



Tracy Sklenar Seminar

hosted by Minnesota Mixed Breed Club
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About Tracy



Tracy Sklenar has been training dogs and competing in dog agility for almost 20 years and is perhaps the only handler in the world who has gotten the podium & won medals in international Finals as a coach for her country, as a coach for a different country AND as a handler with her own dog in both team and individual events. She is on the faculty of Agility University (www.agility-u.com) and travels extensively to teach seminars and compete. Her “Feet Forward” approach to handling and emphasis on connection and reinforcement have helped handlers excel at every level and with every type of dog!

2016 was an incredibly successful year: Export enjoyed multiple wins and placements, including 3 Gold medals and 1 Bronze medal at USDAA Regionals and capping off the year with multiple class wins at the World Cynosports Games and Silver medal in the Steeplechase Finals! 3 year old Voodoo qualified for the 2017 World Cynosports Games, and baby dog Nacho began his career with titles in Jumpers!

Tracy has competed successfully in agility with a variety of dogs of all shapes, sizes and temperaments. Currently, she shares her life with 6 dogs: a Rat Terrier (retired 15 year old Rebound), 3 BC mixes (11 year old Export, 8 year old Matrix and 3 year old Voodoo), and a two Papillons (4 year old Crusher and 2 year old Macho Nacho). In the ring, their runs are noted for focus, accuracy, consistency and speed! She began agility with 2 mixed breeds and 2 Dalmatians.

Tracy also has extensive coaching experience, ranging from local competitors to international teams. She has come out of team coaching retirement to coach Team USA at the upcoming IFCS World Agility Championships in Valencia, Spain! In 2012 and 2011, she was the Coach/Manager of Team USA at the World Agility Open in Belgium and the United Kingdom, and in both years was proud to see the US team bring home more medals than any other country both times! She served as the Manager/Coach for Team Canada at the IFCS World Agility Championships in 2008, 2010 and in 2012. These teams were very successful, ranking high in the Individual medal count and bringing home medals in the Team event.

Outside of international competitions, Tracy’s local and national level students from live classes, seminars, and online classes have achieved great success with a variety of breeds, including championship titles, national finals appearances, top five finishes in their breed, Invitational appearances, and more! Tracy uses positive reinforcement, motivational games and shaping to build brilliant behaviors in the dogs while teaching the handlers to be consistent and positive in their handling and dog training. She is heavily influenced by various international styles of handling and emphasizes teamwork, connection, consistency, mental focus, play and fun for both the handler and the dog to build a clear system of communication for each team.

More about Feet Forward:

Learn how to get amazing speed and tight turns from your dog while simplifying your handling using the Feet Forward approach! Tracy will show you how use this smooth, fast European style of handling to move around the course with maximum efficiency while stripping away the extraneous rotations and unnecessary moves that slow down both you and the dog. This fun, simple approach is easy for everyone with pretty amazing and immediate results on even the most challenging courses! You will revolutionize your handling and have a great time doing it.

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Seminar Sessions

Friday: **Masters Handling**

Push your skills past the Masters level! Are you ready to raise your game and explore how to get ahead and stay ahead of your fast dog on course? In this session you will explore ways to master ANY challenge on difficult AKC, USDAA or International-style courses that will make every course easier to run. Learn how the latest advancements in Tracy's Feet Forward approach as well as how to choose the handling options that keep you ahead of your dog.
advanced & masters level

Saturday: **Brilliant Beginnings**

For dogs getting ready to compete as well as dogs already competing at the Novice level. If you are getting ready to compete or already competing at the Novice level, then this session is for you. You will have the opportunity to practice various handling techniques, work on your timing, choose the clearest handling tools for your dog, find the fastest line, build commitment and connection while developing confidence and speed as you are growing as a team.
*Dogs should be **at least 14 months old** and must be ready to run simple sequences of 8 to 12 obstacles that include only jumps and tunnels.*

Sunday: **Advanced Handling**

In agility, timing is everything! You may have the perfect plan and have trained well for the challenges on the course but one slight hesitation or delay and "poof" the Q is gone. Cuing your dog at the right moment is an absolute necessity for success in agility. And, yet, it is a skill handlers rarely practice. We just assume that we are improving when we run our dog through short sequences and courses. Unfortunately, this is not always the case. In this session Tracy will guide you through some drills and show you how to use the right cue at the right time for your dog. She will also focus on improving the timing and accuracy of your cues.
advanced & masters level

Working spots were determined by a draw. Working sports are full with a waitlist. Auditing is unlimited.

Seminar Details

Location Twin Cities Obedience Training Club in Minneapolis

Dates Friday, October 26, 2018
Saturday, October 27, 2018
Sunday, October 28, 2018

Time 9am to 5pm with a 1 hour break for lunch (on your own)

Cost \$160 working spot per day per dog/handler team

\$50 auditing spot per day per person

\$25 auditing spot per day per person for MMBC and TCOTC members

2018 Tracy Sklenar Seminar Registration

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Handlers Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Dog's Name _____ Breed _____

Dog's Age at Seminar _____ Dog's Jump Height _____

Session	Working	Cost	Auditing	Cost	Cost <small>TCOTC and MMBC Members</small>
Masters Handling		\$160		\$50	\$25
Brilliant Beginnings		\$160		\$50	\$25
Advanced Handling		\$160		\$50	\$25
Total					

Assumption of Risk, Release and Indemnity

Please read the following Release of Liability carefully and sign your name in the space provided.

I agree that the Minnesota Mixed Breed Club has the right to refuse this application for any reason it deems sufficient.

I hereby acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate in the dog training workshop with the Minnesota Mixed Breed Club and Tracy Sklenar, I am aware that there are inherent risks and hazards involved in activities with and around dogs and I am participating in this workshop with knowledge of these potential risks.

In order to participate in this Minnesota Mixed Breed Club workshop, I, being fully informed of such risks, agree as follows:

- 1) to assume all risks of such workshop or activities*
- 2) to release the Minnesota Mixed Breed Club, its members, Tracy Sklenar, Twin Cities Obedience Training Club, and its employees from any and all claims which I or my assigns may have that may result from such workshop or activities, including those relating to personal injury to myself, my dog(s), dogs in my charge, members of my family or guests and those relating to damage to property, in each case caused directly or indirectly by acts that might occur in or in relation to the Minnesota Mixed Breed workshop; and*
- 3) indemnify, defend, and hold the Minnesota Mixed Breed Club, its members, Tracy Sklenar, Twin Cities Obedience Training Club and its employees, harmless from all damage, loss, liability or expense, whether arising from negligence or any other reason or cause whatsoever, including legal costs and lawyer's fees, which result from any damage caused directly or indirectly by myself or dog(s) which I own or handle.*

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Signature

Date