

## WINTER/SPRING January to March 2018

Date	Time	Workshop	Young dogs?	Members cost	Non-Members cost
14 January	9:00 - 11:00	Obstacle Discrimination ( <i>Max 8</i> )		£20	£25
	11:30 - 12:30	Timing & Commitment ( <i>Max 8</i> )	Yes	£10	£15
	13:30 - 14:30	Out Rounds	Yes	£10	£15
20 January	9:00 - 11:00	Best Line G3-5		£20	£25
	11:30 - 13:30	Best Line G5-7		£20	£25
	14:00 - 16:00	Motivation & Distance Handling ( <i>Max 12</i> )	Yes	£14	£18
27 January	9:00 - 11:00	Snakes	Yes	£20	£25
	11:30 - 12:30	Front Crosses	Yes	£10	£15
	13:30 - 14:30	Rear Crosses	Yes	£10	£15
10 February	9:00 - 11:00	Handling G1-3	Some	£20	£25
	11:30 - 13:30	Handling G3-5		£20	£25
	14:00 - 16:00	Handling G5-7		£20	£25
17 February	10:00 - 12:00	<b>NEW</b> Champ Handling ( <i>Max 4</i> )		£25	£30
3 March	9:30 - 11:30	Distance Handling G4-7		£20	£25
	12:00 - 14:00	<b>NEW</b> Tight Turn Criteria ( <i>Max 8</i> )	Yes	£20	£25
	15:00 - 16:00	Foundation Ketchkas		£10	£15
17 March	9:30 - 11:30	Advanced Rear Crosses and Slices		£20	£25
	12:00 - 13:00	Pick ups / Collections		£10	£15
	14:00 - 15:00	Course Walking ( <i>Max 12</i> )	N/A	£10	£15
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24 March	9:30 - 11:30	Motivation & Distance Handling (Max 12)	Yes	£14	£18
	12:30 - 14:30	Tunnels (Max 8)	Yes	£20	£25
25 March	9:30 - 11:30	Handling G1-3	Some	£20	£25
	12:30 - 14:30	Handling G4-6		£20	£25

## The Venue ...

SWAT, Coppice Gate Farm, Northbrook Road, Shapwick, Somerset TA7 9NT

## The Workshops ...

*Information about all the sessions is below. Many are suitable for young or pre-comp dogs. If you have any questions, please ask. In particular if you have a young dog, do check with Toni or Tash to ensure you are selecting suitable sessions. All workshops will have a maximum of six dogs except where stated.*

### **Obstacle Discrimination**

Obstacle discrimination is becoming more common in all grades of agility as judges lean more and more towards European style courses. Includes weaves, tunnels and contacts.

Handlers need to be confident that their dog understands their commands (verbal or body language) and can accurately complete the correct obstacle at speed as directed - a dog that hesitates does not understand the information he is being given. *(Max 8 dogs)*

### **Timing and Commitment**

Improve your confidence to give commands early, build up your dog's commitment point to a jump so you can move away to another obstacle and avoid poles being knocked. A whole session of 'Show and Go' games. *Suitable for young dogs (Max 8 dogs)*

### **Out Rounds**

From the foundations of teaching your dog to go round the back of a jump, building up to being able to do it at distance within sequences. *Suitable for young dogs.*

### **Best Line**

These sessions allow you to try different ways of handling certain sequences, and time them to see which is the best route for you and your dog. Therefore these sessions are suited to dogs who can do all the basic handling manoeuvres relevant to their grade, as we will not be spending time teaching the basics. (Handling sessions do consider the best line but also focus on HOW to do each manoeuvre.)

### **Motivation & Distance Handling (Max 12)**

A session full of sequences to encourage your dog to work away from you and create motivation. Dogs must be of a sound temperament to work in this session.

*Suitable for young dogs. (Max 12 dogs)*

This is also an ideal workshop for beginner dogs to get used to working in a group environment. These motivation sessions are ideal to be used regularly and the dogs that benefit the most are those that repeat them on a regular basis.

### **Snakes**

Improve your dog's understanding of a Snakeline so that you can handle it confidently whatever your position. Improve speed and accuracy in this common sequence, especially as the distances are now greater between the 3 elements. *Suitable for young dogs.*

### **Front Crosses**

From foundations to sequences. *Suitable for young dogs.*

### **Rear Crosses**

From foundations to sequences. *Suitable for young dogs.*

### **Handling Workshops**

The format of these sessions is for handlers to run a course before breaking it down and looking at various ways the sequences can be done to the maximum success for each partnership. Contacts, weaves and handling skills will all be covered.

### **Champ Handling**

A handling session based on a previous Championship Agility Course.

*For G6 & G7 dogs only. (Max 4 dogs)*

### **Distance Handling G4-7**

For experienced dogs. Does your dog go confidently on ahead leaving you to handle the next stage of a course? We will look at basic handling skills but from a distance - Boxes, Pull throughs, out rounds will all be covered and more!

### **Tight Turn Criteria**

Improve your dog's turns by building their understanding of your criteria, when using body language or verbal cues. This session will increase the tightness and also the speed of your dog's wingwraps and 180° turns even when they are accelerating into the turn. *Suitable for young dogs. (Max 8 dogs)*

### **Foundation Ketchkas**

Learn the foundations and practice on simple sequences. Dogs need to have confident wing wraps.

### **Advanced Rear Crosses and Slices**

A rear cross by any other name is still a rear cross!! Recently referred to as a whisky slice or flick, some rear crosses seem more difficult simply because of the approach or exit angle. We will look at how handlers need to cue more effectively and improve their understanding of this simple handling manoeuvre.

### **Pick ups / Collections**

Do you panic when your dog has to jump towards you over a jump? Are you unsure how to sort out your feet/arms and cues after your dog has gone round the back of a jump? Help is at hand!

### **Course Walking**

How to walk courses in the most effective way. This course has changed the way even experienced handlers walk a course making them more confident and successful in a few easy steps. Learn a variety of techniques that allow you to:

- 1 successfully walk a course so you feel confident you have made the right choices for your dog
  - 2 remember the course without relying on numbers as you run round, so you can fully commit to your handling
  - 3 remember and use all your cues including verbal, arms and footwork whilst under pressure
- Put these techniques into practise, and you will see an instant improvement. No dogs but you will still need to run! *(Max 12 handlers - without dogs)*

### **Tunnels**

This session concentrates on the tunnel but in a variety of ways. We will look at sending on to it, "wrong" ends, acute angle entries and exits as well as rear crossing the tunnel. We will also look at the use of a tunnel as part of a snake line.

At the end we will put all of these skills into sequences to proof the learning. Suitable for all grades of dogs - many of the exercises are found in both G1 and Champ classes!

*Suitable for young dogs (Max 8 dogs)*

## The Cost ...

See timetable above

Spectator only places: £5 per workshop (free if attending another workshop the same day)

## How to book ...

Please email [SWATdogsUK@gmail.com](mailto:SWATdogsUK@gmail.com) with your requested sessions. You should have a reply within 24 hours.

Non-members booking available from mid-December.

## Payment Information and Cancelation Policy

The full cost is payable on booking (cheque or bank transfer) and details will be sent with confirmation of your booking reservation.

We hope you won't have to cancel but we understand this is sometimes unavoidable. Please note that if you cancel with more than 7 days notice and the session is fully booked and there is a replacement (we are often able to fill spaces with someone from a reserve list), you will be entitled to a refund less a £5 admin fee (per session). If you cancel less than one week beforehand there is no refund even if the class is full. The £5 admin fee is payable irrespective of whether SWAT or you find a replacement.