

ARE YOU GETTING READY FOR SPLASHING WITH JOY THIS SUMMER? WANT HELP?

Come join the FUN at the Mayflower PWD Club's April Dry Dock Workshop

TOPIC: **Foundation for Travel & Directional Skills**

Where: **Performance Plus K9 Activity Center**

57 Commercial Street, Raynham, MA 02767 **(508) 821-PLUS (7587)**

When: **SUNDAY, 30 April 2017 10:00-3 PM**

THE AGENDA

This workshop is for beginner and intermediate levels. You will be provided an overview of core skills, cues and terms as well as learn to teach your dog to travel in the directions you cue. Exercises taught here will help build on the skills needed to prepare to "jump on in and splash around" at our Mayflower Water Camp in June with instructor Julie Asbed. Competing for PWDCA water titles is fun and we are here to show you how!

THE INSTRUCTOR

Deborah Lee is a compulsion-free dog trainer who fosters a no-harm, low-stress learning environment and the desire to experiment, learn and share joy during behavior and vocabulary building. The goal of training is a mutually satisfying relationship nourished by love, trust and communication.

Deborah Lee has owned and trained Portuguese Water Dogs for 31 years. Her dogs have earned titles in Water, Obedience and Agility. She is the founder and director of Canine Water Sports, an international organization that promotes canine water safety and watersports testing events for all kinds of water-loving dogs. Deborah Lee is a PWDCA water trial judge and a CWS Mariner Judge. She has been organizing and teaching watersports classes, workshops and camps nationally since 1993. She has authored numerous watersports training articles in national magazines and on CWS Facebook. She co-authored the original PWDCA Water Trial Manual before chairing the committee that hosted the very first PWDCA water trial, July 21st 1991, in Winsted, CT. Deborah Lee is a 30 year veteran of the Norwalk, CT. Police Department -- retiring at the rank of Sergeant in 2004. She now lives, loves and plays with two Best-In-The-World PWDs in Connecticut.



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REGISTRATION AND FEES

There will be ten working team spots available and unlimited auditing spots.

NAME: _____ DOG NAME & AGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

CITY/STATE: _____ EMAIL: _____

AUDITOR FEE \$35*: _____ WORKING FEE \$85*: _____

PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOUR TEAM'S TRAINING & WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO ACCOMPLISH AT THIS WORKSHOP: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Mayflower PWD Club

Mail your check and registration to:

Karen Ash

7 Stuart Circle, Moultonboro, NH 03254

QUESTIONS - call Karen @ 603.845.7070 or email saltydawgpwds@gmail.com

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Students please bring:

- A dog who is healthy, rested, and hungry -- skip morning meal or just feed a 1/4 portion.
 - High Value Reinforcements: Tug toys, (toss toys for breaks only); Food -- at least four cups of cooked diced meat and/or cheese - (chicken, turkey, beef, liver, heart, cheddar or other hard cheese, (hot dogs or meatballs are okay if they are free of salt, nitrates and onions) White or light colored food is easier to see against the black floor in most training facility.
 - Water from home is always best for dogs.
 - One small mat or rug for targeting (also for canine snoozing).
 - Two small ceramic or plastic tiles (5" square is perfect) for intro to targeting. (Home Depot sells ceramic floor tiles cheap.)
 - Canine Control during workshop lessons -- verbal is fine if you have it. Otherwise, please use a leash no longer that 10 ft, with a non-restrictive body harness (preferred) or a flat collar.
 - Etiquette -- before lessons and during breaks: Remember "Socialization" does not mean we allow our "extrovert" dogs to be rude or greet others simply because they want to. There may be dogs in this workshop who are cautious or stressed in new environments, to help them, and to teach good manners, please stay aware and keep your dog next to you. As a general rule, when moving your dog, leave space for another dog to pass without contact, especially if the dogs are strangers to each other. Showing your dog that you, not that other dog, are the best source of play, food and other pleasures is how we strengthen canine attention and focus on us.
- Note: If your dog is new to training workshops, try offering him/her a food lure when you are moving the dog past distractions.*

