

## INFORMATION FLYER

>>>> Connect The Dots <<<<

Online *Agility Theory* Seminar

Fund-Raiser for Clermont County Dog Training Club

Two consecutive 5-week sessions

Session 1: Jan 11 – Feb 8, 2021 -- Enroll by Jan 2

Session 2: Feb 15 – Mar 15, 2021 -- Session 1 is req'd

Mondays, 10am – 12noon

Kathy Meyer, Instructor

Can someone tell  
me what I'm  
doing wrong?



All agility enthusiasts are invited

**As an agility handler, have you ever asked.....**

- How do I decide which side of the obstacle to be on?
- How can I improve my timing?
- Why does my dog "blow me off"? How can I better connect with my dog?
- Is my handling causing my dog to go off course?
- What are the most common reasons for refusals?
- How do I use my verbal cues more effectively?
- Why does my dog sometimes pop out of the tunnel entrance?
- How can I use course maps to determine the best way to run a course?
- How are these things related?????

**Learn the theory behind the methods used by successful handlers.**

the·o·ry /'THirē/ noun

"a set of principles on which the practice of an activity is based"

"an idea used to justify a course of action."

Take your agility handling to the next level. Understand why one method of handling might be more effective than another. Study handling techniques from local and international handlers and learn how "more skill" means "less training".

***"Connect the Dots"*** means bringing together information from different places..... It is a metaphor to illustrate an ability (or inability) to associate one idea with another, to find the big picture in a mass of data.

This information-dense class is designed to help novice to advanced agility handlers fill in gaps in their knowledge base, to become a smarter, more effective handler, to **Connect the Dots** in their understanding of how to better communicate with their dog.

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Stay safe & warm this winter and enjoy your time at home -- **online** -- meeting with other agility enthusiasts. **Register today**, using the attached form, to participate in this innovative concept for improving your handling (and teaching) skills.

**Working Students** –\$25 minimum donation for each 5-week session

OR \$40 if you sign up for both sessions at the same time. Registration closes Jan 2.

**Limited to 20 working students**

Working Students receive handouts and may ask questions, participate in discussions & surveys. Their input will affect the content of classes. Some may submit videos for analysis.

**Auditors.** \$15 minimum donation for each 5-week session or \$25 if you sign up for both sessions together. Unlimited number of auditors. Sign up anytime.


Auditors receive emailed handouts and may observe classes. With space available and working knowledge of Zoom, you may switch to working student anytime for \$15/10.

### About the seminar

- **Session 1 is a prerequisite for Session 2.** Session 2 is a continuation of Session 1
- **Format:**
  - This is an Online Zoom Video Conference with a PowerPoint slide show.
  - We will watch video of agility handlers practicing (successfully and unsuccessfully) the skills that are discussed in each lesson.
  - There will be discussions about the handling methods used and how they affect the dog.
  - Each class builds on the previous week; so attending every meeting will be to your advantage.
- **Free Zoom Lessons - on 12/28/20 and 01/04/21 for all registered participants.**
- **Recommended for novice to advanced handlers and instructors.**

Attendees will better relate to the material if they have some agility handling experience, for example, the ability to run a sequence of jumps and tunnels and understand the concept of crosses and side changes.

Questions? Contact Instructor  
Kathy Meyer - 513-332-8350 to.kathymeyer@gmail.com

 include the "to." in the email address

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### Requirements

- Completed Class **Registration Form and donation fee**, received by Jan 2, 2021 for Session 1 and Feb14, 2021 for Session 2. Registration Form at [www.ccdtc.org](http://www.ccdtc.org)
- **Working knowledge of Zoom Meeting Controls** is required for working students. Free Lessons will be offered prior to the start of the first session.
- A **computer, or a tablet** (like a iPad or other brand), and know how to use it. (mobile phones are not recommended).
- **Microphone (or telephone) – required for working students, not required for auditors.** Tablets and many computers already have integrated microphones. Phones may be used as a mic by calling a provided number.
- **Audio speakers, earphones, or a telephone** to listen to the meetings.
- **Optional: camera integrated with your computer or tablet**
- **WIFI internet connection with Web browser** (such as Chrome, Edge, Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari, etc).
- **Zoom software or the Zoom app** – Download free, and free to use
- **eMail\_service.**
- (eMailed) **Invitation to Zoom meeting** with link to register for the meeting.
- **Virus protection software recommended** anytime you connect online.

