and well behaved may be given an opportunity to try pulling a cart or scooter. Harnesses for large breed dogs will be available. If you have a smaller dog and want to join in, please bring a standard walking style nylon harness that fits your dog.

On The Ball Core Strengthening and Hind End Awareness

Bobbie Lyons

When? 1:00-3.00

Where? Area E (deck and meadow in front of house)

The benefits of core strengthening and body awareness are immeasurable! This interactive and informative workshop will present exercises, tricks, and props suitable for any dog. A beginner workout on the Theraball will be demonstrated, along with an explanation of its main benefits: increased range of motion, flexibility, muscle tone, endurance, balance and overall stimulation. In addition, we will use tricks and exercises to increase hind end awareness and strength, stretch muscles safely, reduce the chance of injury, and provide mental challenge. You will learn fun and entertaining ways to strengthen and exercise your dog, increase balance and overall performance, and deepen your bond with your dog. Best of all, the workout can be done in your living room, so if it is raining or 90° outside, you still have a great way to exercise your dog.

Turn on a Dime Recall

Caroline Spark and Lisa Plymale

When? 1:00-2.00

Where? Area D (Off leash area)

Coming when called is a basic skill – and can be a lifesaver as well. This session will cover the basics of how to teach a reliable everyday recall, as well as an emergency recall. Because dogs often have so many better things to do when we call them, we will explore how to make you Number One on your dog's list of fun and interesting things to pay attention to!

Awareness Walk*

Caroline Spark

When? 2:00-2:30

Where? Meet at Area G (back of house)

Let your dog take you on a walk, as s/he follows her nose and you follow your awareness and breathing. A great way to bond with your dog, and relaxing for you both! (*Based on a technique from Leslie McDevitt's *Control Unleashed*)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON 3.30-5.30

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Is This an Emergency?

Laura Wilson, CVT

When? 4:30-5:30

Where? Area A (Marquee)

Laura will address the most common pet emergencies, when to seek immediately medical attention, when it can wait until morning, and what you should or should not do in the mean time.

Puzzles for the Canine Brainiac

Caroline Spark

When? 3.30-5.30

Where? Area F: Garage Theatre

Dogs need mental challenges. They are intelligent beings whose ancestors had to spend the better part of their day finding food, dealing with environmental challenges, and working out their relationships with other dogs. Smart dogs often get into trouble when they don't have enough to do.

Try before you buy! Let your dog try out a range of puzzle toys by Nina Ottosson and others. Too pricey? Get some great ideas about how to make your own.

Canine Massage/ Introduction to TTouch*

Sarah Logan

When? 3.30-4:30

Where? Area A (Marquee)

A relaxing end to a full day – learn ways to relax yourself and your dog through touch and breathing.

*Developed by Linda Tellington-Jones, TTouch is a method based on circular movements of the fingers and hands over the body. Its intent is to activate the function of the cells, speed up healing, and change undesirable habits or behavior.

Just Chillin'

Relax under a shady tree and donothing.

Drinks on the Deck

When? 5-30-6.30

Where? Area E (On deck and in meadow in front of house).

Grab a cocktail, beer wine or a soft drink and enjoy hanging out in the late afternoon sun, and experiencing the pleasure and truth of "a tired dog is a good dog!"

BBQ

When? 6:30

Where? On deck and in meadow in front of the house.

Relax and enjoy a gourmet BBQ served by our international catering team, the Ciao Houndz!

Sunday

Blackberry Hike

Caroline Spark

When? 8.00-9.30

Where? Meet at north end of house. Bring a container for berries if you like.

OR

Short n' Sweet Walk

When? 9:00-9.30

Where? Meet in Area A (Marquee)

For those who like to sleep in a bit, or just want to stretch their legs before breakfast.

Tracking 101

Caroline Spark

When: 10:00-11:00

Where: Meet at Area G (behind house)

Designed to give novice teams a beginning whiff of what tracking is all about – the joy of following a scent trail. Trusting the dog's nose to take you to a hidden object can be an exhilarating experience for handlers. And dogs get to use their most powerful sense in a productive way, which is thrilling and deeply satisfying for them. Learn simple, fun ways to lay tracks and practice in your home environment.

