



Training and Emotions with Dr. Amy Cook

Is your dog brilliant at home but shuts down at the show? Does he bark at people or dogs? Is she afraid of the teeter? Does he seem generally stressed out? For a pet dog, dealing with behavior challenges is a good idea. For a competition dog, it is non-negotiable. Our goal is to make your dog enthusiastic about performance (and life!) so he can enjoy himself!

Rather than teaching you the behaviors that are required for success in the ring of any specific sport, this seminar will address how to assess and increase your dog's comfort level, confidence, and focus in novel and challenging environments, which then can support your in-ring performances. Dr. Cook will explain the use of various forms of play as a gauge of the dog's emotional state. And using play in developing a rehabilitation plan that takes into account the dog's thresholds and enjoyment in the training process. Come learn about The Play Way!

In this seminar you will learn

- How to identify stress in dogs
- About threshold management
- How to read your dog so you know what to do when
- About relaxed play, and its important role in the rehabilitation of stress and anxiety
- Personal play, food or toys: which one should you use and when?

This seminar is appropriate for owners of dogs with general anxiety, performance or ring stress or over-arousal, as well as insecurity in new environments or anyone interested in how emotions effect learning and performance.

"You spend a lot of time training behaviors, but how much time do you spend training emotions?"

-Amy Cook, Ph.D

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Wonder Dogs Performance Annex

6880 SW West Hills Rd, Corvallis, Or

Limited working spots: \$175 Auditors \$125

Register at www.wonderdogsonline.com

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Working dogs will be working on Sunday only, but are welcome to attend the Saturday lecture.
Scroll down to learn more about Dr. Amy Cook.



Amy Cook, Ph.D. has been training dogs for nearly 25 years, specializing in the rehabilitation of shy and fearful dogs. She is a Certified Dog Behavior Consultant through the IAABC, and a longstanding professional member of the APDT. She is a graduate of the SFSPCA academy for dog trainers, and has worked for the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society, the San Francisco Animal Care and Control, and has provided behavioral evaluations for shelters and rescues throughout the Bay Area of California. She currently works with the Anti-Cruelty team at the ASPCA doing behavioral evaluations and psychological enrichment of the dogs seized in dog fighting, puppy mill, and hoarding cases. Amy is also an instructor with the Fenzi Dog Sport Academy, (www.fenzidogsportsacademy.com) well known for her highly acclaimed “Dealing with the Bogeyman” class on management and rehabilitation of reactive and stressed dogs .

Amy's research focused on the dog-human relationship and its effect on the problem solving strategies dogs employ. She has also studied causal inference in dogs and toddlers, and currently works with Lucia Jacobs on dog olfaction. She has extensive experience having taught Human Emotion, Developmental Psychology, Social Psychology, Stigma and Prejudice, Statistics, and Animal Cognition.

Her dogs have trained, participated, and titled in Rally, Competition Obedience, Agility, Flyball, Nosework and Barn Hunt, and her young whippet loves agility best!

Click here to read more about Amy!

<http://berkeleysciencereview.com/humans-and-dogs-a-ber-researcher-explores-their-relationship/>

