



Agility Seminars with Tracy Sklenar!

sponsored by Blue Ridge Dog Training Club

221 Commonwealth Court, Winchester, VA 22602

(In the Sportsplex / Body Renew Fitness Complex)

August 10, 11, & 12, 2018.

Registration closes August 6, 2018.

This fun and full three days of agility workshops with international competitor and coach Tracy Sklenar, presented by Blue Ridge Dog Training Club, focuses on fostering teamwork, skill-building, and recognizing and meeting handling challenges for teams of all skill levels.

WHEN: Friday 9 a.m.— 5 p.m. — Advanced/Masters Handling (10 working teams) —

Teams must be competing at the Advanced/Excellent/Masters Level) Learn how to use Feet Forward strategies to navigate the Masters, Premier and International challenges you will see on course! We will focus on getting great turns and lines while choosing the best handling options for you and your dog.

Working Spots — Full Day (Limited to 10) — \$175

Auditing spots — unlimited — \$75

Saturday 9 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. — Play, Connection, & Focus (8 teams)

(Dogs 6 months through adult) Great tools for any age or skill level!) This seminar will give you the tools to create great teamwork with your dog or pup while also learning to work through distractions! Using a variety of motivational games and problem solving techniques, you will learn how to bring out the best focus and drive for any sport! We will *not* be running sequences, all of these are flatwork games. We will *not* be addressing aggression or fear.

Working Spots — A.M. (Limited to 8) — \$110

Auditing spots — unlimited — \$45

1:30-5 p.m. — Feet Forward Handling (Course Analysis & Strategy) (6 teams) (Dogs must be 14 months & up) Learn how to effectively use Feet Forward handling strategies to drive your dog around the course! Get connected with speed and focus, along with great lines and turns. These challenges will help you tackle the challenges you'll see on course.

Working Spots — P.M. (Limited to 6) — \$110

Auditing spots — unlimited — \$45

Sunday 9 a.m.— 12:30 p.m. — Obstacle Commitment (6 teams) (Dogs must

be 14 months & up) Using wings, jumps, and tunnels, teams will work on building the strong commitment that is the key to success in ANY handling system! Teach your dog to commit to obstacles and lines as well as to pay attention to handling. Build the understanding your dog needs so that you can get further ahead, use more distance, and be on time with your cues. The exercises will be a combination of games and short sequences. This seminar is useful for young dogs starting out as well as experienced dogs needing to learn more about commitment.

Working Spots — A.M. (Limited to 6) — \$110

Auditing spots — unlimited — \$45

1:30-5 p.m. — Turn Turn Turn! (6 teams) (Dogs must be 14 months & up) Do you feel like you are fighting with your dog to get him to turn? Are you getting wide turns on course? Let's make it easy to get amazing turns on front crosses, blind crosses, sends and spins. Learn how to train and cue the dog to want to turn tight – and also learn how to add verbals to help get those turns!

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Questions? Email brdtccalendar@gmail.com



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ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR

Tracy Sklenar has been training dogs and competing in dog agility for almost 20 years and is perhaps the only handler in the world who has won medals in international Finals as a coach for 2 different countries AND as a handler with her own dog in both team and individual events.

She is on the faculty of **Agility University** (www.agility-u.com) and **MasterClass** (www.agilitymasterclass.com) and travels extensively to teach seminars and compete. Her “Feet Forward” approach to handling and emphasis on connection and reinforcement have helped handlers excel at every level and with every type of dog!

Last year, got off to a great start with success in the ring both here and abroad. After coaching the USA team at the IFCS World Agility Championships in Spain, Tracy has turned her focus to her own dogs.

Export continues to do well, earning 1st place in the Performance Grand Prix and 2nd place in Performance Speed Jumping at the USDAA Regional in Georgia! (Export has been on a total of 4 European Open teams, including running in the Finals in 2012 in Sweden!)

Before retirement, Rebound competed successfully at the National level in the USA and Canada, earning podium appearances at nationals in Performance Grand Prix, AAC Steeplechase and Veterans Grand Prix.

Youngsters Voodoo and Nacho are beginning to make their mark in competition, with Voodoo making his first Cynosport World Games in October 2017, and baby dog Nacho began his career with titles in Jumpers!

Looking back:

- 2016, Export enjoyed multiple wins and placements, including 3 Gold medals and 1 bronze medal at USDAA Regionals and capping the year off with multiple class wins at the World Cynosport Games and Silver medal in the Steeplechase Finals!
- 2015 was an exciting year, with Tracy and Export winning a Silver medal (Team) and Bronze medal (Individual Agility) for the USA at the IFCS World Agility Championships as well as winning multiple regionals and enjoying a very successful Nationals.
- 2014 was also a busy year, featuring wins in 5 different Regional Finals (in 2 different heights), a 4th place finish in the Steeplechase Finals at USDAA's Cynosport World Games as well as running in both the Team Finals and the Master Challenge Finals, selection to a spot on Team USA at European Open, winning a spot on Team USA for IFCS and earning a Finalist spot at the AKC National Championships.