Good Rat Hunting

Caroline Spark

When: 10:00-11:00

Where? Area C (outside corral in front of barn)

For terriers and wanna-be terriers. This nature game puts your dog's nose to work in a thrilling setting – inside the barn and around the woodpile, where pack rats and squirrels do their thing. The game is played in teams – a bunch of "rats" will be hidden in select spots, and each dog-handler team will hunt out as many as you can in 5 minutes. The team with the most rats in their bag at the end wins a prize.

Introduction to Flyball*

Greta Kaplan

When? 10:00-12:00

Where? Area E (meadow in front of house)

Description: This session will start with a short demonstration of finished flyball behaviors and a discussion of how the game works. We will then introduce each dog and handler to the foundation

skills, including testing turn direction, independent jumping, and the beginning stages of learning the box turn and passing skills. Motivation, reward and self-control will be addressed as we work. We'll discuss safe training and handling and talk about physical and mental issues that will help you decide if flyball is a good fit for your dog.

*Flyball is a relay race between four dog/handler teams, in which the dogs race over hurdles, catch a tennis ball released by a spring-loaded box, and race back over the hurdles.

FlexiSession*

Open

When? 10:00-11:00

Where? Open



Canine Pet Therapists

Laura Wilson

When? 11:00-12:00

Where? Open

Many dog owners are curious about Animal Assisted Therapy programs and they often wonder if their canine would make a good therapy dog. Laura Wilson, Delta Society Licensed Evaluator/Instructor, will answer your questions about choosing a dog for therapy work, training a dog for therapy work, and becoming a Delta Pet Partner. The Delta evaluation will be explained and mock exercises will be demonstrated.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Exercise for the Senior Dog

Carol Helfer DVM

When? 1:00-2:00

Where? Area E (in front of house)

It really is true; use it or lose it! This is just as important for dogs as it is for humans!

This class will cover strengthening and flexibility other hands-on work with your dogs.

Our goal is to make them the best they can be at this time of their lives.



Tricks and Games 202

Susan Fletcher

When? 1.00-2.00

Where? Area A (Marquee)

Tricks help to bring out the best in your dog! Useful or cute, they can enlarge your dog's vocabulary, give your dog more information on how to do things, and build relationship. Paws up, high five, spin, bow, wave, roll over, back up and more. See what your dog is capable of, and have fun together! Easy or more challenging tricks will be selected to suit the people and dogs in the group.

Canine Pet Therapists (continued)

Laura Wilson

When? 1:00-2:00

Where? Area A (Marquee)

CGC Preparation

Caroline Spark

When: 1-2:00

Where: Area D (off-leash area)

We will run through the 10 items of the CGC test, for those who want to take the test after the camp, and anyone interested in taking it sometime in the future.

Grand Finale - Treasure Tracking

Caroline and team

When? 2.00-3.30

Where? (Start at Marquee)

This nature game is played in teams, made up of several handler/dog pairs. Each team will be assigned an area, and given a list of clues. The human side of the team must solve each clue, to guide you to a particular "trove" (treasure discovery area). At each trove, the team will choose one of the dogs to be "The Closer" – then let that dog's nose find the object that is hidden there. When the team has found all the hidden objects, you'll have what it takes to find the final hidden treasure, and the end of the game!

Prizes and Farewells

When? 3: 30-4:30

Where? Area A (Marquee/Meadow)

Prizes, raffle draw, networking, snacks for the road, and more!

CGC testing will be offered as an optional extra after the camp at 5:00 pm. Please sign up for this at registration.



Meet the Team

Instructors

(in alphabetical order)

Helix Fairweather

Helix has been clicker training for 13 or so years, and feels extremely privileged to be on the faculty of both Clicker Expo and Karen Pryor Academy for Animal Training & Behavior from the beginning of each. Helix teaches on-line clicker trained agility classes, Rally and Agility classes, and pet manners classes. She also teaches Relaxed & Ready classes for reactive dogs and Control Unleashed classes for dogs and handlers with performance-related issues. Helix conducts seminars in the US and Canada on a number of subjects. Most recently she has been focused on teaching GO FOR IT! Relaxed & Ready seminars with her friend and co-presenter, Megan Cruz, KPA Certified Training Partner. She has been a contributing author to Clean Run and the Clicker Journal and has been putting a lot of time into curriculum development both for the Karen Pryor Academy and for a new training center soon to open in Salem (www.mydoggym.com).

