

Get Ready for Spring!

2-Day Herding Camp at Tucker Creek Farm

April 23-24th, 2008

Join a super mix of Instructors from Minnesota, Wisconsin and Thunder Bay for two days just in time to get you ready for spring herding.

This mini camp is designed with morning and afternoon sessions divided into topics, you choose (provided space is available). There will be introductory herding, learning flanks, obedience and how it relates to herding, the "science" of working ducks, learning the various programs, ASCA, AHBA, CKC, moving from Started through Open and Advanced, introducing a new dog to livestock - basic commands, reading livestock, what to work on at home, and more....

Groups of 3-4 maximum, in each, per instructor allow you more focused time with a small intimate group to focus on a particular topic. Morning and afternoon sessions will be broken up by lunch.

How the Camp is organized

The clinic will be organized into a.m. and p.m. session each day. You will be assigned to one of three handler/instructors with a maximum of 3-4 people/dog teams in each group.

We ask that you select a topic (and then an alternate topic) for each a.m. and p.m. session for Wednesday and for Thursday and we will try to accommodate you and your dog into your first and or second choice.

Please fill in the form below indicating the level your dog is at with respect to herding training and or other training. This will help us organize people into groups of similar levels where possible.

Topics are listed below and come with an associated level (1,2,3) in terms of the level of training your dog has had and their/your ability to demonstrate control around livestock.

Instructors


Kim Schneider Kim has owned Australian Shepherds for approximately 14 years and has trialed in stock for about 8 years. She enjoys working with all herding breeds especially the upright loose-eyed breeds. She has trained and trialed several dogs and qualified for the ASCA Finals in ducks on WTCH Bergert's Black Ariesz of Z RTDsc,TD She is in the running this year as a qualifier in ducks and sheep for 2008 Finals in Las Vegas. It takes a great team to make it to finals. Kim entered the CKC trials here last year and finished nicely with HIT's to finish Ariesz in CKC's advanced program. We hope she will soon become a CKC judge we can hire down the road for our very own trials. Kim will be offering sessions on introducing a dog to stock and commands you can work on at home, understanding the ASCA 'A' and 'B' courses, the importance of flanks and natural herding work with teamwork as a focus.

Doreen Kurasz, from Wisconsin, has been coming here with her Kelpies for a couple of years now. A student of Bob Vest and other very qualified clinicians, Doreen has exhibited her exceptional ability to train and trial her Australian Kelpies successfully in all venues. Doreen raises specialty ducks for market and consequently works and manages over 400 ducks on her property each day and has an excellent insight into livestock movement and managing her stock calmly and quietly. Doreen will be available for ducks but also working on the start of the outrun and driving.

Phyllis Clark owns Rottweilers and Border Collies and has had several years of training her dogs in herding to the advanced level in AKC and ASCA. More recently Phyllis has been coming to Canada (CKC) and done beautifully with many HIT with her Rottweilers. Phyllis is also active in carting, agility and obedience. She is a veteran to the Thunder Bay dog shows for obedience trials and shows. Cross training is a reality for people in a variety of dog sports. Let Phyllis help you understand how to manage a dog trained in obedience or other obedience related sports and apply it to herding. These lessons will emphasize the importance of obedience in the field of herding. Teamwork and work ethic will be emphasized.

Tanya Wheeler raises (occasionally) and trains Australian Shepherds and has experience working with all breeds of dogs in the herding venues. A CKC and AHBA herding trial judge, she is open to all styles of working dogs. She has been concentrating on making finals for the ASCA Nationals for the past year with "Ch WTCH A Little Flash of Tucker Creek HA RTDc CD AGN HTDIIIIs HRDIIIs HTDIIIId" and has qualified as an MVA (versatility in agility, herding, obedience) dog at Nationals for two years, ranking 11th overall in 2007. Her emphasis is on working at all levels of communication with your dog and creating a desire to work with you.

Topics: Please select your first and second choice for each day and we will try to do our best to accommodate you.

