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## WELCOME TO THE FOUNDATION SEMINAR!

We plan on having a fun, relaxed, and informative weekend! We are students of animal behavior, therefore the more dogs in the class the more we have to learn from. The format of each seminar will change slightly due to each dog's needs in each class. Events may occur in different order than listed below, depending on the dogs. However, here is a general overview of what to expect over the course of the weekend.

Throughout the seminar your presenter will discuss animal behavior in general and talk with you about the behaviors exhibited by the dogs in the class. We can help you with your dog's general manners and behaviors you might see in your home.

We are here to help you, so please feel free to ask questions and get assistance with anything you and your dog may be having issues with!

### FRIDAY

- 6:00 PM
  - Introductions and overview of seminar.
  - Equipment (leather collars, checkcords, Command Leads, and DVDs) will be available for sale if needed.

### SATURDAY

7:30 - 8:00 AM

- Have your seminar presenter or one of his aides check your dog's collar and then find out where to put your dog on the chain.
  - Be sure to let us know if you have a female that might be coming in heat.
  - If you have a puppy or young dog he will need to be with other puppies or at one end of the chain.

8:00 - 12:00 AM

- Presenter will begin with a short introduction to the training format and discussion of canine behaviors.
- Discussion and demonstration of proper introduction to birds as needed.
- Demonstration of checkcording and beginning to develop a point of contact on the neck for all of your movement cues.
  - The class will then break into groups for bird work.
  - Each dog will have a chance to point and have multiple backing opportunities.

- Demonstration of heeling and use of the Command Lead. If you think your dog will never walk beside you with a *loose lead*, ask Ronnie to use him as a demonstration dog!
  - The class will then individually work with their dogs on heeling. The seminar presenter and his aides will coach as needed.

12:00 - 1:00 PM

- Lunch

1:00 - 4:00 PM

- More birdwork.
- Introduction to the whoa post. Presenter will demonstrate how to introduce your dog to the whoa post and begin to develop a point of contact for teaching your dog to stop and stand still (this is the first step to steady your dog up on game). Time allowing, each attendee will take their dog through at least 3 posts with supervision.
- Review Foundation Level Outline
- Q & A

SUNDAY

8:00 - 12:00 AM

- Go over any questions that may have popped up overnight and discussion of class progress.
- More checkcording, bird work, and heeling exercises.

12:00 - 1:00 PM

- Lunch

1:00 - 4:00 PM

- Option of additional birdwork, whoa post work, or trained retrieve session.
- Summary of the weekend and where your training should go from here.
- Q & A
- Closing and presentation of Certificates