

Kellie Connell

Engagement and Obedience Performance Seminars

For those of you who are interested in taking your obedience performance, engagement, and heeling to a new level! Excellent for all sports that require obedience routines. Kellie has been professionally training dogs for 8 years and is known for flashy and fun obedience, as well as her dynamic relationship with her dogs. She believes in creating interactive relationships, clear and specific reward systems, and purposefully conditioning emotional states. Kellie's accomplishments include multiple invitations to the AKC Top Dog Obedience Championships, 2019 Top Dog Open Champion, multiple AKC High in Trial awards, and multiple V obedience scores in IPO/Schutzhund.

2-3 day seminars with 10-12 working spots and unlimited auditors.



SEMINAR FOCUS:

- Explanation of the principals of engagement, power, precision and performance
- Building an interactive working relationship
- The benefits of prioritizing your dog's emotions and establishing specific conditioned emotional responses
- Reducing frustration, confusion, and stress through reward systems
- Backchaining from reward systems
- The power of functional rewards
- Clear communication through location and type specific reward markers
- The importance of play with both food and toys in your relationship
- How to work with food for both precision AND enthusiasm
- Heeling specific rewards and strategies
- Session flow and general training strategies to immediately improve performance
- How to break down teaching new behaviors and fixing old ones

WHAT TO BRING:

- Food rewards. Lots of high value food (liver, cooked chicken, string cheese, etc.), soft moist and cut into bite size pieces. The more variety the better!
- Toy rewards (tug, ball, etc.) - ideally 2 of each, preferably identical or similar toys
- Normal training leash and collar
- Water and bowl for the dog
- A chair
- A portable crate for your dog (unless you crate out of your car)
- Shade! (Depending on weather and time of year)
- Desire to elevate your obedience training
- A way to take notes! There will be a lot of information presented!