

Quicksilver Agility Club presents
CHRIS ZINK, DVM

COACHING THE CANINE ATHLETE® SEMINAR

This two-day seminar is relatively intensive and is broken up into several segments, with an initial "lecture" period followed by demonstrations and discussions. All working dogs will have their structure analyzed in groups with help from Chris Zink, gait analysis of a number of dogs will be evaluated, there will be demonstrations of how to do a lameness examination using actual dogs, participants will practice specific conditioning exercises and warm-ups for the canine athlete as well as for specific conditions such as hip dysplasia and anterior cruciate ligament damage, and all dogs will participate in jump training exercises at their level of ability.

WHEN: January 16-17, 2010 (this is the Martin Luther King holiday weekend)

WHERE: Truckee Meadow Dog Training Club, 755 Timber Way, Reno, NV 89512

WHO: Anyone involved in any dog sport from agility, flyball, and herding to conformation. Anyone who wants to learn more about canine structure and movement and treating the canine athlete.

COST: Working spot - \$100.00/day or \$185 for both days

Auditing - \$60.00/day

DON'T MISS THIS RARE OPPORTUNITY. THIS IS CHRIS'S FIRST VISIT EVER TO NEVADA!

The seminar covers these topics.

Day 1:

Importance of structure to performance

Introduction to the musculoskeletal system

How to evaluate your dog's structure

How conformation showing fits into a performance career

Understanding your dog's physical advantages and disadvantages for performance

Body size (gigantism vs. dwarfism) and shape

How to evaluate a dog's front and rear angulation

Dewclaws and tails – their use in performance

How you can use your dog's structure to maximize performance

Locomotion and lameness

Gaits (walk, trot, canter) – what they look like and how they are used in performance

Pacing, crabbing – why they are not ideal gaits and what to do if your dog paces or crabs

How to train your dog to gait on cue

Videos demonstrating dog gaits and gait transitions

The use of ground poles in conditioning and gait modification

How to determine which leg your dog is lame on and how to help your veterinarian make an accurate diagnosis

Conditioning the performance dog

Organizing a fitness program

Strength and endurance exercises

Intensity, frequency, duration of training

Conditioning for specific muscle groups

Appropriate ages to begin strength and conditioning exercises

Day 2:

Causes of lameness or reduced performance

Conditions involving joints, bones, muscle

How your dog's structure may increase his risk for certain injuries

What health checks you should get on your performance dog and why

Supplements and the performance dog

Massage – when and how to do it

Jump Training

Biomechanics of jumping

Training jumping from puppies to adults - this is really more than just jump training – it is body awareness training

Styles of jumping and when dogs use them

Lead legs – what they are, why they are important, and how to train your dog to use them appropriately

Jumping problems – what causes them and how to fix them (VIDEOS are used to demonstrate)

Stress and the performance dog

Different kinds of stress

The importance of play in preventing and treating stress

THERE ARE ALSO LIMITED PRIVATE CONSULTS AVAILABLE WITH CHRIS

ON SATURDAY EVENING. 2 consult formats are available: Structure/Gait analysis (for healthy dogs)- \$100/half hour. Problem-oriented evaluation (for dogs with physical or medical handicaps). You can bring x-rays or other medical info for Chris to review - \$200/50 minutes. Appointments are on a first come first serve basis. Money for the consults will be paid directly to Chris Zink; therefore DO NOT send money for the consult with your seminar fees. Do let us know on the registration if you are interested in a consult though so we can schedule them.

INFORMATION ABOUT HOTELS IN THE AREA WILL BE SENT WITH YOUR CONFIRMATION

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Vaught, at (775)849-2916 or by e-mail at zephyrwalkerpies@mac.com.

**Mail completed registration form and check made out to Quicksilver Agility Club or QAC
to:**

**Chris Vaught
143 Peppy San Court
Washoe Valley, NV 89704**

Name _____ Dog's Name: _____

Address _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail: _____

Dog's age: _____ Dog's Breed: _____

What performance events do you participate in with your dog? _____

At what level do you participate in these activities?

Competition level: _____ For fun: _____

What, if any, performance problems have you or are you encountering with your dog?

What information are you hoping to get out of the seminar? _____

Working spot: \$100/day or \$185 for both days \$ _____

Auditor: \$60.00/day X _____ days = \$ _____

Total \$ _____

I am interested in a private consult with Chris on Saturday night: 1/2 hour _____ 50 mins _____

AGREEMENT TO HOLD HARMLESS, WAIVER AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Release of Liability: I hereby release Quicksilver Agility Club, its Members and Officers, employees, and its representatives from all liability to the undersigned and their representatives, guardians, successors, assigns, heirs and next of kin for all liability, claims, damage or demands for personal injury, death or property damage to the undersigned or the undersigned dog or dogs, arising from or related to this agreement. The undersigned bears sole responsibility for any loss.

Knowing and Voluntary Execution: The undersigned acknowledges that he/she has carefully read this agreement, understands its contents and understands that this agreement includes an assumption of risk of dog training and the sport of dog agility and agrees to release from liability Quicksilver Agility Club, its Members and Officers, and its representatives, and further understands that this is a complete release of liability and a promise not to sue or make a claim. The undersigned acknowledges that this is a contract between the undersigned and Quicksilver Agility Club; and, that Quicksilver Agility Club its Members and Officers and its representatives, are materially relying on this waiver in allowing the undersigned to participate in these dog training opportunity.

I also state that my dog(s) is/are not aggressive towards people or other dogs.

SIGNATURE OF OWNER OR AUTHORIZED AGENT _____ Date _____