

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: Working \$250.00/weekend Limited to 18 working slots
 Auditing \$100.00/weekend Unlimited auditing slots
 Working \$150.00/one day Light breakfast & lunch included
 Auditing. \$75.00/one day
 Private Lessons: \$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!!

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 _____