



Dog Training Evening Seminar and Full Day Workshop 16th/17th July 2010 with Debra Millikan

- Head Instructor of Canine Behavioural School (inc) in Adelaide
- Competitor with Australian Championship and Obedience titled dogs
- Delta Society Australia Accredited Certificate IV Instructor
- Former Obedience judge and former training advisor to the Rottweiler Club of South Australia
- Professional Member of the Association of pet Dog Trainers Australia
- Author of internationally published peer review articles
- Advisory Board member of Association of Animal Behaviour Professionals

Seminar: Friday 16th July 7pm to 9.30pm

Dealing with Difficult People

Many instructors love working with dogs and that is why they do what they do. It does not take long, however, to realise that the work of an instructor is far more about the people than the dogs. The vast majority of pet dog guardians are normal, friendly people who just want to do the right thing by their dog. However, there is always that occasional person who wishes to criticise your style, your methods, the training grounds or anything else that happens to take his/her fancy. Not only do instructors need to deal with critical people, they are also subject to the abuse of argumentative and so called "impossible" people too. Having the skills to deal with these people will benefit instructors and enable them to better serve their clients, their club/business and most importantly, the dogs they undertook to help when becoming instructors.

Debra will present some ways to think about these people in order to better respond to their behaviour. Being prepared to meet their "onslaught" can make life easier for the instructor and also ensure that the class does not suffer because of disruptive influence. Learn to take on those difficult people with charm and empathy and feel better for it.

Whilst this seminar specifically targets Instructors it is open to everyone and the techniques Debra outlines are equally applicable to everyday life encounters with 'difficult' people.

Workshop: Saturday 17th July 9.30am to 4pm

'Bronze, Silver, Gold – Go for Gold'

This workshop is an exceptional opportunity for dedicated pet owners and dog training instructors of all levels to rapidly increase their understanding and improve their training ability.

Debra will explain and show how to teach basic to advanced behaviours reliably using modern training methods so that, even with distractions, they happen first time. She will demonstrate with dogs of different ages and education the several techniques used in Canine behavioural Schools 'bronze' class, the intermediate 'silver' class and the advanced 'gold' class. Power-point presentations will be combined with practical hands-on demonstrations on how to be a successful teacher and how to ensure that for all dogs learning is fast and fun.

We require 4-6 different dogs for each of the practical Bronze, Silver and Gold workshops so if you would like your dog or puppy to participate please include their details on the registration form as well, and you will be advised prior to the event if they can participate. All dogs and puppies participating in the practical workshop will need to be secured outside the club house during the

theory components of the seminar (a crate would be ideal though there are lots of tie up poles for those who used to this).

Workshop level descriptions and approximate times are as follows:

Bronze level – 9.30am – 12 noon for beginners, no prior training required for the dogs to participate in this practical session but prefer dogs who are happy to be around other dogs and people

Silver level – 1pm to 2.15pm - middle of the road, dogs who have passed Bronze with the ability to sit, stand, drop, stay (for a short time) and loose lead walk

Gold level – 2.30pm – 3.45pm for advanced dogs with significant prior training, will challenge any of your UD dogs if you want to take it to that level

Venue

ACT Companion Dog Club, Cnr Jerrabomberra Avenue and Narrabundah Lane, Symonston ACT 2609

Prices for this event are as follows:

Date	Instructors	Members	Non-members
Friday 16 July	\$10	\$15	\$20
Saturday 17 July	\$25	\$30	\$40
Both days (discount applies)	\$30	\$40	\$55

Places are strictly limited so early registration and payment is highly recommended to be assured of a place.

CONTACT: A registration form is available from the club house or from the website at www.actcdc.org.au. Payment can be made at the office or mailed to the venue address at the time of booking. For further details please contact Louise McKay on 0411 518837 or meanddogs123@yahoo.com.au

For further information on Debra and previous event reports, please see the link to the Canine Behavioural School website below.



Debra and her dogs



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