

Stuart Mah Agility Seminar at PBH in Chapel Hill, NC
September 15 – 19, 2010



Stuart Mah has been one of the nation's leading and innovative agility personalities for almost two decades. He is also considered one of the foremost authorities on course design and course analysis. He has been an 8-time member of US international agility teams. He is also a 13-time USDAA national championship finalist and 5-time AKC finalist. His dogs have earned the highest titles in several agility organizations including 5 ADChs and 3 MACHs. They have also earned 4 individual national champion titles (USDAA and AKC), 2 national team titles, and a world championship title in 2006.

Stuart has judged for all of the major US agility organizations. In 1991 he was inducted into the USDAA agility Hall of Fame and in 1995 was the USDAA's Agility Person of the Year. He was also designated as an Agility Pioneer by USDAA in 2005. He has served on agility advisory boards for both USDAA and AKC.

Stuart has written articles for numerous magazines and is also the author of several books on agility, including "Fundamentals of Course Design for Dog Agility" and "Course Analysis for Agility Handlers". A new book, "Fundamentals of Course Design and Analysis: Specialty Classes" is due out soon. He has also worked with television and media groups such as PBS, Animal Planet, and National Geographic about agility.

Wednesday, 9/15 : Novice/Intermediate Repeaters 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Stuart will apply handler/obstacle focus skills to sequences and courses for dog/handler teams who are competing at Novice USDAA or Open AKC level (or permission of organizer). *Handlers must have taken a Stuart Mah seminar before so that they are familiar with the system and we can spend more time working with the dogs.*

Thursday, 9/16: Advanced/Masters Repeaters 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

We will use handler/obstacle focus to work challenging sequences for dog/handler teams who are competing successfully at the Advanced or Masters level (or permission of the organizer). *Handlers must have taken a Stuart Mah seminar before so that they are familiar with the system and we can spend more time working with the dogs.*

Friday, 9/17: Advanced Handling 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Sequences and courses will be designed for dog/handler teams who have earned a Starters or Open (AKC) title and are working at the Advanced/Excellent level.

Puppy Exercises 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Stuart will show us the exercises he uses to start puppies in agility. This is primarily a lecture with 4 working spots for demonstration purposes. Please contact Val if you are interested in working your puppy.

Saturday, 9/18: Masters Handling 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Complex Handling challenges for teams that are successfully competing in Masters.

Handling stress and motivation problems 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Using a few demo dogs, Stuart will cover his strategies for motivating dogs and for conquering stress behaviors like “zoomies”, sniffing and trotting the course. There are only 4 working spots in this seminar and dogs will be chosen who demonstrate different stress behaviors. Please contact Val if you are interested in working your dog.

Sunday, 9/19: Novice / Pre-competition Handling 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Sequences and courses will be designed for dog/handler teams who are competing or ready to compete at the Starters/Novice level. Courses will not include the weave poles and handling rather than obstacle performance will be emphasized.

*****Each level will be limited to 10 working teams, so sign up early to save your space!*****

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Seminar location will be the Pet Behavior Help Training Center in Chapel Hill, NC (www.petbehaviorhelp.com) which is conveniently located just off of I-40. The seminar will be outside on grass in a fully fenced location, with a covered arena available for crating/inclement weather

The fabulous and popular lunches from Amante's will be provided for all attendees this year.

Registration is open to current students and former seminar participants now; registration will open to general public on 5/24/10.

The full balance is required to hold your spot and is refundable (minus \$50/day) only if your spot can be filled. Seminar will be held rain or shine. Send checks payable to: PBH 4925 Eno Woods Trail, Durham, NC 27712

Handler _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Dog's name _____ Breed _____ Jump height _____

Highest Titles On Any Dog _____ Highest Titles On This Dog _____

CURRENT PBH STUDENTS MAY TAKE A 10% DISCOUNT

Novice/Intermediate Repeaters (9/15) Working spot _____\$185 Auditing _____\$65

Advanced/Masters Repeaters (9/16) Working spot _____\$185 Auditing _____\$65

Advanced Handling (9/17) Working spot _____\$185 Auditing _____\$65

Masters Handling (9/18) Working spot _____\$185 Auditing _____\$65

Novice Handling (9/19) Working spot _____\$185 Auditing _____\$65

Puppy Exercises (9/17) Working spot _____\$75 Auditing _____\$40

Handling Stress/Motivation (9/18) Working spot _____\$75 Auditing _____\$40

Total \$ _____

Waiver:

"I understand that attendance at The Stuart Mah Event is not without risk to me or my dog. The nature of agility puts me and my dog at risk for injury." "I, intending to be legally bound hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, voluntarily assume all risks of accident or injury, and release and forever discharge Stuart Mah, Valerie Olszyk and Pet Behavior Help from any and all liability for personal injury and property damage of any kind sustained at said event, whether such personal injury or property damage is caused by the negligence of Stuart Mah, Valerie Olszyk, Pet Behavior Help and owners of the property on which it occurred, their employees or agents." I further covenant and agree to indemnify and hold harmless Stuart Mah, Valerie Olszyk and Pet Behavior Help from all loss and expense, including but not limited to damages, legal expenses and cost of defense, in any manner, arising from my use of said properties."

Signature: _____ Date _____