

# **Curt Brock's Seminar**

## **"Dogs are a work in Progress"**

**Skill level: ALL**



Saturday April 9 & Sunday April 10  
Working Spots - \$100 per day session  
Audit Spots - \$65.00 per day

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I would like to welcome dogs and handlers of all skill levels to this seminar. Although all my dogs have been ranked nationally, it is important for seminar attendees to understand that my dogs are both my friends as well as my partners in learning, training and showing. They live with me as family members, laying on the couch and roaming freely within the household. The challenge for me is to train in such a way that they look forward to working with me. I have learned to expect that they are dogs and will make mistakes but now I see both my dogs and myself as "A WORK IN PROGRESS".

My approach toward helping other people always starts with obtaining a better understanding of their personal goals with their dogs. Once I understand their specific goals I can create a program and series of exercises that will help them strengthen these areas.

In the seminar I will try to cover concerns that the participants have listed on their pre-mailed questionnaires. Through the working slots I will try and show how to get and maintain a higher level of connection and communication.

With a Large group of people it can become impossible to cover everything but using my questionnaire I can see if the group has similar interests, below are some of the subjects I have covered in past seminars. These are listed just as food for thought and areas we may or may not choose to cover.

**Attention:**

What is it really? How do you get it? How do you keep it?

**Show stress:**

Where does it come from? Why do dogs work differently in show than in training? What can be done about it?

**Exercises:**

How I teach them and how to avoid many of the most common mistakes.

**Leadership / Relationship:**

We hear these terms used often but I will work to show you how they are expressed in the day-to-day living and working with our dogs.

**Testimonials from a couple of Brock's past students:**

*For those of you who do not know much about Curt Brock, he is a world-renowned glass artist with pieces of his work in more than 20 museums around the world. He is also a college professor with several teaching awards and in 2009 he was awarded the nations Arts Educator of the Year. But the best thing is watching his love of teaching and his deep passion for dogs blend into one. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with him and I always learn so much.*

*You do not see many Collies in the obedience ring, so when this guy seemed to come out of nowhere and took his Novice A Collie to the top 25 all-breed obedience dogs in America. I knew I wanted to meet him. Once I did I understood why, he continues to be both helpful and inspiring.*

–Sandra Hagg