



## INVITE YOU TO ATTEND A WEEKEND OF SKILL BUILDING WITH ANDREA DEXTER!

**Saturday and Sunday: February 25 - 26, 2023**

### The Winter Skill Building Weekend Communication on course

This winter we will be looking at communication on course: from the fundamental to the very nuanced. Come and join us and get the full benefit of learning from a great instructor over the weekend. This weekend will enhance your agility handling; and, therefore, your teamwork!

Auditing is also very useful. Please plan on coming to watch those classes you are not signed up for. You will not be disappointed.

Take the time to read the descriptions for each seminar and make sure you and your dog have **skills** that are a good fit before signing up. If you have any questions about the skills you need for a seminar: ASK!

Andrea Dexter will be joining us to teach for the weekend and we are thrilled! You will be too!

Prior to the pandemic, Andrea was a regular contributor to our agility program here, in Kona and in Honolulu. We invited her back time and again because she has tons of experience with agility and dog training in general and is able to customize her help and advice for each team. She makes agility more fun, more challenging, and more rewarding for everyone: including your dog. If you haven't had the chance to work with Andrea, just ask anyone who has if they would recommend participating.

For this weekend, as we will be working on handling techniques, and how to communicate them to your dog(s), so expect primarily jumps and tunnels. There may be a contact on course.

#### **Saturday February 25, 2023**

**8:00 - 10:00AM:** *Communication on course:* This seminar is designed to check whether your cues are clear to your dog and if there are issues with how you communicate, in order to help you decide if it is a handling system issue or a training issue for the dog or both, and what you can do to resolve it. We are going to check what your feet, shoulders, hands, and voice do. *You and your dog must have been in lessons for a year, and understand the basic concepts of how to walk a course: i.e.: how to walk the dog's path, find your changes of direction, then decide how to handle the course. You must have a reward system you use routinely.* (2 hours 5 teams)

For a complete listing of 2023 dates and events visit the calendar page of the website:  
<https://www.far-flungdogs.com/upcoming-events>

**10:20 - 12:20PM:** Communication on course, more complex puzzles: We are going to continue the theme working with teams who have had more experience running longer courses, but may or may not know where the communication challenges lie and want to identify and work on them. *You and your dog have a 10'+ start line stay, and have strategized and successfully run 16 - 20 obstacle courses.* (2 hours 5 teams)

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(Sequences will vary from yesterday's seminars)

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