

Catoctin Kennel Club
Presents:
Keeping The Connection
With
Marion Crain

September 13-14, 2025

Private Lessons, September 15, 2025

"The joy of dog obedience training lies in making a deep connection with each dog we train—learning how they learn, how they think, how they react, what they love, what they fear, what they respond to."



This seminar focuses on how to make the leap from training to successful ring performances so that you can take the connection you build with your dog in training, into the ring.

- We cover **preparing to show your dog at each level** (novice, open and utility), address common issues with each exercise for "green" dogs and how to avoid them, and will **pay particular attention to issue of food and toy dependence and how to manage them.**
- We will cover **how to use warm ups at a show, ring entrances and transitions between exercises**; ring exits and what to do after your performance and **how to maintain connection with your dog and build confidence in the ring**, especially if things go sideways.
- We will address **how to maintain your dog's attitude** over time as you show, including working on precision in a way that motivates your dog, recognizing exercises that are getting ready to break and what to do about it, and **proofing**—what it is, when and why to use it, and what kind of proofings are worth doing and what are not.

Marion started training dogs as a 4H'er, and has been competing in AKC Obedience ever since. She has trained Shelties, Keeshonden, and Border Collies, and has lived, trained and shown widely across the country including NY, CA, OH, WV, NC and MO.

Her achievements include:

- 13 OCTH/UDX dogs (6 Border Collies, 6 Keeshonden)
- Seven 200 scores (Sheltie, 2 Border Collies, 3 Keeshonden)
- Multiple tournament placements (AKC Classic, AKC NOC Group placements and more)
- Over 500 HIT'S and 400 HC's; over 4000 OTCH points

Keeshond ranked #1 all breeds for 2021, Front & Finish Delaney System (Open and Utility placements)

- Five herding CHs, Nine Conformations CHs, two GCHs, and one RACH

Cost:	<u>Working</u> \$250.00/weekend	Limited to 18 <u>working</u> slots
	<u>Auditing</u> \$100.00/weekend	Unlimited auditing slots
	<u>Working</u> \$150.00/one day	Light breakfast & lunch included
	<u>Auditing</u> \$75.00/one day	
	<u>Private Lessons:</u> \$110 per hour/\$70.00/half hour, starting at 9:00 AM	



Expect plenty of floor work during the seminar.

Registration: Checks will be held until August 1, 2025, which you may post date for that day. No refunds after August 1, 2025.

A confirmation e-mail will be sent upon receipt of the registration form and payment. An additional e-mail will be sent regarding seminar times, hotel information, etc.

Aggressive Dogs: Dogs with propensities for aggression towards people or other dogs may NOT attend!!

RETURN THIS REGISTRATION FORM WITH CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO CATOCTIN KENNEL CLUB TO:

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The seminar will be held at The Catoctin Kennel Club, 4016 Rock Hall Road, Point of Rocks, MD 21777

Name:	Phone:
Street Address	City, State, Zipcode
Dog's Name w/Titles	Breed/Dog's Age
Working Team: \$250.00 weekend	Auditor: \$100.00 weekend
Working Team: \$150.00 One Day	Auditor: \$75.00 One Day
Private Lesson \$110.00 per Hour	Private Lessons \$70.00 Half Hour

- **Current Level of Training (Circle One).** **Novice** **Open** **Utility**
- **Highest obedience title you would like to obtain:** **Novice** **Open** **Utility** **UDX** **OTCH**
- **What is your goal for scores? (Please circle one):** **Qualify!** **190-197** **197+**
- **What obedience exercises/skills are you most eager to hear more detail about?**

RELEASE

- ACKNOWLEDGMENT: I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I understand that there may be significant elements of risk associated with the activity of dog training. Such risks may include equipment failures, fall due to building or grounds conditions, or the negligence of instructors, fellow students or other users of the building. I acknowledge that the above list is not inclusive of all possible risks associated with dog training or the use of the facilities of The Catoctin Kennel Club, Inc. (hereinafter "CKC") and that other unknown and unanticipated risks may result in injury.
- RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK: In consideration of being permitted to use the facilities of CLC, and mindful of the significant risks involved with the activities incidental therefore, I, for myself, my heirs, administrators and signs, release, remise and discharge CKC and its officers, directors, agents, servants, volunteers and employees in the stated activities of and from any and all liability for injury that may result from my use of the facilities of CKC, and I do hereby waive and relinquish any and all actions or causes of action for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death occurring to myself or those persons for whom I am legally responsible (including but not limited to my personal injury, property damage or wrongful death occurring to myself or those persons for whom I am legally responsible (including but not limited to my children) arising as a result of the use of the facilities of CKC, participation in CKC activities or functions, or of any activities incidental thereto wherever or however such personal injury, property damage or wrongful death occur, whether foreseen or unforeseen, and for whatever period said activities shall continue. I agree that under no circumstances will I, my heirs, my estate or my personal representative present any claim for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death against CKC and its officers, director, agents, servants, volunteers and employees for any of said causes or action, whether said causes of action shall arise by the negligence or any person or otherwise.
- IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE UNDERSIGNED INDIVIDUAL TO EXEMPT AND RELIEVE CKC AND AND ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, SERVANTS, VOLUNTEERS AND EMPLOYEES FROM LIABILITY FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH CAUSE BY NEGLIGENCE.
- This contract shall be legally binding upon me, my heirs, my estate and my personal representative, as well as upon any and all other persons authorized by me to act for me or on behalf of my heirs, my estate or my personal representative.
- I, THE UNDERSIGNED, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE ABOVE RELEASE OF LIABILITY. AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THE RELEASE OF LIABILITY I AM KNOWINGLY AND WILLINGLY AGREEING TO RELEASE CKC AND ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, SERVANTS, VOLUNTEERS, AND EMPLOYEES OF THEIR LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH CUASED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY PERSON OR OTHERWISE.

PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES

I understand that dogs are independent living beings with their own minds and, as such, can never be entirely predictable. I understand that there are always elements of risk in pet related activities including permanent disability or death, that common sense and personal awareness can help reduce. I am aware that at all times when on the premises of CKC or working around dogs it is MY RESPONSIBILITY

TO:

- Always have pets on a leash.
- Read and obey all posted information and warnings.
- Refrain from acting in a manner that may cause or contribute to my injury or the injury of other people or pets.
- Keep the ground clean.
- Be constantly aware of, anticipate, and be able to avoid nearby pets, people, obstacles and natural or man-made hazards.

I understand that this is only a partial list, and I must be safety conscious and exercise sound judgement at all times.

Please sign and date to verify that you have read and understand this release and the above participant responsibilities:

Signature_____Date_____

Email_____