

AgilityNerd Handling Seminar

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Youngstown All Breed Training Club
Saturday, April 23, and Sunday, April 24, 2016

Steve Schwarz has been training and competing in agility and flyball since 1997. He focuses on helping handlers improve their communication with their dogs on course in a positive and light hearted manner. Steve brings an analytical approach from his engineering background to the study and training of agility.

In order to stay knowledgeable about current agility training techniques, Steve trains regularly with top agility handlers and attends multiple dog and agility training seminars each year. Steve competes in AKC, USDAA, UKI, and CPE venues and has competed in NADAC and UKC.

Steve also writes the longest running dog agility blog:

AgilityNerd (<http://agilitynerd.com/>)

with regular articles and videos on agility training, handling, and course analysis.

Saturday, April 23, AM Session: Super Skills (All Skill Levels) This half day seminar addresses key handling skills needed by agility teams of all skill levels and applies them to short sequences. We'll focus on crisp, clear execution to provide our dogs with the critical information they need. We'll put crosses together on key course sequences containing pinwheels and serpentine. You'll learn multiple handling techniques for each and learn to apply appropriate handling cues to help you and your dog quickly and smoothly execute these sequences. You'll also run longer sequences to put all these skills to the test in challenging and fun combinations. This seminar is a great tune-up for novice and competition teams.

Saturday, April 23, PM Session: Can You Handle It? (Open/Excellent Handlers) A half day seminar aimed at Open/Advanced and Excellent agility teams looking to improve their handling on course. Steve will help you see handling alternatives and help you choose ones appropriate for your team. Teams will run courses and get detailed feedback on improving their execution. Steve encourages and challenges handlers to step out of their comfort zone to find clearer and faster handling for their dogs.

Sunday, April 24, AM Session: Can You Handle It? (Excellent/Masters Handlers) A half day seminar aimed at Excellent/Masters agility teams looking to improve their handling on course. Steve will help you see handling alternatives and help you choose ones appropriate for your team. Teams will run harder than competition level courses and get detailed feedback on improving their execution. Steve encourages and challenges handlers to step out of their comfort zone to find clearer and faster handling for their dogs. In order to focus on handling and improving, all dogs must be proficient on all equipment; no remedial equipment training will be covered.

Sunday, April 24, PM Session: Preparing for AKC Premier (Masters+ Handling) A half day seminar starting with skill building for handling back sides jump approaches, moving past obstacles, and threadles. Once we've practiced those skills you'll move on to applying them in combinations on longer challenging sequences. We'll spend the afternoon immersed in learning and conquering these fun challenges. I love helping teams be comfortable and confident tackling these course elements!