



2009 4-H Paws N Pals Dog Retreat August 14 - 16

Seminar and Workshop Descriptions

The Seminar and Workshop Descriptions detail information about the workshops that are available for participants to register for. Seminars are provided for every attendee. Workshops are on a registration basis, depending on what interests attendees have. Registration for workshops is on a first registered-first assigned basis. The longer you wait to register, the less likely that you will get your top choices for your sessions. Be sure to return your Dog Retreat Workshop Form with your registration to 4-H Paws N Pals.

Obedience Beginner Level – The basics of good canine manners and dog obedience are covered in this series of workshops given by Jenn Merritt, CPDT of Blue Dog Creature Coaching. Ms Merritt has been a professional dog trainer for over 10 years and exclusively teaches positive reinforcement dog training techniques. This workshop is for beginning handler/dog teams to cover sit, down, walking on a leash, stay, recall, etc.

Obedience Intermediate Level - The intermediate level takes the basics of good canine manners and dog obedience to the next level. Taught by Jenn Merritt, CPDT of Blue Dog Creature Coaching. Ms Merritt has been a professional dog trainer for over 10 years and exclusively teaches positive reinforcement dog training techniques.

Rally-O – Try out this fun and competitive twist on dog obedience. Rally-O consists of a course designed to take the dog and handler team through a variety of obedience exercises. Ten to twenty stations are laid out throughout the course. Each station has a sign that details an obedience move to be performed. Scoring is more relaxed and not as rigorous as in traditional obedience competition. Rally-O competitions are held at the Maryland State Fair at the end of August. This is a great opportunity to “bone-up” on your skills.

Junior Showmanship – The Maryland State Fair Dog Show is coming up at the end of August. Are you ready? This series of workshops will go over different points you will need to know to compete. It will cover techniques for dog / handler teams. 4-H'ers will have the opportunity to refine their handling skills, learn about good sportsmanship, and build on their relationship with their dog.

Make Your Own Dog Toy – Learn how to make your own dog pull toy in this fun dog arts and crafts class for all ages. 4-H'ers will be provided with all the materials to make and take a great toy their dog will enjoy.

Grooming Workshop – Join our professional groomer for an in-depth look at grooming your dog. We'll cover how to give your dog a bath, how to dry your dog, how to clip and cut your different breed of dog, and what are the best products to use on your dog. We'll cover a host of useful information that will help 4-H'ers keep their canine friends spic and span clean and ready for competition.

Agility – Do you have a dog with a lot of energy? Agility is the perfect outlet for a dog that just keeps on going and going and going. This sport combines critical thinking skills, physical conditioning, and teamwork. Canine agility is recognized by the AKC, which offers various levels of competition. This is also offered at the Maryland State Fair Dog Show. Our workshops will cover the basics of agility, how to get started, an introduction to the various equipment used, and lots of opportunities to practice.

Canine Freestyle – Let our canine freestylers introduce you into this unique and fun sport that combines obedience moves, a few tricks, music, and enthusiasm. Canine Freestyle competitions take place internationally and have a junior division that is perfect for 4-H'ers and their dogs. This sport can be done individually or in multi-dog teams. This workshop will cover an introduction to the sport, how to choose your music, beginning moves, how to choreograph your performance, and lots of hands on practice. For those that are ready, we'll have our canine freestyle handlers and dogs take part in our Dog Show and Exhibition on the last day of the retreat.

Flyball – This is another high energy sport that is good for the dog that just won't quit. Learn the basics of the sport and how competition works. Since this is a team sport, it takes not only being able to work with your own dog but being able to be part of team to be successful. 4-H'ers will be introduced to the equipment of flyball and the best ways to introduce this sport to your dog.

Clicker Training – Clicker training is a positive reinforcement training technique that is ideal for beginning dog trainers and children. The clicker allows children to easily work with their dog in learning obedience basics. Our workshop series will cover sit, stay, down, walking on a leash, recall, etc using

the clicker as a training tool. Campers will be provided with a clicker to use at the retreat and take home.

Bake your own Dog Treats – Learn how to bake your own natural dog treats. Our club's famous recipe contains no corn, no wheat, and is made with 100% human grade ingredients. 4-H'ers will be invited into our kitchen to learn how to mix up and bake their own treats. They will package up their dog biscuits to take home or use at the retreat.

Carting – Carting and draft work goes back hundreds of years. Many dog breeds were originally bred to pull carts and assist their masters in various work. This workshop will cover an introduction to the sport of carting, the equipment that is used, how to introduce the cart to your dog, and how to craft your own cart.

Dog Arts N Crafts – What is a 4-H event without arts n crafts. Various dog arts and crafts will be offered for different age levels.

Dog Quiz Bowl: Get into the fun of Dog Quiz Bowl. Played like Jeopardy, only with dog related questions, this team sport is sure to be a fun and educational practice for the Maryland State Dog Quiz Bowl Championship in October. We'll have several practice sessions and culminate our knowledge with a Mini Dog Quiz Bowl on Sunday at our Dog Show and Exhibition. Ribbons and prizes will be awarded to our winning teams. Don't miss out on the fun! Be sure and sign up for Dog Quiz Bowl.

Dog Show and Exhibition: Sunday at 1:00 PM parents and attendees are invited to attend our Dog Show and Exhibition featuring attendees, volunteers, our dog professionals, and of course, the dogs. We'll have a mini dog show, Dog Quiz Bowl contest, and exhibition of various dog sports. If you and your dog have a special trick up your sleeve, be sure and let us know so you can share it with the crowd. We'll also be giving out our Camp-In Neighborhood Awards and special attendee recognitions. Make sure Mom and Dad are here for the show!

2009 4-H Paws N Pals Dog Retreat Schedule at a Glance (Subject to Change)

Friday, August 14th

- 4:00 PM Check In / Decorate Neighborhoods
- 6:00 PM Orientation for Participants
- 6:30 PM Session 1 Workshops
- 7:30 PM Session 2 Workshops
- 8:30 PM Break & Take Dogs Out
- 9:00 PM Dog Night at the Movies & Snack
- 11:00 PM Get ready for bed
- 11:30 PM Lights Out

Saturday, August 15th

- 7:30 AM Organized Walk with your Dog
- 8:00 AM Breakfast & Take Dogs Out
- 9:00 AM Session 1 Workshops
- 10:00 AM Veterinarian Lecture
- 11:00 AM Session 2 Workshops
- 12:00 PM Lunch & Take Dogs Out
- 1:00 PM Session 3 Workshops
- 2:00 PM Canine Freestyle & Flyball Demo & Lecture
- 3:00 PM Session 4 Workshops
- 4:00 PM TBA

5:00 PM Dinner & Take Dogs Out
6:00 PM Session 5 Workshops
7:00 PM Session 6 Workshops
8:00 PM K-9 Team Demo & Lecture
9:00 PM Dog Olympics
10:00 PM Practice with Dog Quiz Bowl Teams or Free Time
10:30 PM Free Time / Snack
11:00 PM Get ready for bed
11:30 PM Lights Out

Sunday, August 16th

7:30 AM Organized Walk
8:00 AM Breakfast & Take Dogs Out
9:00 AM Session 1 Workshops
10:00 AM Tellington Touch Demo & Lecture
11:00 AM Session 2 Workshops
12:00 PM Lunch with Parents & Take Dogs Out
1:00 PM Dog Show and Exhibition – Parents & Friends are Invited
3:00 PM Clean up / Break Down