



# Agility Seminars with Bridget Thomas!

sponsored by Blue Ridge Dog Training Club  
221 Commonwealth Court, Winchester, VA 22602

**September 13-15, 2019**

Registration closes September 3, 2019.

**ALL SESSIONS HELD ON SPORT TURF IN CLIMATE CONTROLLED ROOM.**

**FRIDAY, September 13: 9:00 AM—5:00 PM**

## How to Be a Good Co-Pilot! — Mastering Competition Handling

We, the human half of the team, are in charge of navigation on the agility course. Spend the day with Bridget, focusing on being a better leader on the field. Learn how to set the cleanest lines and deliver the clearest, best directions on today's challenging courses. Then, get out of the way so your dog can do all the hard stuff! Lots of fun, motivating courses and sequences designed to bring out the best in each team. **Limit: 10 Advanced/ Masters/Excellent Level working teams, unlimited auditors.**

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

Auditing spots — unlimited — \$75

**SATURDAY, September 14: 8:30 AM—12:30PM**

## Rising Stars -- Foundation Skills for Performance Pups

Spend a half day with Bridget learning, playing, and spending quality time with your pup. Everything from body awareness and coordination games to brain games and impulse control exercises. Foundation skills to make everything else easier later on. For puppies 3 to 12 months. **Limit: 8 working teams, unlimited auditors.**

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

Auditing spots — unlimited — \$45

**SATURDAY, September 14: 1:00—5:00 PM**

## How Do I Get There From Here?!?!

Learn how to set the fastest lines for your team and get where you need to be on course. Understand how to keep connected to your dog while also maintaining speed and giving clear, consistent, early cues to help your dog get where he needs to go. Suitable for All Levels of Competitors. **Limit: 7 working teams, unlimited auditors.**

**Working Spots — P.M. (Limited to 7) — \$110**

Auditing spots — unlimited — \$45

**SUNDAY, September 15: 8:30 AM—12:30PM**

## Greenies -- Young Dog Handling & Agility Skills

Spend a half day with Bridget having fun with your youngster. Handling and training skills that are age-appropriate. Work on proofing and training those all-important foundation skills for the future. Perfect for pups 10 months to 2 years (or dogs of any age who are at the beginning of their careers)! To keep it safe for younger participants, the workshop will focus on jumps and tunnels. **Limit: 7 working teams, unlimited auditors.**

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## Filling the Gaps....

Do you have a velcro dog? Have a dog that is way more focused on making up his own course? Find that you are always late giving your dog information? Use this half day workshop to help fill in the gaps in your training program. This workshop is more about learning how to train different skills so that you can go home and apply what you've learned to your training. Suitable for all competition levels. **Limit: 7 working teams, unlimited auditors.**

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**Questions? Email [brdtccalendar@gmail.com](mailto:brdtccalendar@gmail.com)**



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## About Our Presenter:

Bridget has been training and competing with dogs (and other animals) since her teens. For the past 20 years, she has been heavily involved in dog training, dog sports, and dog activities of all kinds. Agility has been her primary sport, and she has traveled all over the country competing and teaching.

Currently she is owned and loved by border collies, an amazing little “sports mix”, a baby border-whippet, and Jetty, the pony. In the past she has lived with lots of other breeds and types of dogs.

Bridget and her dogs do a little bit of everything: agility, K9 Nose Work, flyball, rally, disc dog, dock diving, track-

ing, drafting, barn hunt, FAST CAT, dryland mushing, and trick training. In the past, Bridget also has been involved in earthdog, sighthound lure coursing and racing, and even some field work.

“I love competition and challenging myself to be a better trainer and handler,” Bridget explains, “but more than that I love that these sports and activities have helped me build incredible bonds with my dogs.”

“I was very lucky early on to have a wonderful mentor, Diane Bauman, who helped me learn everything dog. Along the way I’ve also had opportunities to work with many other great trainers including Bob Bailey, Ken Ramierez, Susan Garrett, and many others,” Bridget adds. “In 2012 I graduated from the Karen Pryor Academy and thrive on bringing the world of positive reinforcement dog training to my students.”

In 2019, Bridget and Grape, her little sports mix, were named to the AKC European Open Team USA and also the WAO Agility Team USA.

When not teaching or competing, you can usually find Bridget and the dogs out in the woods trail running, hiking or out riding the trails with the pony, Jetty.

## Additional Credentials:

- Karen Pryor Academy Certified Training Partner (KPA-CTP)
- Certified Professional Dog Trainer (CPDT-KA)
- FitPaws Master Trainer (FP-MT)
- Professional Member, Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT)
- AKC Canine Good Citizen/AKC Trick Dog Evaluator
- Certified Trick Dog Instructor
- Member of the Pet Professional Guild
- Instructor at “Camp Gone To The Dogs”

**MOST RECENTLY, BRIDGET & GRAPE WERE SELECTED FOR BOTH THE 2019 WAO TEAM USA & 2019 AKC EUROPEAN OPEN TEAM USA!!**





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(We will maintain a waiting list for working spots.)

Mail registration form and payment to:

BRDTC September 2019 Agility Seminar • P.O. Box 104 • Boyce, VA 22620

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday Full-Day — Competition Handling: How to Be a Good Co-Pilot!** (Max 10 Working Teams)

Auditor — \$75                       Working — \$175

**Saturday Morning Seminar — Rising Stars: Foundation Skills** (Max 8 Working Teams)

Auditor — \$45                       Working — \$110

**Saturday Afternoon Seminar — How Do I Get There From Here?!?!** (Max 7 Working Teams)

Auditor — \$45                       Working — \$110

**Sunday Morning Seminar — Greenies: Young Dog Handling & Skills** (Max 7 Working Teams)

Auditor — \$45                       Working — \$110

**Sunday Afternoon Seminar — Filling the Gaps....** (Max 7 Working Teams)

Auditor — \$45                       Working — \$110

Make checks payable to "BRDTC".

Total enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Release of Liability:** *In joining this group for the purpose of receiving instruction in dog training, I hereby assume all risks of an responsibility for accidents and damage, or either, to myself or to my property, or to others resulting from the actions of me and/or my dog, and expressly agree that no other member or instructor of said group or any person or persons of the group, shall be held liable personally or collectively under any circumstances, for injury and damage or either, to my person or for loss or injury to my property whether due to uncontrolled dogs or negligence of any member or instructor of said group or any other cause or causes.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_