

Paws 2 Dance Canine Musical Freestyle Society
is proud to present a.....



Michele Pouliot

Freestyle Seminar

August 11 & 12, 2012

New Westminster, BC

At this 2 Day Seminar, Michele will be covering the following topics:

Choreography Cues

As one advances through freestyle competition levels, visual "training cues" should be less and less apparent to the audience and the judges. Learn how to turn your own handler movements into very strong cues to your freestyle partner!

Building an Entertaining Routine

Choosing music and putting dozens of behaviors into an effective routine are subjects that make freestyle so challenging and also very rewarding.

Problem Solving Work Avoidance Behaviors

Modern positive training techniques have resulted in much happier working dogs, however it is now common to see dogs that "train happy", but refuse to perform in the competition environment. Michele will work with individual dogs, demonstrating her techniques to develop and maintain a willing performance partner.

Go the Distance

Training behaviors with your dog close to you is challenging enough, but progressing towards fluent responses at a distance can be very difficult. Distance work requires systematic training to gain results. Michele will discuss and demonstrate how to progress towards your dog performing away from you.

Preparing Yourself and Your Dog for Ring Competition

Competition = No food, no toys, a distracting environment, and people watching you.

Michele will share the steps and the training exercises she applies to better prepare yourself and your dog to perform in the ring?

For more information, go to www.paws2dance.com



ABOUT MICHELE:

During her 40+ years of dog training, Michele Pouliot has presented scores of seminars across North America and abroad. Michele holds the position of Director of Research and Development for programs at Guide Dogs for the Blind. She has been responsible for bringing science based Clicker Training to guide dog training and promoting the expansion of Clicker Training internationally within the guide dog field.

In her "hobby world", Michele has actively competed in both horse and dog sports since 1970. In competitive obedience, she has completed 3 OTCHs on Labradors and retired her first English Springer spaniel only 7 points shy of his OTCH.

Since 2006, Michele has been involved in the sport of canine musical freestyle with English Springer spaniel, "Cabo", Australian Shepherd, "Listo" and Springer spaniel "Deja Vu". She thoroughly enjoys this artistic sport that combines the precision of obedience with trick behaviors and challenges her creative side through music and choreography. In her 5 years in the sport, Michele has won 4 international competitions and attained 5 Championship Titles.

In 2008 she received the first scores of double 10's (perfect scores) for Technical and Artistic in one routine in WCFO's Championship division. She repeated this accomplishment at the 2009 International competition where all 3 judges awarded double 10's to her freestyle routine. To date Michele and "Listo" have earned 'double 10' scores a total of 10 times. Michele thoroughly enjoys the ongoing challenges in the sport of canine freestyle and the use of Clicker Training to achieve innovative and entertaining routines.

In 2007, Karen Pryor invited Michele to Expo Conferences. Karen Pryor and Michele collaborated on the development of Michele's online freestyle course Pryor Academy

Michele's passion for teaching and her love of dogs, one of the many reasons she was



join her renowned faculty for Clicker Michele collaborated on the development which is available through Karen

of dogs is distinctive in her presentation honored as 2011 Trainer of the Year by the World Canine Freestyle Organization.

This will be Michele's second Seminar with Paws 2 Dance



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