

Western
Pennsylvania

Earthdogs do it with



Lunch is included:
Broccoli Cheese Soup,
Chili, Crackers, Cheese
and Meat Tray, Water

Western Pennsylvania Earthdog Club

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Held at "Woodside" in Champion, PA

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Earthdog Training Workshops

April 17 and 18, 2010 (Rain or Shine)

Offered by

Village Green Farm EARTHDOG CENTER

Classes taught by: **Jo Ann Frier-Murza**

Author of **Earthdog Ins & Outs**

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Stage 1: Introduction to Quarry

- Enlightenment for dogs who are just starting earthdog activities.
- An opportunity to meet quarry, begin your working partnership, and wake up historic instincts to work in an enclosed space.

Stage 2: Introduction to Earth

- For dogs who aggressively work the quarry and do not hesitate to go through a tunnel on top of the ground.
- This is a down-to-earth introduction to the underground tunnel.
- A time to add "earth" to "dog" and let the get-down-get-dirty earthdog instincts take over.
- Confidence building and strengthening of working techniques.

Stage 3: Introduction to Junior Earthdog Techniques

- For dogs who are already confident in the 10 foot Intro tunnel, the tunnel will be lengthened to a dark 30 feet.
- Improves confidence in the long tunnel and commitment to working the quarry.

Stage 4: Junior Earthdog Finishing Techniques

- For dogs who will go the entire 30 foot length and will work the quarry.
- Repetition builds confidence and reinforces basic instincts.

Stage 5: Senior Earthdog recall only

- Is conducted in 10 foot tunnel suitable for dogs who are not reliable leaving the tunnel when quarry is removed.
- You can enter stage 5 & 6 the same day.

Stage 6: Senior Earthdog

- For dogs that are ready to enter Senior, need to work out the details of the more complex tunnel system and the new challenges. Introduction to false den and removal of quarry and scent the 20 feet to entrance of den.
- Your handling techniques can make the difference between a pass and a fail and more importantly, can affect your dog's ability to perform well as he advances to Master.

Stage 7: Master Earthdog

- Learn to develop a hunting partnership, and help you and your dog avoid bad habits.
- Dogs will be learning to, negotiate the roller and squeeze and correctly mark the quarry.

Classes will be scheduled according to interest, and you will receive a confirmation by email (or regular mail, if necessary) regarding your assigned time. No more than 7 dogs will be worked in one block of time. No dog will be scheduled for back-to-back classes, due to the excitement that most dogs experience while working quarry. When a dog completes Intro 1 successfully a slot will be kept open so that he may advance to Intro 2. You will pay the ADDED class fee that day when he advances.

Sign up for the appropriate stage for your dog. Register your dog based on how he did the last time he did Earthdog. If he advances to the next stage, a place will be scheduled for him and you can sign up for the more advanced stage on the day. Each stage/class is \$15.

As an added attraction we are planning to play some learning games \$5.00ea.

Send completed form and registration fee \$15 to:

Cookie Nee, 6 Arbor Court, Irwin, Pa 15642 cookieanee@comcast.net

Make Checks payable to WPEC

Registrations must be received by April 1, 2010

You will receive an email of your schedule a week before the classes.

Registration Form *Cut on this line and remit to Cookie Nee*

Register your dog based on how he did the last time he did Earthdog.

Dog's Call Name _____ Breed _____

Owners Name _____

Street. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Registration Fees (*check box(es)*) Dog/Class \$15 Saturday Sunday

Stage 1 Stage 2 Stage 3 Stage 4

Stage 5 Stage 6 Stage 7 Amount Submitted: _____

Any known problems? _____