- a) Introducing a young/new dog to livestock. Explaining the basic commands you can work on at home. Level 1, 2
- b) Obedience and Herding - basic obedience and using it to work without losing natural ability - Level 1,2,3
- c) Introduction to the Outrun level 1,2, (the outrun lift and fetch - OLF)
- d) Introduction to the Outrun level 2,3 getting the elements in perspective and an introduction to the OUT (not for started dogs)
- e) Flanks (what they are, how to get them, and why they are so damn important!) Level 1,2,
- f) Squaring Flanks - once you have a good start - now you need to square up. Level 2, 3.
- g) Introduction to Driving Level 2,3
- h) Ducks 101  Learning to work with Ducks for the beginner but not the very beginner dog - Very Beginners can participate on-line Level 1,2,3 - learn about ducks as a different kind of livestock.
- i) Ducks 303 - Dogs with lots of control can work off lead - ducks and obstacles - where to be, how to get control Level 2, 3
- j) How to work the ASCA course A & B. The difference between letting your dog "work" the course and you being in the correct position verses "obedience" commanding your dog thru the arena. (this would apply to any course design) level 1,2,3.
- k) Explaining the different skills that are needed between started/open and advanced. (tied in with (f)) Level 1-2, 3
- l) Practice makes perfect - pick what you want to do and do it the right way every time. How to practice what you plan and how to adapt your plan but still accomplish the task. Level 1,2,3.
- m) Take pen, re-pen work, the perfect start to every run. Level 1,2,3

**Registration form and Waiver for April 2008 Herding Camp at
Tucker Creek Farm**

Your name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____
E-mail: _____

Name of Dog: _____
Breed: _____ Age: _____
Level of Herding
Experience: _____

Other
training: _____

How would you rate your dog's ability to listen to you under high drive/excitement conditions? (eg Call off, recall): _____

Wednesday April 23, 2008

a.m. First choice: _____ second choice: _____
p.m. First choice: _____ second choice: _____

Thursday April 24, 2008

a.m. First choice: _____ second choice: _____
p.m. First choice: _____ second choice: _____

Cost is \$45.00 per session (half day) or \$80.00 for two (per full day). Start time will be 8 a.m. sharp and break from 11-12 noon. Return again from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Sharp. Lunch included. Spaces limited. Preference will be given to people attending all 4 sessions.

**RELEASE/WAIVER AGREEMENT for Tucker Creek Spring Herding Camp –
April 23-24, 2008**

In consideration for participation in these events held at Tucker Creek Farm, I agree to assume all responsibility for any claim, loss or damage, of whatever kind or nature, whether to person or property, which may be caused at or near this event, either directly or indirectly, by me or the dog or dogs I have entered in or brought to this event. I further agree that I will hold Tanya Wheeler, Doreen Kurasz, Phyllis Clark, or Kim Schneider, and the owners of the facility (Tanya Wheeler of Tucker Creek Farm) and the stock, harmless and defend them from any and all liability for any injury, claim, damage or loss, of whatever kind or nature, whether to person or property, caused at or near this event, whether directly or indirectly, by or to me or any dog I have entered in or brought to this event. I agree to indemnify the owners of the trial/herding facility and the stock, for any loss, cost or expense including attorneys fees and costs, to which the owners of the facility and the stock, might be subject to as a result of any claim, suit, loss or damage caused in any way by any act or negligence on my part or on the part of any dog or dogs I have entered in or brought to the event. I certify and represent that the dog or dogs I have entered in or brought to this event is/are not a hazard to other dogs, other animals, or to people.

I also agree to pay the full market value (\$200.00 for sheep and \$15.00 for ducks), of any livestock death resulting from my dog's actions, whether willful or accidental, or in the case of injury to any livestock, resulting from the dog's actions, I agree to pay all veterinary fees up to the market value of the animal.

Owner or Agent making entry (Please print)

Signature

Date

Dog's Registered Name:

Dog's Call Name: