Seminar Topics with Meagan Johnson

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I am comfortable teaching 8 hours a day MAX, with a one hour break in between groups. I can happily and successfully host 6 working groups, no matter what the topic is to ensure that everyone has equal time, there is no rushing, and it's worth their money! Many of my seminars have a PDF file "book" that features a ton of thorough breakdowns, diagrams, and images. Some will have videos as well that can be shared after the seminar.

Remote Rewards:

8 Hours / 6 Working Teams Max / Unlimited Auditors
Hosting Fee: $650 / 1 Hour break in the middle

- Comes with multi-page book with pictures, diagrams, and written instructions
- Access to a library of pre-recorded videos for future access

This day-long seminar covers a huge variety of topics beginning with how to refine toy and food reinforcement frameworks. Remote rewards are "unprotected" rewards that are used strategically in training, and our dogs need to have a good understanding of when and how to access them. This seminar will teach you how to apply them in a variety of scenarios to strengthen forward focus, obstacle discrimination, jump cue discrimination, obstacle commitment, weave commitment, contact behavior, enhance layering skills, and all around independence on course.

Requirements: Access to 2x2's or channels, Treat n' Train, big dog bowls, jumps, tunnels, cato board or similar plank, space for short sequences (60x40 minimum)
Who can enroll?: Dogs 6 months or older. All exercises can be adapted to younger dogs and dogs that are not doing full obstacles yet! This seminar is a great foundation for all obstacles.

Layering and Forward Focus:

3-4 Hours / 6 Working Teams Max / Unlimited Auditors
Hosting Fee: $300 / No breaks

- Comes with multi-page booklet with pictures, diagrams, and written instructions

This seminar aims to challenge our dog's understanding of driving lines, forward focus, and verbal recognition of obstacles. Develop a tool kit to teach independence that allows you to get away from your dog and get down the line! Learn how to introduce the picture of layering and get those sticky dogs unstuck! Also great for helping with rear crosses.

Requirements: Access to 2x2's or channels, Treat n' Train, big dog bowls, jumps, tunnels, preferably whole agility field (60x40 minimum)
Who can enroll?: Dogs 14 months and older. Dogs must be running longer sequences and be proficient at jumps, tunnels, weaves (can be open channels if those are available), and Aframe.

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Masters Course Work:

3-4 Hours / 6 Working Teams Max / Unlimited Auditors
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Look forward to obstacle discrimination challenges, layering opportunities, and drivey lines that require independence and commitment! Learn new insights to strengthen your course analysis and be a better handler for your teammate. Be prepared to run it til' the wheels fall off and truly analyze, refine, and reinforce top notch understanding and performance from you and your dog.

Requirements: Access to agility field (80x60 minimum or similar SF)
Who can enroll?: Dogs running full courses at the Masters/Excellent level.

Refining Jump Cues:

3-4 Hours / 6 Working Teams Max / Unlimited Auditors
Hosting Fee: $300 / No breaks

- Comes with multi-page booklet with pictures, diagrams, and written instructions

The focus of this seminar is strengthening your dog's understanding and commitment to some of the many jump cues they will encounter on course. We will primarily focus on verbal threadles, backside slices and wraps, and jump / tunnel discrimination. Learn how to use rewards strategically to increase understanding and also proof the cue! A great workshop for dogs that won't let you get away from them! This is a great workshop for teams that have not taught the verbal threadle or backside cues!

Requirements: Access to agility field (60x40 minimum), jumps, tunnels, Treat n' Train, big bowls
Who can enroll?: Dogs 8 months and older. Dogs that can run short sequences (3-6 obstacles).

Novice / Young Dog Workshop:

3-4 Hours / 6 Working Teams Max / Unlimited Auditors
Hosting Fee: $300 / No breaks

This workshop aims to strengthen your young dog's current foundation and add new skills to their tool kit. Learn how to proof and refine the basics like wing wraps, jumps, tunnel sends, and weave entries with new games and drills! We will also make sure your framework around your rewards is intact so we can use them strategically to get dogs that are hyped, but can also think!

Requirements: Access to 2x2's or channels, Treat n' Train, big dog bowls, jumps, tunnels, preferably whole agility field (60x40 minimum)
Who can enroll?: Dogs 8 months and older. Dogs that can run short sequences (3-6 obstacles).

