



# SUNSHINE OBEDIENCE SCHOOL

PRESENTS

## Keeping the Connection

WITH

### Marion Crain

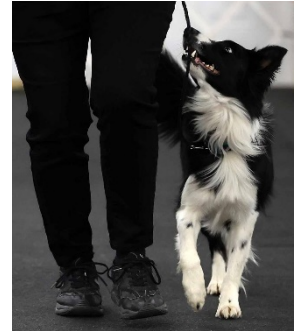
### April 19 & 20, 2025



This seminar focuses on how to make the leap from training to successful ring performances so that you can take the connection you build with your dog in training, into the ring. We will cover preparing to show your dog at each level (novice, open and utility), address common issues with each exercise for “green” dogs and how to avoid them, and will pay particular attention to issues of food and toy dependence and how to manage them. We will also cover how to use warm-ups at a show, ring entrances and transitions between exercises; ring exits and what to do after your performance, and how to maintain connection with your dog and build confidence in the ring, especially if things go sideways. Finally, we will address how to maintain your dog’s attitude over time as you show, including working on precision in ways that motivate your dog, recognizing exercises that are getting ready to break and what to do about it, and proofing—what it is, when and why to use it, and what kinds of proofing are worth doing and what are not.

Marion started training dogs as a 4-H'er, and has been competing in AKC obedience ever since. She has trained Shelties, Keeshonden, and Border Collies, and has lived, trained and shown widely across the country, including NY, CA, OH, WV, NC, and MO. Her achievements include:

- 13 OTCH/UDX dogs (6 Border Collies, 7 Keeshonden)
- Seven 200 scores (Sheltie, 2 Border Collies, 3 Keeshonden)
- Multiple tournament placements (AKC Classic, AKC NOC Group placements, and more)
- Over 500 HIT's and 400 HC's; over 4000 OTCH points
- Keeshond ranked # 1 all breeds for 2021, Front & Finish Delaney System (open & utility placements)
- Five Herding CHs, nine Conformation CHs, two GCH, and two RACH's



#### Registration:

A limit of 16 working spots and 16 auditing spots are available. These are reserved only with full payment and a completed registration form.

#### Working Teams:

Each working team is limited to two dogs per day and one dog per exercise/floor session.

#### Private Lessons:

Private lessons will be available on Monday, April 21, 2025, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m. Fees for private lessons are \$100 per hour or \$50 per half hour, payable by each individual directly to Marion. Contact Gerianne if you are interested in a private lesson.

#### Aggressive Dogs:

Dogs with propensities for aggression towards people or other dogs may NOT attend this seminar, or take private lessons.

**Videotaping of the workshop is NOT permitted.** Private lessons may be videotaped.

**RETURN REGISTRATION FORM WITH CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO SUNSHINE OBEDIENCE SCHOOL (Checks may be post-dated to 4/1/25)**

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Registration Form

Checks should be made payable to:  
Sunshine Obedience School

NAME:	
STREET ADDRESS:	
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE:	
PHONE:	E-MAIL:
DOG'S NAME:	BREED:

\_\_\_\_\_ 2-DAY WORKING SPOT-\$275.00

\_\_\_\_\_ 2-DAY AUDITING SPOT-\$150.00