

Agile Canines Presents

Michele Pouliot

**Musical freestyle and
Preparing for competition (of any kind)**

October 2 & 3, 2010 (Private lessons available October 1)

Michele Pouliot has been a professional Guide Dog Instructor with the largest US guide dog school for over 35 years. Before entering that field, she was a professional in the field of horse training, mentoring under Linda Tellington Jones. In 1972, Michele became active in training her first pet Labrador and became fascinated with the comparisons of how dogs and horses learn, stimulating her interest and pursuit in professional dog training.

In 2006, Michele became involved in the sport of Canine Musical Freestyle with English Springer Spaniel, "Cabo" and Australian Shepherd, "Listo." She thoroughly enjoys this artistic sport that combines obedience with trick behaviors and challenges her creative side through music and choreography. In 3 years in the sport, Michele has won two international competitions and attained 4 Championship Titles. In 2008 she received the first double 10's (perfect scores) for Technical and Artistic in one routine in WCFO's Championship division (Perfect Dance Partners); then repeated this accomplishment at the 2009 International competition when all 3 judges awarded double 10's to her freestyle routine. Michele continues to enjoy the ongoing challenges in the sport of Canine Freestyle and the use of Clicker Training to achieve innovative and entertaining routines.

In addition to Musical Freestyle, Michele is experienced with Obedience and Rally Obedience and will provide proven techniques to improve any performance.

Saturday

Canine Freestyle Workshop – one day

Learn how to create entertaining routines and get help choreographing routines.

Michele will share:

- The steps for steps in initiating a new trick, breaking goal behaviors down into smaller ones and developing it to the final goal response.
- Tools and equipment to assist in training behaviors will be demonstrated. Learn to discover tricks best suited for your individual dog.
- Using platforms to train foundation behaviors and unique tricks.
- How to choreograph a memorable routine from start to finish.

Sunday

Preparing for competition of any kind

Competition means no food, no toys, a distracting environment, and people watching you. How often have you felt frustrated when you and your dog's performance fell short during competition?

Michele will share:

- How to train for attention *AND* attitude.
- How to maintain focus and enthusiasm during competition.
- How to ensure your dog does not get stuck on food and toy rewards and will work when rewards are not present
- What steps you can take to better prepare yourself and your dog for optimal performance

Cost and details

Working spots are limited to 12. Cost is \$165 for each day (early bird discount of \$150 before August 1st).
\$315 for both days (early bird discount of \$300)

Auditing spots are unlimited and cost is \$75 per day.

Friday privates available for \$75.00 per hour

Coffee, hot water, bottled water and snacks will be provided. Box lunches are available for \$10.00 per day.

Location: Agile Canines Training School. 216 N. Colfax Ave. Minneapolis, MN Directions will be sent with confirmation.

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Oct 1 (Private lessons with Michele available!)

October 2 (Canine freestyle - Learn how to create entertaining routines (tricks) and get help choreographing routines.)

October 3 (Preparing for competition of any kind)

Please enclose this form along with your check payable to ACTS. Registration is limited and will be on a first received (via USPS only) basis. Refunds available only if spot can be filled. If needed a waiting list will be created.

Private lessons available on Friday October 1 - pre-registration required – see below for pricing details. Payment is to be sent along with your registration. Refunds will be provided only if the spot can be filled.

Please make checks payable to Agile Canines and mail to Jane Fallander, 189 Amherst Street, St. Paul, MN 55105. Contact Jane Fallander at jfallander@gmail.com (preferred) or by phone at 651-335-9374 with any questions. Refunds will be given if your spot can be filled.

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Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email address (please print clearly): _____

1 day: Sat _____ Sun _____ Both Days _____ Working _____ Auditing _____

Box Lunch (**\$10 per day – prepayment required**) Sat _____ Sun _____

I'd prefer: beef _____ ham _____ turkey _____ vegetarian _____

Private Lessons on Friday September 30th (75.00 per hour)

I'd prefer to have a consultation appt between _____ and _____ (No guarantees, but we'll try!) You will be notified in the confirmation of the exact time. The private consultations will be held at Agile Canines Training School.