Helix is retired from agility and rally and is now learning how to live and train as a disabled dog owner. She did competition obedience in the past (long before clicker training) and took her Old English Sheepdog to the first ever Gaines Invitational. She was also on a scent hurdle racing team back in the day.

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Julie Flanery

Julie has been working professionally with dogs and their owners for almost 14 years. She has placed obedience, freestyle, rally and agility titles on her dogs, and has been an invited workshop and seminar presenter across the U.S on a variety of topics from freestyle and clicker skills to dog language and behavior. Julie has been competing in Musical Freestyle since 1999, and in 2001 she was named "Trainer of the Year" by the World Canine Freestyle Organization. She was the first to title a dog in freestyle on the west coast and in 2007 was the first to earn a freestyle championship on the west coast. She has placed many freestyle titles on her dogs, earning several High Technical Merit and High Artistic Merit in both Musical Freestyle and Heelwork to Music Divisions. She has been a competition freestyle judge for WCFO since 2003 and is the founder and President of Dogs Gone Dancin' Canine Musical Freestyle Club. Julie has appeared on television, radio and in several news and magazine articles sharing her enthusiasm and knowledge of freestyle and clicker training.

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Susan Fletcher

Susan has been training dogs since she was 10 years old, when she taught her Chihuahua obedience, tricks, how to pull a skate board, and attack work! She has been training dogs professionally for more than 20 years, and conducts classes in Beginning through Advanced dog training, Tricks and Games, Canine Good Citizen, Agility for Safety and Confidence, Kids and Canines, Off-Leash Work and Play, Distraction Proofing and more. In her work with behavioral issues she specializes in distraction and leash aggression. Susan enjoys dabbling in all kinds of dog activities, from Flyball and Sledding to Weight Pull and hunting varmints. She currently owns 11 dogs, and lives in Washougal WA, with three other humans, 13 dogs, a conure, 3 finches, a box turtle and 11 chickens.

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Carol Helfer

Carol is a veterinarian in Portland with a Sports Medicine and Physical Rehabilitation practice. She's been in practice for 27 years. In her spare time, she competes in agility, flyball and disc with her 2

younger dogs, Spam, a Staffordshire Bull Terrier and Hotshot, a Border Collie/Staffy Bull mix.

Spam and Carol competed in the 2005 and 2006 Skyhoundz World Disc Championships in Atlanta, Georgia. Carol didn't learn how to throw a disc until she was 50, so she doesn't want to hear any whining about how you can't throw <G>!!!!

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Greta Kaplan

Greta is a Certified Pet Dog Trainer and Certified Dog Behavior Consultant. She is the captain and coach for the Portland Tail Blazers, a competition-oriented flyball club in the greater Portland-Vancouver area.

Greta currently races Mellie, a three-year-old Border Collie who runs anchor with the Tail Blazers, and lives with her retired nine-year-old rescue Australian Shepherd, Cedi, who holds the Flyball Master Champion title.

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Bobbie Lyons

Bobbie Lyons immersed herself in learning about core strengthening and body awareness for dogs after her own dog suffered injury. While on this path of discovery, she learned that many dogs have little to no hind end awareness, and that many owners do not understand the importance of proper conditioning, strengthening and stretching. Blessed with the desire and ability to pass her knowledge and skill on to others, Bobbie has taught competitors in Agility, Flyball, Dock Diving, Schutzhund, French Ring, Obedience, Rally, Disc Dog, and Freestyle, as well as people who just want fun things to do with their dog. She has worked with many different dog breeds, and with a range of physical challenges such as knee injuries, hip injuries, luxating patellas, hip dysplasia, and shoulder injuries. She is continually looking for new exercises to enhance body awareness, as well as ways to increase the difficulty of strengthening exercises to keep dogs challenged and moving forward.