### *About Kathy Meyer's Agility Background*



Kathy became involved in agility in 2008 when she got her young Rat Terrier, Charm, and started taking agility lessons at CCDTC. Kathy later joined QCDTC and took lessons at both clubs. In 2009, at 13 months, Charm was successfully competing and titling in UKC agility, soon followed by Teacup, CPE and AKC Agility. Kathy got her 2<sup>nd</sup> Rat Terrier, Baylee, who was trained and shown for a few years before he decided he was not fond of performing; so he was delegated to “pet” status. Weekend trials with both dogs became a way of life for Kathy and her husband, Bud, and by 2011, at age 3, Charm had earned her MACH 3 and was 6<sup>th</sup> ranked Rat Terrier in the U.S. in AKC.

Charm earned “Top Agility Dog” status at CCDTC, and they won their division at the CPE Nationals in 2016. Charm finished her agility career with an AKC MACH5 (5 times Master Agility Champion), CPE C-ATE, and CPE C-ATCH2. Charm also titled in lure coursing and dabbled in barn hunting. They have competed all around Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky, down to Tennessee, Florida, Virginia and South Carolina.

Charm and Kathy are now retired from competing. Kathy has been teaching agility for about 9 years at CCDTC and QCDTC. She has been teaching Connect-The-Dots to her regular students since 2019 and has hosted a weekly (Thursday morning) Zoom meeting for the group as a social / educational get-together since March 2020. Other agility enthusiasts are invited to attend.

# Connect The Dots Fund-Raiser for Clermont County Dog Training Club Registration Form

Two Consecutive Five Week Sessions  
 Session 1 :: Jan 11 to Feb 8, 2021  
 Session 2 :: Feb 15 to Mar 15, 2021 (Session 1 req'd)  
 10am – 12noon  
 Kathy Meyer, Instructor

Before submitting this form, please read about the requirements explained in the Information Flyer.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 eMail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mobile Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

**Select one**

**Limited to 20 working students, unlimited auditors**

- Working Student** Session 1 + Session 2 Donating \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$40 minimum) **by 1/02/21**
  - Working Student** Session 1 Donating \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$25 minimum) **by 1/02/21**
  - Working Student** Session 2 Donating \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$25 minimum) **by 2/14/21**
- Session 1 is a prerequisite for session 2.

Larger donations gladly accepted

**Working students** will receive handouts and be able to ask questions and participate in discussions & surveys. Their input will affect the content of the class. They could optionally be submitting videos for class analysis.

- Auditor** Session 1 + Session 2 Donating \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$25 minimum)
- Auditor** Session 1 Donating \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15 minimum)
- Auditor** Session 2 Donating \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15 minimum)

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**Auditors** will receive handouts and will be able to observe. Switch to working student anytime for \$15/\$10, if space is available, and student has working knowledge of Zoom.

I am **not** registering for this seminar but would like to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to CCDTC.

**Select one (or 2)**

All registered students are eligible for free Zoom Lessons. Lessons are required for working students who have no prior experience or working knowledge of Zoom controls.

- I have experience with using Zoom and Zoom Controls and do not need lessons.
- I would like to sign up for a free Zoom lesson for **Monday, December 28 at 10:00am**
- I would like to sign up for a free Zoom lesson for **Monday, January 4 at 10:00am**

**Mail this completed form along with a check payable to CCDTC to:**

**All donations will go to CCDTC**  
 Checks and registration form must be received from **working students** by  
**Jan 2** (Session 1)      **Feb 14** (Session 2)  
 Session 1 is a prerequisite for session 2  
 Auditors may sign up anytime.

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