

# Pawsitively Great Pets

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## Let's Play Tricks

### Trick Training for Dogs - Seminar & Workshop

#### INFORMATION GUIDE

##### Overview

Do you want to know how dogs think and learn? Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a dog? A dog being taught a trick by a human? Do you love training your dog, but need some extra motivation? Are you training something that you're just stuck on? Do you need a bit of training inspiration?

If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, then this seminar / workshop will be perfect for you.

This seminar/ workshop is being held at WoofPurNay Veterinary Hospital Conference Centre.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

Morning and afternoon tea refreshments and light lunch will be provided each day.

Starting from the start, you will discover how dogs learn, which training techniques are best suited to you and your dog, how to problem solve and work on more complex tricks. We will play some 'human training' games, you will have a chance to watch other dogs being trained and have all your questions answered about the ins and outs of training your dog tricks.

And if you attend both Days 1 & 2, you will be eligible to attend our \*Rare Opportunity\* Day 3. This is an exciting chance to get an insight into what's involved in wrangling animals for TV and film. Your dog will be 'interviewed' for TV suitability, a fun audition to see if your dog has what it takes.

##### Working Spot

This is an exciting opportunity to get all the assistance you need to train your dog some great tricks. And if you attend Days 1 & 2, you can book into Day 3 and your dog can 'audition' for suitability for TV work through Southern Cross Animal Stars.

Limited Working Spots are available so get your registration form in early so you don't miss out on this exciting opportunity.

Each handler can only bring one dog on each day. You can bring a different dog on each day.

Handlers working a dog may arrange for other participants to video sessions when they are working their dog but may not video other dogs or the presenters.

##### Suitable Dogs:

Each dog attending must be crate trained.

Your dog(s) must be sociable with both people and other dogs.

Each dog needs a minimum of a C3 vaccination. Proof must be presented prior to the seminar (not on the day of the seminar). We accept titre testing.

Your dog is expected to know how to sit, drop/down, and stay (remain in position).

We would appreciate you managing noisy dogs appropriately.

## Auditing Positions

Even if you don't have a dog coming along, you will definitely get a lot out of attending our seminar / workshop. Being part of open discussions, taking part in fun training exercises without dogs and observing others training their dogs, there is always something new to learn.

Come along for Days 1 & 2 and join us for our \*Rare Opportunity\* Day 3. We will be more than happy to answer questions about training your dog that can't make it to a Working Spot.

### Day 1 – Let's Get Tricky

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March

8.15am registration and settling in dogs

9am – 4.30pm

#### THEORY

Discovering how dogs learn. Which techniques are more suited to training tricks?

Exploring Shaping, Luring and Capturing.

The value of the "click" – the "power" of the clicker

How to set your dog up for training success

The ideal environment for learning

Basic tricks – the bread and butter... without these *no* tricks can be taught!!

What to do when it's not going to plan (Problem Solving part 1)

#### WORKSHOP

Learning the shaping game – 101 things to do with a box

Exercises to practice training your dog with shaping, luring and capturing

Trouble shooting – basic tricks

Clicker games – oh, the fun just begins... ☺

### Day 2 – Getting Trickier

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March

8.30am registration and settling in dogs

9am – 4.30pm

#### THEORY

How to get from Basic to Intermediate to Advance – building on the basics learning theory

Proofing your skills – getting duration and distance

What to do when things are not going to plan (Problem Solving part 2)

Reward ratios – increasing duration without reducing desire

Lumping? Breaking down the exercises

#### WORKSHOP

Challenging your dog – why it's ok to fail, how to communicate errors, what are NRMs

Exercises to practice training your dog with shaping, luring and capturing

Trouble shooting – project dogs: bring along a known tricks and we'll help problem solve

Clicker games – the fun continues... ☺



## **\*Rare Opportunity\* Day**

### **Day 3 – Lights, camera, Tricks**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March

8.30am settling in dogs

9am – 4.30pm

This is a limited experience to find out a bit more about having dogs on TV and film. It's not all about being pretty and looking handsome!

If you have attended Days 1 & 2, you are welcome to register for Day 3. We will explore the world of film and working 'on set' and how hard it really is.

We'll show you how to take a 'good' snap of your dog

"Look this way" – it's not all about the 'tricks' your dog knows

Covering the 3 Ds – Distance, Duration and the biggest one of all when on-set – DISTRACTION

The tricks that win over the crowd

Can your dog (an you) cope with the pressure?

Dogs attending a Working Spot will be 'auditioned' and profiled – a fun photoshoot opportunity (photos remain property of Southern Cross Animal Stars and Pawsitively Great Pets and may be used for our advertising and professional animal profiling).

## **The Presenters**

*Amanda Murcutt* from *Pawsitively Great Pets*

B.AnSci (Melb Uni), National Dog Trainers Federation (NDTF) accredited behaviourist



Amanda has been involved with the animal industry for over 10 years.

Following her graduation from her Bachelor of Animal Science and Management, Amanda continued to develop her interest in training and behavior through the NDTF trainer's course.

For over 6 years, Amanda has developed her skills and knowledge as a behavioural trainer through her work as Animal Behaviour and Training Coordinator with RSPCA Victoria. It was through this role that Amanda worked closely with private clients working through common behavioural issues, coordinating group classes as well as assessing and rehabilitating shelter animals for their suitability for adoption.