Sue Matthews

Sue Matthews has been involved with critters of all types since she was a little kid, and especially loved driving ponies, horses, and draft horses. These days, horses are not so readily available, but it wasn't much of a stretch to invoke the drafting heritage of her Bouviers. She started carting with her dogs in 1996, first draft carting, and later driving, scootering, and running the dogs on gang lines. Sue has written and published a carting training manual, taught carting clinics for breed clubs and canine camps, and offered private lessons for many years. In the past she has also competed in conformation and obedience, and breeds Bouviers very occasionally. She also provides training, advocacy, and support services for individuals with disabilities who are partnered with service dogs.

Lisa Plymale

Lisa is a Certified Pet Dog Trainer, and has been training professionally for more than 11 years. She is the owner of Happy-Go-Lucky Dog Training, which she and her husband opened as Portland's first dog daycare and training facility in 1999. Lisa enjoyed competing in flyball for several years with her older dogs, but now is hooked on herding and agility. She lives in Brush Prairie, Washington with her husband John, five dogs, a small herd of sheep and a llama.

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Caroline Spark

Caroline is a certified dog trainer and behavior consultant, with a background in psychology, counseling individuals, couples and families. She particularly enjoys the challenge of bridging the canine-human divide, and making a difference in the lives of dogs and their human families. She operates City Dog Country Dog, a multi-service dog training and behavior company, which offers in-home behavior consulting, day training, board & train, vacation training retreats, and summer camps. Caroline also specializes in remedial training and support for psychiatric service dogs and their handlers, and offers public education seminars on dog training, behavior and quality of life issues, and companion animal bereavement.

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Laura Wilson

A former school teacher who has gone to the dogs, Laura owned a pet retail/grooming establishment for 9 years before becoming a Certified Veterinary Technician. She currently works for the Back on Track Veterinary Rehabilitation Center in Portland, a specialty clinic for injured dogs and cats. In 2000, Laura founded the X-Fidos, currently Oregon's largest flyball club. She became a licensed Instructor/Team Evaluator for the Delta Society (www.deltasociety.org) in 2009, and has three Pet Partner therapy dogs.

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Camp Counselor

Helix Fairweather

Look for Helix under a shady tree near the Marquee. She will be available to help you with training and behavior questions.

In-Camp Photographer

Sherri Goldstein

Sherri will take photos throughout the camp, so that you and your dog have some great pictures as well as memories to take home with you. The photos in this Program are all by Sherri, and you can see more of her work when you view the City Dog Country Dog website (www.citydogcountrydogtraining.com).

Sherri has also lent her photo skills to the Multnomah County shelter and rescue groups in Portland, OR and San Diego, CA.

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Support Team

Ursula Adler – Registration, Hiking guide, TLC Provider

Jim Adler – Parking, Hiking Guide

Julie Diamond – Hiking Guide, TLC Provider

Catering by the Ciao Houndz

Ursula Adler, Jim Adler, Julie Diamond, Melanie Fernandez, Dennis Laird, John Posey, Andrea Scharf.



Call of the Wild Dog Camp, 2008
Feedback Form

Please let us know about your experience of the camp. We want to know how things could be improved next year, and what was great about it too!

Did you think the camp was [too long] [just right] [too short] _____

Please give us feedback on the organization of the camp:

- a. Venue _____
- b. Prior information _____
- c. Camper's Kitbag _____
- d. Schedule _____
- e. Program (turn page to give feedback on individual activities) _____
- d. Quality of instruction _____

Was there anything else that you would have liked included in the camp? _____

What did you particularly enjoy? _____

What was not enjoyable or problematic for you? _____

You left the camp feeling? _____

Other comments or suggestions?

Please tell us how you originally heard about the camp:

Friend__ Instructor __ Website __ Flyer __ Poster __ Email flyer__ Other _____

Activity	Comments
Nose Power	
Good Rat Hunting	
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Creek Paddle	
Awareness Walk	
Control Unleashed	
Off-leash play	
Intro to Freestyle	
Tug Training	
Training Games	
Creek Paddle	
Intro to Flyball	
Intro to TTouch/Massage	
Blackberry Hike	
Intro to Disc Dog	
Training Multiple Dogs	
Treasure Tracking	
Other	

