

# Commonwealth Dog Obedience Training Club

PRESENTS:

## Keeping the Connection

WITH

### Marion Crain

### August 10-11, 2024

**Seminar location: Love on a Leash**  
**3225 Harpine Hwy**  
**Harrisonburg, VA 22802**



*"The joy of dog obedience training lies in making a deep connection with each dog we train."*

This seminar is designed to help you build a relationship with your dog that you can take into the ring to set you up for success. We will focus on building drive & motivation, finding the balance between control and drive, and avoiding and managing food and toy dependence.

Saturday will cover preparing to show your dog: common ring prep issues at each level and how to avoid them, issues of food and toy dependence and how to manage them, warm-ups at a show ring entrances and transitions between exercises, ring exit and what to do after your performance, how to maintain connection and build confidence in the ring, especially if things go sideways.

Sunday will cover how to maintain your dog's attitude over time as you show: working fronts and finishes and heeling in ways that motivate your dog, how to recognize when an exercise is ready to break and what to do about it, proofing -what it is, what is worth doing and what is not, risks and rewards of proofing, how to challenge your dog mentally as you gain experience together in the ring.

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 OTCH/UDX dogs (6 Border Collies, 7 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 & utility placements)
- Five Herding CHs, Nine Conformation CHs, two GCH, and one RACH

#### Registration:

**No refunds will be made after June 1, 2024.** 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. Lunch and snacks will be provided each day. BIS wearing britches will be allowed at this seminar.

#### Private Lessons:

Private lessons will be available on Monday August 12, 2024 beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. Fees for private lessons are \$90 per hour or \$45 per half hour, payable to CDOTC at the time of registration. Please also indicate your time of day preference. Seminar attendees may book either half hour or full hour lessons.

**Location of private lessons is: Crimora Community Center 1648 New-Hope – Crimora Rd, Crimora, VA 24431**

#### Aggressive Dogs:



Dogs with propensities for aggression towards people or other dogs may NOT attend this seminar, or take private lessons.

**RETURN REGISTRATION FORM WITH CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO CDOTC TO:** Janice Simmons  
1117 Brookwood Lane  
Waynesboro, VA 22980

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Keeping the Connection, with Marion Crain.**

Registration Form (please print or type)

Please return this form with payment. Checks should be made payable to:  
CDOTC.

NAME:	
STREET ADDRESS:	
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE:	
PHONE:	E-MAIL:

**WORKING SPOTS LIMITED TO 15.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **2-DAY WORKING SPOT-\$250**

\_\_\_\_\_ **2-DAY AUDITING SPOT - \$100**

\_\_\_\_\_ **1-DAY WORKING SPOT - \$150**    \_\_\_ SAT \_\_\_ SUN

\_\_\_\_\_ **1-DAY AUDITING SPOT - \$75**    \_\_\_ SAT \_\_\_ SUN

**PRIVATE LESSONS Monday August 12, 2024**

\_\_\_\_\_ **one hour \$90**    \_\_\_\_\_ **30 minutes \$45 am/pm**

**Auditor spots available. Auditors may bring their dog and work their dog during breaks, especially lunch breaks.**

**TOTAL FEES** \_\_\_\_\_

**Checks will be held until May 1, 2024 and then deposited. You may date your check May 1, 2024. No refunds after June 1, 2024.**

**RELEASE**

•ACKNOWLEDGMENT: By submitting this form, the undersigned understands that by enrolling in this Commonwealth Dog Obedience Training Club seminar, he / she is assuming liability for any property damage which might result from his/ her participation in this seminar and that neither Commonwealth Dog Obedience Training Club, an instructor, or the host party will be responsible for any loss or injury which might occur as a result of the undersigned's participation in this class.

**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 at an event of Commonwealth Dog Obedience Training Club or working around dogs it is MY RESPONSIBILITY to:

Always have pets on a leash.

Read and obey all posted information and warnings.

Comply promptly with all verbal directions of Seminar committee members and unless I believe that by doing so I will endanger myself, other people or pets, in which case I will immediately express my opinion to the person involved.

Refrain from acting in any manner that may cause or contribute to my injury or the injury of other people or pets.

Never leave pets unattended or alone.

Keep the grounds 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 judgment at all times.

I understand that if I register as a working team and later want to become an auditor that I will only receive a refund if there is working team on the wait list that will take my spot.

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_