

DDTC PRESENTS

BRENDA ALOFF

May 18 and 19, 2019

Saturday May 18, 2019 8:30 – 5:30

Communicating Effectively with your Competition Dog

Agility and Obedience Teams

We all know that the majority of mistakes we make in trials are the Handlers fault either by lack of communication with our canine team member or proper training. We have asked Brenda to focus on the following:

Desensitizing your dog to distractions,

Developing your dog's self-control and addressing self-control issues,

Recognizing and managing your dog's stress level and excitement in training and in the ring,

Motivating different temperament types including: the shy and sensitive dog, the overzealous and anticipating dog, the pushy and reactive dog, the distracted dog or the one that has a poor work ethic.

Sunday May 19 2019 - 8:00 – 3:00

Private lessons

Brenda will work one on one with you and your dog to address specific issues. Each private is one hour. Must have attended an Aloff seminar in the past 18 months to request a private lesson

About Brenda Aloff

I am Brenda Aloff. I have been training dogs professionally for over 20 years. I specialize in problem dogs. I have [5 published books and a DVD](#). I also teach at clinics and workshops around the globe.

I decided to close my boarding kennel and built the [Heaven on Arf Training Center](#) and started providing training and behavioral work exclusively.

I love watching dogs and owners create a more understanding and closer relationship. After all these years, I still get a shiver of delight when I see a dog "get" the message I am trying to communicate, or when the dog has that "Ah ha!" moment. I get all warm and fuzzy when my human student has the thrill and increase in self confidence that results when using excellent

mechanical skills combined with the right timing and technique. These are some of my favorite things!

At home I currently have a Smooth Fox Terrier, Zasu and a Mini-Poodle rescue, Trixie. I should be thinking about a new puppy coming up, but after years of too many dogs (no matter how much I adored each and every rescue dog, it was still too darn many), I find myself not wanting to "share" this relationship. I have given myself permission to just have two!

When I am not working dogs, I am riding horses. This has been a life-long passion of mine, and I cannot wait every day to spend time on ground work or mounted work with the horses. About 8 years ago I got very involved with Dressage and love it! I find myself more intensely horse crazy even than when I was a child (which was already bordering on OCD behavior).

The most important thing I wish people knew about their companion animals is a knowledge of dog ethology. Ethology is the study of animal behavior, especially under natural conditions. Understanding how dogs would naturally operate opens new horizons in understanding your pet. Not having an understanding of the species or breed specific traits causes so much grief that is absolutely preventable. Most dogs lose their homes because the dog just did not behave in a way that the person was expecting. So people need to have a dose of reality BEFORE they even choose a dog. However, because I think the majority of dog purchases are an emotional decision, I think this trend will not soon change.

Once people have the dog, I wish they could read the dog's body language better, because, again, problems that are entirely preventable could be curtailed or avoided altogether. When you have even a general idea of what the dog is communicating, you have lots of opportunities to give feedback to the dog about his behavior.

Once these two topics are understood, training and living with your dog is an absolute easy, breezy time! And then the closeness of the relationship people were dreaming about when they got the dog can develop, and wa la! No more homeless dogs! Only happy, fulfilled dogs and people.

Seminar will be held indoors in a climate controlled building with matted flooring. For address and directions go to www.ddtc.info or email Carolyn Dumaresq at ccdumaresq@gmail.com

Cost for full day session is \$175 per day for working teams and \$75 for auditors

Private lessons are \$170 per hour Checks made out to DDTC

Name _____ email _____

Saturday Working _____ Auditor _____ Private lesson _____

Mail registration form to Carolyn Dumaresq 1370 Northview Lane Harrisburg Pa 17112