

Two Day Obedience Seminar

with Marie Sawford

The Grande Prairie Regional Kennel Club presents a two day seminar with Marie Sawford, owner of Companion Dog Training in Cambridge, Ontario and author of the "Ring Ready" series of books. Marie is the owner, trainer, handler of two #1 obedience dogs in Canada, once in 1998 and a second time in 2005.

Date: January 28 & 29, 2012

Location: Partner's Naturally, 11117 – 100 Street, Grande Prairie, AB

Cost: GPRKC Members: \$200 per working dog, \$100 for auditing

Non-Members: \$230 per working dog, \$110 for auditing

We are limited to 12 dogs, please register early!

Content:

Day 1: Heeling skills and handling skills

Day 2: Games and puppy training



Registration:

Please make cheques payable to:

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About Marie Sawford

Marie has been training dogs since 1987. Her first competitive dog was a female Border Collie, "Megan" **OTCH McCann Megan AG.X Am UD**. This wonderful dog's career combined for over 50 High in Trials. She was the #1 Obedience Dog in Canada in 1998 and #3 in 1996. She has multiple placements at tournaments such as the World Series in Detroit, Michigan and the Hit of Hits competition in Ottawa, Ontario. Megan and Marie also earned an USDAA Masters Agility Dog title and Megan was a member of 3 North American Flyball Association Championship teams. Marie is most proud of Megan's wonderful attitude in the ring and her 98% pass rate.

Megan's son, "Quinn" **OTCH The Mighty Quinn RA Am. /NAMBR UD** was born in 1995. He placed in the Novice division at the World Series in Detroit, Michigan. Quinn also has his Excellent title in CARO Rally-Obedience with 2 perfect scores along the way. In 2007 the CKC reinstated border collies and Quinn earned his Novice title with high scores and 4 HITS out of 4 trials and then went on to earn his CDX the next weekend earning 4 HITS, 3 weeks later he earned his OTCH in three straight trials. In 2008 Quinn won the Novice division of the HIT of HITS a few weeks shy of his 13th birthday.

Marie's Golden Retriever, "Presto" **GMOTCH Windrows Do U Believe in Magic Ag.I WC Am. CDX WC NA**. was known for being a very animated dog, with lots of presence and attitude in the ring. He achieved many High in Trials in both Canada and the US and won the prestigious HIT of HIT competition in Ottawa, Ontario in 2004. He was the #1 Obedience Dog in Canada in 2005, earning over 50 HITS in both Canada and the US. Presto also has his Excellent title in CARO Rally-Obedience with 4 perfect scores along the way.

Marie's current competitive partner is a Norwegian Buhund, "Gali" **Jerancourt's Drops O' Jupiter CDX AJWW RA AM RA Am. CD**. His Novice career included high scores and 1 HIT with a score of 199. He is currently showing in Open and preparing for Utility. While obtaining his CDX he earned another HIT with lovely scores of 198, 198.5 and 197. He has his Am Rally Excellent title with two perfect scores and continues to show in rally and agility in Canada.

Marie's next dog on the horizon is a female border collie "Ribbon" **Brackenhill Winner Takes It All RN**. Is showing tons of promise and is living up to the wait of 14 years between Border collie puppies. Marie is enjoying training with Ribbon and getting ready for the future in agility, obedience, rally and sheep herding.

Marie is well known for her problem solving skills, getting to the root of the problem while always maintaining the dogs "learning state of mind". Her consideration for the dog's view of the exercise is paramount above all else at her training school, Companion Dog Training located in Cambridge, Ontario. Her student's dogs perform happily, accurately and with a high pass rate in all levels of competition. Marie focuses on strong foundation and relationship skills by using games and a wide variety of training exercises. Her ability to break the exercise down into pieces and put it back together to strengthen the dog's understanding of the skill is what has brought her so much success over the years. Marie's skill of being able to explain the "how to" is evident in her classes, seminars and articles she writes for *Dog Sport*, *Front and Finish* and *Canine Review* magazines.

In 2003 Marie published her "Ring Ready" series of books. These books focus on helping your dog better understand and perform each skill in the sport of obedience. In 2006 Marie published her new book "Rally On".

Marie became a certified Rally Obedience judge in 2003 and has been competing, judging and presenting seminars based on the Canadian Association of Rally Obedience rules since 2004. In 2007 Marie became a CKC Rally judge and is currently going through the process to become a CKC Obedience judge.

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