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RAD Dogs, not bad dogs!:

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Hosting Fee: $650 / 1 Hour break in the middle

- Comes with multi-page book with pictures, diagrams, and written instructions
- Access to a library of pre-recorded videos for future access

This workshop is intended for dog and handler teams that may face any of the following:

- ★ Over arousal in trial settings and on course (frantic, barking, circling, flanking)
- ★ Reactive when crated or on leash (barking, lunging, growling at others)
- ★ Communication breakdown (dog doesn't perform with the same clarity)
- ★ Stressing down in trial settings (dog slows down, sniffing, lowered tail)
- ★ Dog bites at you while running / grabs you / picks up cones
- ★ Increased vocalization at you or others
- ★ Visiting workers, other dogs, or leaves the ring
- ★ Behaviors you might describe as anxious, distracted, reactive, or stressed
- ★ Or any other combination of "disengagement"

There are many things that can contribute to our dogs demonstrating these behaviors. This workshop aims to provide insight into the observable behaviors and what they might mean for your teammate. Learn some simple methods to help guide your dog in these environments, create predictability for them to lessen stress and anxiety, and analyze your own approaches to training and how to be better and more clear for easier learning. Be prepared for some honest conversations at the end of the day.

Requirements: Access to agility field (60x40 minimum), Treat n' Train, big dog bowls, ring gates that are semi-see-through, fake dog, long lines (20' minimum)
Who can enroll?: Dogs 8 months and older. Dogs that can run short sequences (3-6 obstacles).

Super Stays for Start Lines and Contacts:

3-4 Hours / 6 Working Teams Max / Unlimited Auditors
Hosting Fee: $300 / No breaks

- Comes with multi-page book with pictures, diagrams, and written instructions

If you have a dog that is jumpy, flinchy, stressy, "untrustworthy" or frantic when we need them to be still on the start line or contact, this workshop is for you! Learn new games and refine your reinforcement frameworks to get reliable and happy stationary behaviors!

Requirements: Minimum working space of 40x40, Treat n' Train, big dog bowls, planks, Cato boards, or full size contact equipment, jumps, tunnels, and crates.
Who can enroll?: Dogs 6 months and older. Dogs do not need to be doing full size contact equipment! This is great for building end behaviors and startlines.

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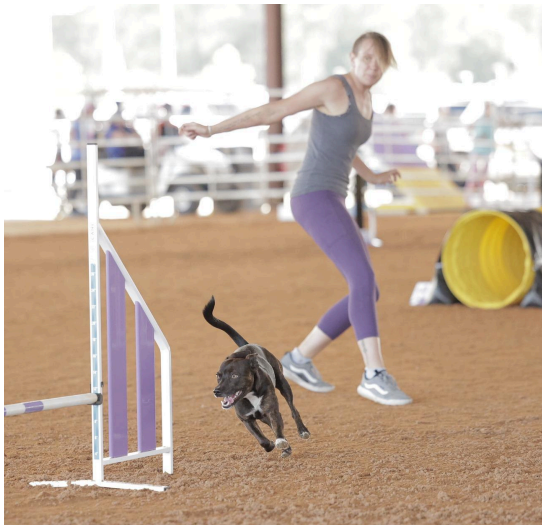
Meet Meagan!

Meagan Johnson is a Certified Professional Dog Trainer (Knowledge Assessed), a Certified Family Dog Mediator (FDM), and has studied under Michael Shikashio completing the Aggression in Dogs Master Course. 2019 was the year Meagan became a UKI judge and has attended the Global Judging Program 1 and 2 (twice). In 2023 she became a USDAA judge. In 2020 Meagan founded Reactive and Distracted Agility, an organization built around dogs that struggle with traditional competition environments due to noise sensitivity, dog reactivity, or stranger danger. Behavioral struggles in sport dogs is a huge point of passion and is the crossroads of Meagan's career and education.

Meagan's own agility journey began in 2010 with her first dog Twig (Scottie mix), followed by Brix (Border Collie), Coney (Shih-Tzu / Chihuahua mix), and Hanks (BorderPap Staffy mix). Every one of her dog's journeys has been different, with challenges rising from motivation struggles, reinforcement questions, reactivity, over arousal, fear, hyper social, and more. Not only has Meagan learned so much from her own dogs, but also by working with and coaching hundreds of teams and families supporting their dogs in a variety of scenarios, whether sports or home based since 2012. She currently teaches agility in-person and virtually, as well as behavior modification and basic good dog stuff through her training business, www.RAD-Dogs.com

Meagan currently competes with Coney and Hanks! In 2023, Coney finished the year as the #5 4" dog in UKI, and was the UKI Southwest Cup Overall Reserve Champion. Hanks was the 12" Select Speedstakes Final Reserve Champion at the 2023 UKI US Open at just 18 months old! In 2024 Hanks was the 12" Pentathlon Champion at the SWAT Roadrunner Classics and 3rd Overall at the Southwest Cup. These boys are just getting started!