



Agility Workshops with Marcus Topps!

Fri, Sat, and Sun June 22-24

9 am – 4 pm

At Serendipity Acres, 370 Morada Lane, Hollister (near where Workin' Paws used to be)

SMART is excited to announce a series of three agility training seminars with Marcus Topps, 2008 FCI World Championship Large Dog Individual Gold Medal winner (the only American so far to win that honor, with his BC Juice). Enroll in one seminar or all three, or work one and audit others.

Workshop 1 (Fri June 22): "From the Ground Up" Foundation Workshop. If you have not previously worked or audited a Topps seminar, this workshop is for you. Marcus will teach you all the basics you need to know to realize your dream of tight turns and efficient lines with less physical stress on you and your dog! It includes all of his basic foundation and ground work exercises that you will need. This class is open to dogs of all skill levels with a minimum age of 6 months. Only jumps and tunnels will be used. Some exercises will be on-lead. Max. of 12 working spots.

Workshop 2 (Sat June 23): Now that you know the basics, it's time to add to your newfound knowledge with "From the Ground Up" Intermediate Workshop. Marcus will build upon the skills you learned in Friday's workshop, adding advanced exercises and sequencing drills to further enhance your tight turn and efficient handling skills. This class is open to dogs of all skill levels with a minimum age of 18 months. Only jumps and tunnels will be used. Max. of 12 working spots.

Workshop 3 (Sun June 24): Masters Handling seminar. For dogs competing in Masters/Excellent, this workshop will build on the previous two days' foundation but also discuss course strategy and analyze where in sequences crosses are made. 12 working spots.

Private lessons possible by arrangement @ \$40/half-hour slot. Contact Derede privately for more info.

About the instructor: Marcus Topps, owner of TOPPSports™ Dog Training, and his BC Juice have earned, in addition to the 2008 FCI World Championship Individual Gold, 6 other individual and team Gold Medals & 1 Silver Medal at IFCS & FCI World events. At the USDAA Nationals, Marcus and Juice have been on the podium 15 times in 8 years of competition, including twice 26" Steeplechase Champion, three times 26" Grand Prix Champion, twice DAM Team Champion, and once PSJ National Champion. Juice was a USDAA Top Ten 26" dog for six of her eight years competing – at ages 9 and 10 beating the best BCs half her age, a longevity of career competitiveness that Marcus attributes to his unique jump training and handling strategies – strategies you too will learn in these workshops. He's also experienced running and training small dogs, having won the 2009 USDAA Steeplechase with a friend's Papillion and now preparing his own pup, Amp, for competition this fall. More information at <http://www.toppports.net/>

About the facility: 20,000 square feet of fenced grass at the base of the Diablo Mountain Range. Limited shade. Residential neighborhood: please bring only entered dogs if possible, since we need to strictly limit dogs barking. SMART will provide coffee, morning munchies, and water throughout the day, but BYO lunch and drinks.

Seminar fee: \$140/d for a working spot and \$70 to audit; SMART members who have worked at a SMART event in the past year get a 10% discount (\$126/63). \$5 additional discount to anyone registering by May 1.

For Questions, contact Derede Arthur, 831-757-7467 dlarthur@ucsc.edu. **To register**, send the form/waiver on the next page, and checks made out to SMART, to

Derede Arthur SMART Topps Seminar 1266 Old Stage Rd Salinas CA 93908 (Email confirmations *only*)

Registration for SMART Topps seminar: Return form, signed waiver, and check to:
D. Arthur, SMART Topps Seminar, 1266 Old Stage Rd., Salinas CA 93908.
Subtract \$5 discount if your registration is postmarked by May 1!

Name: _____ Dog's name _____

Dog's age, breed, experience: _____

Full address: _____ City _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Indicate sessions attending: please note Workshop # and annotate w/ (w) for working or (a) for audit: _____

Indicate fee enclosed: working (\$140 x # of workshops) _____ and/or Audit (\$70 x # workshops) _____

Or SMART member & past event worker: working (\$126 x # workshops) _____ and/or Audit (\$63 x # workshops) _____

Check here _____ if you are subtracting \$5 for submitting registration by May 1.

Total enclosed: _____ (check payable to SMART)

Waiver of Liability

I (we) agree that the SMART has the right to refuse this entry or (once activity is begun) to terminate any participant's participation, for any cause which the organizing committee alone shall deem to be sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to hold Marcus Topps, SMART (including their members, officers, directors, agents and employees), and owners of the premises upon which the event is held and their employees harmless from any claim for loss or injury that may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or upon the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim. I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of this dog by disappearance, theft, death or otherwise, and from any claim for damage or injury to the dog, whether such loss, disappearance, appearance, theft, damage or injury, be cause or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes. I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting there from, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves) or on account of damage to property arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, howsoever such injuries, death or damage to property may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or have been alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents or any other persons.

I acknowledge and represent that the information supplied by me to the organizers of this event is correct to the best of my knowledge. Further, I represent that I am the owner of the dog listed hereon, or that I have full authority as agent for dog's owner and shall hold the owners of the premises and their employees, Marcus Topps, and SMART (including their members, officers, directors, agents and employees) harmless from any liability or claims made by dog's owner.

Signature: _____ Date: _____