



Canine Fitness & Conditioning Seminar

Presented by Patti Schaefer, D.V.M., C.V.A., F.A.A.V.A.
Canisport Veterinary Services

Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Location: Family Dog Training Center, 1509 Central Ave. S., Kent, WA 98032

Dr. Patti Schaefer has 30 years' experience in canine sports medicine. She owns Canisport Veterinary Services, a holistic canine sports medicine and rehabilitation practice. Dr. Schaefer's lectures and workshops on canine sports medicine and performance injuries have been well received throughout the country. Dr. Schaefer is a Fellow of the American Academy of Veterinary Acupuncture, certified in veterinary acupuncture and spinal manipulation. Dr. Schaefer, a former professional horsewoman, has competed in agility and conformation, as well as canine musical freestyle with her Portuguese Water Dogs. Her services include: Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine, sports acupuncture, laserpuncture, laser therapy, myofascial therapy, sport-specific, conformation evaluations, as well as recommendations for conditioning, injury prevention, therapeutic exercise, nutrition and supplements. Her clients include multi-Best-in-Show winners, top-winning dock divers, police canines as well as dogs competing in all types of dog sports, canines of all ages rehabbing from injuries and senior dogs whose owners want to maintain good quality of life.

Seminar Overview

The seminar will begin with a discussion and evaluation of structure and gait, how they are related and important considerations for dog sports. Dr. Schaefer will provide written handouts and demonstrations with pre-selected demo dogs as a means of helping participants learn to examine and evaluate structure and gain in their own dogs. Dr. Schaefer will also discuss common injuries in performance dogs, and various treatment modalities, including acupuncture, chiropractic, cold laser, Chinese medicine/herbs, etc.

After the introductory discussion and demonstration, Dr. Schaefer will demonstrate and teach basic conditioning exercises and stretches to help prevent injuries and improve performance. All working teams will have the opportunity to learn these skills with their dogs during the seminar. Auditors may ask questions and participate in various discussions.

IMPORTANT NOTES: Handlers with working dogs understand that Dr. Schaefer may discuss their dogs' structure and condition in front of the seminar. If Dr. Schaefer finds that a dog is compromised/injured, she will recommend further diagnostics, and until a diagnosis is made, some of the exercises and stretches should not be attempted. Dogs must not be people, or dog, aggressive and they should be food motivated to facilitate learning. Bring a variety of soft treats – small and long pieces (such as string cheese, hot dogs, etc.) in a small cooler – that your dog really likes. Dogs need to be well-groomed, including feet and nails so they are safe and comfortable on equipment. All equipment needed for the seminar will be provided by Family Dog Training Center.

General Information

A maximum of 10 working teams will be allowed (one dog per handler). Dogs may be crated inside the facility (bring your own crate), provided they are quiet, or in the handler's vehicle. Note: Working teams give Dr. Schaefer permission to discuss their dog's structure, gait and condition in front of the seminar attendees.

Working teams will be given some pre-seminar homework via video showing simple foundation skills. The cost for WSOTC members is \$85; non-members is \$100.

A maximum of 20 auditors will be allowed (no auditor dogs permitted inside the facility). The cost for WSOTC members to audit is \$50; non-members is \$65.

Registrations are confirmed upon receipt of payment; to ensure you get a spot we recommend online registration and payment (see next page).

Coffee, tea and water will be available throughout the day. Lunch will be provided. The facility will open at 8:00 am so everyone can get settled, pick up seminar handouts and be ready to start right at 9:00 am.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR DR. SCHAEFER SEMINAR

Check all that apply:

I am a WSOTC club member

I am not a WSOTC club member

I am registering as for a WORKING SPOT

I am registering as an auditor

Cost:

WSOTC member to audit: \$50

Non-members to audit: \$65

WSOTC member in working spot: \$85

Non-members in working spot: \$100

Name _____

Mailing address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Cell phone _____

Email address _____

The following applies only to working teams:

Dog's Breed _____

Dog's Approximate Age _____

PAYMENT AND HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSE

Online registration and payment is preferred: <https://canine-fitness-seminar-patti-schaefer101224.cheddarup.com>
Registration for WSOTC members only starts August 1. Registration for non-members opens August 10. Please note that an additional fee of 3.65% + \$0.90 cents is added to online registrations at the payment screen. Seminar will fill in the order registration and payment are received, or no later than September 21, 2024.

Payment by check: Make your check payable to WSOTC and mail to seminar chairman: Kathy Lang, 1920 Northwood Ave. NE, Tacoma, WA 98422. Questions? Email AskKathyLang@aol.com

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST READ AND SIGN BELOW

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Dr. Patti Schaefer, Family Dog Training Center, Washington State Obedience Training Club, Inc., and their owners, board of directors, officers, agents, employees, instructors, and staff members, from any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action or liability of any kind whatsoever, for death, personal injury or property damage in any way proximately caused by myself, my family members, my friends and/or any animal belonging to, or brought onto the premises by myself or any member of my family or my assigns. I further agree, on behalf of myself, my family and my assigns, to assume complete and sole responsibility for any and all actions of any animal belonging to, or brought onto the premises by myself, any member of my family or my agents or assigns.

I understand that there will be no refunds issued for any reason (other than seminar cancellation); however, a participant who is unable to attend may send someone to take his or her place provided permission is given in writing and a copy is submitted to Kathy Lang (AskKathyLang@aol.com). Returned or NSF checks are subject to a \$30 bank processing fee. Declined credit cards that result in late payment due to delayed processing are subject to a \$30 late payment fee.

Participant's

Signature _____ Date _____

WORKING DOG TEAMS MUST ALSO READ AND SIGN BELOW

As the owner of a working dog in this seminar, I give Dr. Schaefer permission to discuss my dog's structure, gait and condition in front of the seminar attendees.

Working Dog Participant's

Signature _____ Date _____