

MY TEACHING EXPERIENCE



Training Director -Greater Raleigh Dog Training Club: 1993-1997

Agility Instructor – Bon-Clyde Learning Center: 1998-1999

Training Director – Durant Park Dog Training Classes: 1999-2000

Founder – Teamworks Dog Training: August 2000

Founder – The Virtual Agility League 2011

Agility Seminars & Classes: I have been invited to teach agility seminars from Foundation level through Masters level handling. I have written articles for Clean Run Magazine and also for the A.P.D.T.Chronicle I have written eleven levels of agility course outlines to use positive reinforcement to teach agility fundamentals. **I have been teaching agility classes since 1997.**

"Canine Good Citizen" class, "Distraction Proofing" & "Puppy" class: I have written course outlines and homework to teach these Teamworks class objectives using operant conditioning. I have also written supplemental hand-outs on common behavioral problems **I began teaching pet manners classes in 1992.**

"Therapy Dog" class: I have written a course outline to teach handling skills in a therapy environment. Topics include ethics, infection control, interacting with special patient populations, visitation mechanics, and liability. Actual class work is in visual, auditory, and olfactory distractions, medical equipment familiarization, and visitation techniques. I have also been asked to give several lectures on the benefits of animal assisted therapy. **I have been an active therapy dog volunteer and educator since 1992.**

Doggie Dayschool & In-Board Training: I have designed program for hands-on, one-on-one training for dogs. I have personally trained many different breeds in manners training, behavior modification and basic agility. (My own personal hands-on breed experience includes Australian Cattle Dogs, Australian Shepherds, Basenjis, Beagles, Belgian Malinois, Belgian Tevuren, Bichon Frise, Border Collies, Boxers, Brittany Spaniels, Brussels Griffon, Catahoula Leopard Hounds, Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, Chihuahuas, Collies, Dachshunds, Doberman Pinschers, Doodles, English Cocker Spaniels, English Bulldogs, English Springer Spaniels, Flat-Coated Retrievers, German Shepherds, Giant Schnauzers, German Short Haired Pointers, GoldenDoodles, Golden Retrievers, Great Danes, Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs, Irish Setters, Jack Russell Terriers, Labradoodles, Labrador Retrievers, Maltese, Miniature Schnauzers, mixed breeds, North American Shepherds, Old English Sheepdogs, Papillions, Pitt Bull Terriers, Polish Lowland Sheepdogs, Pomeranians, Poodles, Portugese Water Dogs, Pugs, Rottweilers, Schnauzers, Shih Tzus, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, Vizslas, Weimaraners, West Highland Terriers.)

"Be Smart Around Dogs Program": I have designed a one-hour presentation for middle school children on the topics of dog bite prevention, responsible dog ownership, and dog training.

Teamworks Kids Camp: I have designed and conducted a 3-day camp program for kids and their dogs.

Pet First Aid" class: Co-taught a Pet First Aid class based on the outline provided by Pet Tech, Inc. and the materials from the American Red Cross and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Teamworks Chicken Camp: I have designed and conducted many weekend workshops in Operant Conditioning training using chickens as a model animal. Beginner level participants trained a basic discrimination exercise and an action behavior using clickers. Advanced level participants trained a behavior chain.

Reactive Dogs Agility Class: I have designed and conducted a specialty class for reactive dogs which uses agility as a therapeutic intervention I also created the [Virtual Agility League](#) for these dogs to be able to showcase their skills. .

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"Introduction To Clicker Training" class: Designed course outline and homework. Course objectives: basic principles of operant conditioning and positive reinforcement, shaping several simple behaviors, use of targeting, implementing a variable schedule of reinforcement, chaining behaviors, operant conditioning for BEHAVIOR.

"Choosing the Perfect Dog" seminar: Designed and teach a course called "Choosing the Perfect Dog" for people that are considering getting a new and/or first-time dog or puppy. Course objectives: basic dog ownership responsibilities, general breed characteristics and instincts, temperament evaluation, breeder selection, shelter and rescue-specific information, housetraining and crating, and the importance of socialization and training. This course was featured in the October, 1995 issue of the American Kennel Club Gazette and, as a result, the course outline was sent to over one hundred instructors across the country.

"Specialized Agility Training for the Reactive, Fearful or Distracted Dog" seminar: Designed and teach a 3-hour seminar on the topic of working with dogs that need special attention paid to behavioral needs when working in agility. Offer small-group working sessions and private lessons following the seminar.

"Force-Free Dog Behavior Modification" seminar: I host a free seminar each year at Teamworks Dog Training and lecture on the topics of "Canine Behavior and the Brain", "Different Types of Aggression", and "Play Therapy".

"Behavior Modification in the Dog Training World": I give a lecture at Meredith College each semester on behavior modification techniques used in dog training to a class of students studying special education for children.