

CANINE COMMUNICATION & EFFECTIVE TRAINING SEMINAR

Saturday 1st March 2014

BODC club rooms, Finn Street Recreation Reserve, Bendigo

9.30 am – 3.30 pm



REGISTRATION FOR THIS SEMINAR IS OPEN TO ALL OTHER CLUBS AND THEIR MEMBERS

Learn to read your dog's signals correctly and to improve your training sessions and handling through more **effective communication** with your dog. This will also vastly improve the bond and understanding between you and your canine companion. Suitable for people training for trials or those that just need to understand their pet a little better.

Presenters will discuss many aspects of communication that you may not be aware of, even if you are an experienced handler. **The seminar will include video, practical demonstrations and notes.**

This is an opportunity to hear from, and ask questions of, two presenters who have professional working dogs and a broad range of knowledge and training techniques that can be used for every dog.

SOME OF THE TOPICS

❖ HOW TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF YOUR DOG?

❖ MANY HANDLERS MISINTERPRET THE DOG'S SIGNALS, OFTEN MISREADING SIGNS OF STRESS FOR DRIVE- DO YOU?

❖ WHAT IS A REACTIVE DOG?

❖ WHAT IS NILIF? HOW DOES THIS HELP YOU WITH EVERYDAY BEHAVIOUR?

❖ SHAPING, BACK CHAINING AND CONDITIONING

❖ EFFECTIVE DOG WALKING

❖ BEHAVIOUR CAN BE VERY BREED SPECIFIC – WHAT DOES THIS REALLY MEAN?

❖ PREY DRIVE SEQUENCE – WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT AND HOW IT HELPS YOU TO UNDERSTAND YOUR DOG.

❖ WHAT MOTIVATES YOUR DOG?

❖ LEADS, COLLARS, TOYS, LURES ETC - HOW ARE THEY USED? WHEN BEST TO USE THEM?

❖ HOW TO REWARD YOUR DOG BY USING THE RIGHT TOY IN A WAY THAT STIMULATES THE DOG'S DRIVE.

THE PRESENTERS

Emma Smyth is Internationally certified as a detection dog trainer, has trained, certified and is a member of Australia's National Dog Trainers Federation. Emma has experience in the customer service industry and the security industry including training and handling of detection dogs. She has also studied Canine Myofunctional Therapy at the National College of Traditional Medicine.

Emma has had an extensive career in dog training including handling and training her Explosives Detection Dog, Harvey (Labrador) and now training her two Dutch Shepherds, Omo in USAR (Urban Search and Rescue) and Quick Silver for Track and Search Work and Nosework.

Sonja Needs has been training dogs for 23 years and has been an Australian certified and operational Search and Rescue dog handler in USAR with her German Shepherd, Luther. Sonja is primarily a course and subject coordinator, lecturer and tutor in Wine, Climate Change Adaptation and Animal Science at Melbourne University.

She has expertise in sensory science and human and canine olfactory systems. Sonja is currently involved in applied research in using dogs to detect grapevine (and other agricultural) pest and diseases (specifically *Brettanomyces*, *Phylloxera* and *Eutypa*). Determining firstly the ability of the dogs to detect the target odour and secondly to assess the reliability and thresholds for detection of that target odour.

Sonja Needs, Emma Smyth and Kerry Needs operate 'Scent Dogs Australia', conducting workshops in nosework and scentwork (tracking and scent activities).

Cost - \$80 — \$50 for BODC members

Please bring your own lunch - morning /afternoon tea is supplied.

To register please contact Heather on 0409 429 972 or Kerry on 0414 535 122

Or email to bodc2014@yahoo.com.au