More recently, Amanda has spent the last two years working with Melbourne's veterinary behaviour referral service "Good Pet Behaviour" working alongside some of the leading veterinary behaviourists of Australia. It was through this work that Amanda continued to develop her interest and skill in complex behavioural issues.

Amanda utilises practical, reward based training techniques to help owners learn the skills to better communicate with their family pets. Amanda is passionate about helping owners better understand their pets and how they can use management and training to help strengthen the human-animal bond.

In her spare time, Amanda enjoys training her own dogs in competitive dog events such as obedience, agility and herding.

## *Julija Kinghorn from Southern Cross Animal Stars*

BSc (hons) (Melb Uni), National Dog Trainers Federation (NDTF) accredited behaviourist

Julija has been training dogs at a professional level for the past 14 years.

Always being interested in animal behaviour, her BSc Honours project involved studying the diving behaviour of Little Penguins at Phillip Island. She completed the Dog Trainer Certification Course through National Dog Trainers Federation the same year.

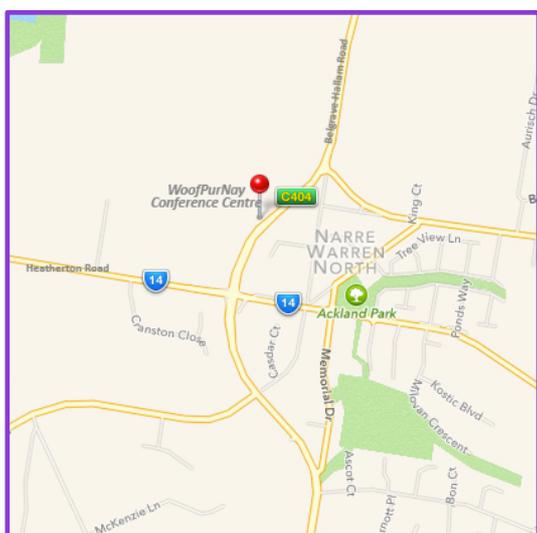
Julija instructed at a leading dog training company for four years before starting her own business, Southern Cross Animal Stars. Going from running classes only 2 days a week to expanding to 6 days a week, her successful training business has recently taken a pause so she can focus on family. Being mother of two (6 year old daughter and 8 month old son) it has been fun to see how dog training techniques can be used to 'train' children.

Always having a strong interest for training tricks and 'all things different' when it comes to dogs, Julija developed her ever popular Beginners Tricks and Advanced Tricks training programs. She also developed and instructed fun and interactive Puppy Classes and all levels of obedience training for the everyday pet dog.

In addition to classes, she also does behaviour consults for owners of dogs with issues ranging from fears and anxieties, over-reactivities and dog-to-dog socialisation problems. As training benefits not only the dog, but also the owner/dog bond, she has seen how important is to make training fun, enjoyable and surprisingly easy.

Julija has also built Southern Cross Animal Stars into an animal agency, providing animal wrangling services for TV, film and commercial photoshoots. She has 10 years experience of having animals on-set and doing live performances. Join her for a rare insight into this special area of training and learn some important tricks of the trade.

As well as having fun with tricks, she loves teaching pre-performance skills for competitive agility. Also competing with her own dogs in agility, she is a registered ANKC agility judge.



## **The Venue**

WoofPurNay Conference Centre at Greencross Narre Warren North. Located on 20 acres, the venue includes a fully climate controlled conference room (this is where dogs will be crated), and a super large indoor training area for practical components.

You are able to walk your dogs around the open grassy areas before the session starts and during breaks. Please be considerate of other pet owners attending the premises.

Refreshments for morning and afternoon tea and a light lunch will be provided each day. The closest food outlets are at least 5km from the venue.

**Corner of Heatherton and Belgrave-Hallam Roads,  
Narre Warren North.**

(357-359 Belgrave-Hallam Road)

## How to Register

### Registrations close: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016

You must fill in the official Registration Form completely and eligibly. Incomplete or hard-to-read forms will be disregarded. Once we receive your form, you will get confirmation of your placement from us. We will then provide payment details. Payment needs to be received prior to commencement of the seminar.

If you have any questions relating to completing a form, please don't hesitate to contact us at:

info@pawsitivelygreatpets.com.au - 0499 773 882

info@southerncrossanimalstars.com.au - 0407 554 200

Completed registration forms can be mailed to:

Tricks Seminar  
PO Box 1216  
Mountain Gate  
Victoria 3156

## Fees

Places are limited and you may not be guaranteed a working spot. We will send you further details for payment options along with confirmation of your placement once your registration form has been received and processed.

Fees will be payable by Cash, Cheque, Direct Deposit or PayPal and must be paid in advance.

### WORKING SPOT

Single Day - \$150

Two Days - \$280

Three Days - \$390

### AUDITING POSITION

Single Day - \$80

Two Days - \$150

Three Days - \$220

EXAMPLES: If attending 1 day Working Spot and 2 days Auditing = \$150 + \$150 = \$300

If attending 2 days Working Spots and 1 day Auditing = \$280 + \$80 = \$360

