

# Tracy Hirsch & Greg Fontaine

Agility Seminar at PBH in Chapel Hill, NC March 12-13, 2016

### **Tracy Hirsch**



Tracy is a highly energetic and enthusiastic individual who teaches in a clear and simplified manner. Tracy uses positive reinforcement, games, and shaping to build winning behaviors in dogs while teaching their handlers to be consistent and positive. She emphasizes teamwork, consistency, handling skills and most importantly, fun for both handler and dog. She has extensive experience teaching private lessons, local classes and seminars throughout the US. Come have lots of fun, get energized, and leave excited and ready to play with your dog in the incredible sport we call Agility

Tracy and her canine teammates have earned multiple wins and placements at local, regional, national and international events. Including 2016, 2015 WAO United States World Team Member and 2015 Silver medalist, 2014 DAM Team Gold Medalist, 2013 U.S. Open Gold Medalist, 2013 IFCS U.S.A. World Team member CCOE, and 2013 22 inch Top Overall Dog at Cynosport.

#### **Greg Fontaine**

For nearly twenty years now, Greg Fontaine has been a passionate student across every aspect of the game of dog agility. His first dog, Ivan, was a repeat AKC top-ranked Labrador Retriever, a repeat USDAA national finalist, a Purina Incredible Dog Challenge competitor, and earned his AKC MACH & USDAA ADCH. His current dog Spice earned the win-on spot for Team USA at the 2015 IFCS World Agility Championships. They have multiple national finalist medals, and two silver medals at the 2013 IFCS Continental Championships of Europe.

Greg has helped students earn spots on world teams, win national championships, qualify for and place at invitationals, AND, just as importantly, SIMPLY ENJOY, mutual fully-engaged play together. He has a creative approach to agility training, bringing a broad variety of approaches and influences to build upon the particular strengths of each individual dog and handler. His approach to the sport embraces the dog's need for comfort before speed; as well as the handler's need for awareness over athleticism.



### **New Clients:**

If you haven't taken a class at PBH in the last 2 years, we want you! New clients will have until February 5<sup>th</sup> to enroll and may take a 10 % discount. Enrollment for existing customers will open on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Saturday, March 12

*Tracy: Training for Premier/ International Challenges:* Skills drills to teach you and your dog how to handle the challenges listed in the new Premier class guidelines and often seen on Masters Challenge and International courses. Prereq: Open to any dog competent on all the equipment or permission of the instructor.

*Greg: Confident Commitment for FAST Bonuses and Faster Runs:* How to use consistent sets of cues and reward delivery, from training through competing, to build confidence running at greater distance, to achieve greater success with FAST class bonuses or gambles and to attain greater flexibility for handling challenging courses. Prereq: Open to any dog competent on all the equipment or permission of the instructor.

### Sunday, March 13

*Tracy:* Find the Extra Seconds: Increase your SPEED: Are your handling choices slowing down your dog? Learn to handle for speed, learn where, when and how to reward for speed and identify weaknesses that can be improved to increase speed and confidence. Prereq: Open to any dog competent on all the equipment or permission of the instructor.

*Greg: Handling the Master/Premier Course:* Find the best path for your dog, the best handling strategies for your dog and you, and for your goals (improving consistency / improving speed). Also a great opportunity to prepare for AKC Nationals! Prereq: Dog in Excellent / Master level or having taken Day 1 or permission of the instructor.



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Seminar location will be the Pet Behavior Help Training Center in Chapel Hill, NC (<a href="www.petbehaviorhelp.com">www.petbehaviorhelp.com</a>) which is conveniently located just off of I-40. The seminar will be outside on grass in a fully fenced location, with a 50x50 covered arena available for crating/inclement weather. All contacts are rubberized and we will be using 24" weaves.

The dog/handlers teams with be separated into two groups of 8. Groups will be divided by experience. Each group will spend half a day with Tracy and half a day with Greg. The sessions will run from 8:00 AM – 12:30 PM and from 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM. Handlers may switch dogs for each session. Tuition is \$250 per day for a working spot and \$50 to audit.

The fabulous and popular lunches from Amante's will be provided for all attendees as well as snacks and water.

**Enrollment: ONLINE with your credit card: www.petbehaviorhelp.com/agility-seminars.html** or send checks payable to PBH to 4925 Eno Woods Trail, Durham, NC 27712

Note: New clients get 10% off. Enrollment for New clients ONLY until 2/6.

The full balance is required to hold your spot and is refundable (minus \$50/day) only if your spot can be filled. Please no out-of-household substitutions. Seminar will be held rain or shine. Send checks payable to: PBH 4925 Eno Woods Trail, Durham, NC 27712

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| Address   |   |  |
| Phone   | Email   |  |
| Dog's name  | _ Breed   | Jump height  |
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| Have you trained with Tracy?  |   | Have you trained with Greg?  |
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