

**The Charlotte Dog Training Club presents:**  
**Balance Point** – an Obedience seminar with  
**Linda Koutsky**



(Linda & CH OTCH Wildfire's Ticket To Ride UDX3)

**When:** September 6-7, 2008  
**Location:** Piedmont Kennel Club (Building not Air-Conditioned)  
13607 Choate Circle  
Charlotte, NC 28217  
[www.charlottedogtraining.com](http://www.charlottedogtraining.com)  
**Seminar hours:** Saturday – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday – 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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\$150 Working Spot  \$100 Audit  One Day Audit \$50  Saturday  Sunday

Send seminar registration form and payment (payable to CDTC) to:

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**Registration open until August 23, 2008 or until filled. Space is LIMITED so reserve your spot early. Continental Breakfast and Lunch provided.**

Full refunds will be given if cancellation is received by July 1, 2008. Refunds of 50% of the registration fee will be refunded if the cancellation is made before August 1, 2008. No refunds after August 1, 2008.

**Seminar format:**

THIS IS A WORKING SEMINAR. Saturday: Foundation work and attention (workbooks with handouts will be included). Sunday: More on foundation/attention, and then progress to pure problem solving in Novice, Open or Utility work.

Topics on day one include:

- Using a Balanced approach in training to close the gap between practice and performance (i.e. how to get ring carryover).
- Handler Criteria: What will you do with your 200 points?
- Games to develop drive, speed, and attitude. How to become the center of your dog's world and the motivating force behind his work. (This includes group work sessions.)
- The proper use of food; how to use it and not abuse it.
- Rewarding "effort" vs. rewarding "behavior" – a new twist on reinforcement training.
- An understanding of how to use compulsion to get behavior and build drive.
- Creative Compulsion: a game based method that will allow you to build your dog's WANT to work while correcting any lack of effort error that may occur. (Group work sessions.)
- Hands On! How to physically touch, mold; help your dog to be right! (Group work sessions.)
- Body Awareness: Teaching the dog how to use its body for accurate heelwork, fronts and finishes. (Group work sessions.)
- Attention: From puppy nibble heeling to the finished competitive product. Using food, hands on, and proofing to achieve results. This is a complete attention program focused on "moving" attention. This program includes ideas for trainers with dogs who do not like food. (Group work sessions.)
- The elements of competitive heelwork
- Speed: How to get it and keep it.
- The truth about stays: putting responsibility on the dog instead of pressure.
- Flashsessions: short, highly motivational sessions that anyone can do!

Areas of special interest will be those required to develop a confident working team. The teaching of **Attention** will play a key role, as will drills designed to increase the dog's body awareness. Proofing techniques will be used to increase confidence and to reduce ring stress. The use of food will be covered in great detail. Teaching will include an understanding of the lure, reward, and random reinforcement stages, as well as an understanding of the pitfalls of food usage and how to avoid them. Discussion will include moving beyond Operant Conditioning as we focus on the "cognitive" dog. Hands on play techniques will be taught to enable the handler to become the motivating force behind the dog's work. The proper use of "anger free" corrections that motivate and build the dog's attitude will be taught.

### **Directions to the Piedmont Kennel Club Showplace:**

**From Greenville, SC:** Take I-85 North to South I-485 (Exit 30) towards Pineville. Take I-77/21 South (Exit 67) towards Columbia. Note: on I-485 the exit numbers will decline to 0 and then start at 67 at the I-77 exit. On I-77 South, take Exit 90 (Rt. 21, Carowinds Blvd.). Turn right onto Carowinds Blvd. and go 0.8 mile to Choate Circle. Turn left onto Choate Circle and go 1.7 miles to the show site on the right.

**From Virginia/Raleigh:** Take I-85 South to I-77 South to Carowinds Blvd. Exit. Turn right onto Carowinds Blvd. and go 0.8 mil to Choate Circle. Turn left onto Choate Circle and go 1.7 miles to the show site on the right.

**From Columbia, SC:** Take I-77 North to Carowinds Blvd exit. Turn left onto Carowinds Blvd. and go 0.8 mile to Choate Circle. Turn left onto Choate Circle and go 1.7 miles to the show site on the right.

### **Local Motels that will accept Dogs:**

#### **Motel 6 Charlotte Carowinds**

255 Carowinds Boulevard  
I-77 at US 21, Exit #90  
Fort Mill, SC, 29708  
Phone: (803) 548-9656 | Fax: (803) 548-9679  
No Pet Fee

#### **Motel 6 Charlotte Coliseum**

131 Red Roof Drive  
I-77 at Nations Ford Road, Exit #4  
Charlotte, NC, 28217  
Phone: (704) 529-1020 | Fax: (704) 529-1054  
No Pet Fee

#### **Residence Inn Charlotte South at I-77/Tyvola Road**

5816 Westpark Drive  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28217  
Phone: 704-527-8110 Fax: 704-665-9199  
One Time \$35.00 Pet Fee

#### **MainStay Suites I-77/Exit 2 Arrowood Road**

7926 Forest Pine Drive  
Charlotte, NC, US, 28273  
Phone: (704) 521-3232 Fax: (704) 521-3226  
Pet Fee \$35.00 Per Day