Foundation for Travel and Directional Skills: Workshop Outline

Morning

1. Overview of core skills, cues and terms. Train the "individual" dog before you -- working with strengths and weaknesses. Transition tool to a labeled destination, targets offer fast-track learning. To click or not to click, you still need to tell the dog when they are right. The core course directions: (come) TOWARD HANDLER , (go) AWAY FROM HANDLER, LEFT, and RIGHT .
Lecture and discussion.
2. "Move Away." Using target contacts to teach cued straight line travel AWAY from the handler. **Demo and teamwork.** Equipment: **Mats, PVC platforms, PVC stands/markers**
3. Benefits of reliable canine behavior at a distance from the handler -- safety to service work. Target contact (where and what) vs non-contact, (including drop or take at a destination) **Lecture.**
4. "Move-Away and Park-it" teaching the dog to **go-to-target** and **sit-stay** at the target for control and gaining calm focus on handler for the next behavior cue. **Demo & teamwork.**
5. Using **Thresholds** to teach long distance straight line run-outs and to teach travel beyond a marker. Sometimes water markers are the destination and sometimes they are directional clues to go further. **Lecture.**
6. Train for More -- travel distance, duration and distractions at the target as ability grows. **Teamwork.**

Afternoon

7. Training for Start Positions -- near and far. **Demo**
8. Intro to different Handler/Dog start positions:
 - Dog front position and send away from handler to target -- turn and go away.
 - Dog facing handler on remote start and then sent left or right.
 - Dog facing handler on remote start and then sent away -- turn and go away.
 - Dog right side of sitting handler and sent away to target on right.
 - Dog left side of sitting handler and sent away to target on left.
 - Dog seated on far side of long parallel barrier (gate), Come - cue with a right arm signal.Repeat with left.
10. Labels vs signals for discriminating between destinations and carry articles. Training to isolate and define the signal to the dog. Why we should teach directional path signals before we add carry work to discrimination. **Lecture.**
11. Intro to discrimination between two targets (demo & teamwork) using straight line and hand signals.
12. Homework: Change target destinations and positions; Change environments; Add new distractions; Add travel distance; Train for all start positions with one, then multiple, destinations. Bring behavior to water environment.

Hold Harmless Agreement

I understand that attendance of a dog-training event is not without risk to me, members of my family, guests who may attend, or to my dog. I understand there are dangers involved in attending an event in which dogs are around strange people and other dogs, and that some accident or injury may result. I am willing to assume those risks for myself, members of my family, my guests, and/or my dog. I hereby waive and release the Mayflower Portuguese Water Club, its instructors, participants, and guests, and the host training site (Performance Plus K9 Center, Raynham, MA), from any and all liability of any nature, for injury, damage, or death which I or my dog may suffer, including specifically, but not without limitation, any injury or damage resulting from the action of any dog, and I expressly assume the risk of any such damage or injury while attending this training session, or while on the training grounds or surrounding area. I agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of my dog(s) by disappearance, theft, death, or otherwise, and from any claim for damage or injury to my dog(s), whether such loss, disappearance, theft, damage, or injury be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the club or any of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other causes. I hereby assume sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) for any damage sustained by any person or persons or for any damage to property. In consideration of and as inducement to my participation as a guest or participant in any Mayflower Portuguese Water Dog Club training seminar, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the instructors, members, and guests of the host training site (Performance Plus K9 Center, Raynham, MA) and the Mayflower Portuguese Water Dog Club from any and all claims, or claims by any member of my family or any guest that may accompany me to these events, while on the training grounds or surrounding area, as a result of any action by any dog, including my own. I understand that it is my sole responsibility to maintain control of my dog at all times while on the training grounds or surrounding area. I also understand that failure to control my dog at all times will be sufficient grounds for my dismissal from the workshop and forfeiture of all paid fees for said workshop.

HOST TRAINING SITE: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE (Parent or Guardian if minor): _____ PRINTED NAME: _____

**You MUST sign the Hold Harmless Agreement and return it with your check and registration.
(No refunds within seven days of the workshop.)**

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