

**EXPERT HANDLING CLINIC**  
**Presenter: Gary White**  
**May 8, 9 2010 (Mother's Day weekend)**

**PURPOSE: to be able to handle challenging course sections  
and difficult direction changes smoothly and safely  
(based largely on Linda Mecklenburg's handling System)**

We are fortunate to have as our presenter an agility handler whose 15+ years of competing have given him an in-depth knowledge of the sport. He is a Master level judge known for course designs that are both flowing and challenging.

Since discovering agility in 1994, Gary has competed with most of the major North American agility organizations (AAC, USDAA, NADAC, AKC and CKC). Through his workshops (in both Canada and the U.S.), classes and private lessons he has worked with a wide variety of dogs. In addition to the 'usual' agility breeds such as BC's, Shelties and JRT's, he has worked with a variety of Hounds, Retrievers, Toy breeds, and Terriers. Gary's Whippet Jazz was the first ever ATChC (and MADC) from the entire Hound Group. His Whippet Celia was the second. He is now training his new "performance" dog, the young Delta.

For the last several years Gary has focused his attention on handler motion and how it affects the dog's path. His judging duties have given him ample opportunity to observe this interaction in many different course scenarios.

This workshop will focus on how to use handler motion to cue turns and direction. All of the top handlers and handling systems use motion cues to one degree or another. This workshop will use the terminology established in Linda Mecklenburg's APHS system, as it is the most complete in its understanding and application of the use of motion on course.

The entire time that you are on course, you are giving motion cues to your dog, and your dog is perceiving them. This workshop will give you a deeper understanding of these cues which will strengthen your handling, no matter what system you choose to use.

Gary is here to help us understand how to negotiate complex handling challenges. Learn how to let your dogs know where they are going in order to minimize joint stress. Gary is one of the most positive handlers in the sport and is wonderfully enthusiastic about helping others. Join us as he shares strategies for reaching peak performance.

No Dogma, just dogs, (well, plus handlers and courses)

Gary has kindly offered to do a theory/Q&A session Friday evening for those who can make it. It is optional but will be very (VERY!!) helpful and get a lot of talking out of the way. We will provide a dinner you can eat from your lap (well on a plate) and we can listen and eat while Gary chats.

Time: 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

DETAILS: two day clinic; maximum 10 handlers; \$325

Start time: 8:00 am both days: coffee and muffins at the house for intro; lunch provided

Finish time: 5 pm on Saturday, 4 pm on Sunday

Coffee on by 7:30

8:00 – 9:00 breakfast, welcome and intro at house

9:00 – 9:30 walk dogs/warm up at field

9:30 – 12:30 Handling time in the ring  
(drinks and snacks available in the shed)

12:30 – 1:30 lunch and break

1:30 – 5:00 Handling time in the ring  
(drinks and snacks available in the shed)

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Fee: \$325 per handler (deposit of \$150 by April 8, 2010)  
Please make cheques payable to Lynda Yielding and mail to  
155 Old Centurian Rd, Huntsville, ON P1H 2N5

Max 12 (Handlers may work more than one dog but one dog only for each exercise.)  
Please fill in the following information.

Handler: Name

E-mail

Phone #

Dog(s) info: Name

Breed

Date of Birth

My dog is currently competing in AAC at the (circle) Advanced/Master.

My dog's Regional/National experience is .... list year and setting of site.

What I'm wanting to do better in my handling is.....