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THE BART BELLON™ NEPOPO™ NEWSLETTER

“SUGARBREAD AND WHIP”™ (“ZUCKERBROT UND PEITSCHÉ”)

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Bart Bellon Seminar
April 6-7, 2013
Hosted by:
Rick Burgos
Burgos Kennels,
Fredericksburg
Virginia



Newsletter #19: Let Your Dog Figure It Out!

Close to 70 people attended the Seminar with Bart Bellon™ at Burgos Kennels. Bart and Michael arrived on Thursday the 5th in Fredericksburg, VA. Most of the set up was done on Friday due to rain on Thursday. Several seminar participants arrived before the Meet and Greet and helped with preparing for the event. Huge thanks to Abel Aleman who did a lot to help with the preparation of the field setting up signs and to Marlene Walker and her friend who helped to set up food and beverage for the Meet and Greet. Maureen Roberts did a perfect job getting everyone checked in. On Saturday morning, Maureen Roberts coordinated the rest of the check in and Bart began at 9:15.

Many of the dogs showed that there was always help when they learned new things and when that dog is lost, he/she looks to mama or papa. All activity stopped when the dog does not receive direction. Bart began his role games starting with the game of hot and cold. There was a new appreciation for how smart dogs are and how it is amazing how quickly dogs “link things up”. Additionally, some of the participants who played the dogs and the handlers did not have much experience in shaping and letting their dogs figure things out. The participants must stop speaking and let the dog figure it out! The participants began to understand how difficult it is to shape behaviors even when the “dog” is a person. Bart made the point that, again, people are teaching the dog to “memorize a song” but the dog does not know the meaning.



When a handler and dog are experienced in the power of positive and negative reinforcement, the learning goes quickly! The negative reinforcement is not a punishment but feedback. For many people, the implementation of negative reinforcement is not utilized nor is it well understood. Many people at the seminar had not used anything but positive reinforcement in teaching a behavior. If you use only positive reinforcement for training a behavior, then only the punishment of positive reward (negative punishment) is understood by the dog. Positive punishment, however, is not properly understood in a positive reward only training program. Usually when positive punishment is not clear, the dog shows submission or reacts in aggression. In order to understand NePoPo™, a person must understand the benefits of positive and negative reinforcement as NePoPo™ uses the advantages of both.

The Lyin’ Pigs BBQ Team cooked barbecue chicken on site on Saturday and barbecue ribs on Sunday. The food was enjoyed by all. There were several examples of top training, one of whom was Mario Gomes. Mario and his dog had an elegance and harmony that Bart appreciated very much.



Participants' Comments About the Seminar:

"Hello Michael and Bart,

I wanted to say that the seminar was GREAT!!! Very well organized, VERY informative, food was delicious and Bart's sense of humor and teaching skills make it fun to watch!!! For me, it was THE MISSING LINK; or (how he put at the seminar): the salt and pepper!! I'll definitely put my time in developing my skills on your system. NEPOPO™ makes sense, and [those] who doesn't get to know it will stay behind!!! Thank you very much for the awesome and welcoming hospitality including Rick (extend my thanks to him as well if possible). [It is] always good to make new friends that share our passion (or craziness)!!! Looking forward to seeing you guys soon!!!

Yours in the sport,

"I really enjoyed hearing Bart speak. He gets his message out there very effectively. No matter what dog discipline you are in everyone could learn from Bart. He is a very honest trainer, most trainers don't want the public to know how to attain a truly exceptional dog, and I can really appreciate his honesty. I felt the seminar focused mainly on Schutzhund but I still took a lot away that will help with my world of Search. I am glad my friend Mike spoke so highly of Bart, which sparked my interest in attending... By the way, I spoke highly of Bart, but he has a fantastic support team in you! You guys make a great team! I will be back. Thanks again!

Steve Driscoll
FLTF1"

"Fantastic seminar! Bart is the teacher of all teachers! It's always an awesome experience!

Bonnie Smith Biancardi"

"I was not disappointed: 'Let the dog figure it out!' may be my new favorite phrase."

Zoe Draughon

"Fantastic seminar! Bart is the dog trainer for the 21st Century, without a doubt. I hope his methods catch on and are used by everybody.

Pat Hinds"

"Our family has three beautiful dogs with several behavioral issues. We have tried about seven professional trainers but nothing worked. My dogs did positive training and also e-collar training but nothing worked at home. One of our dogs decided to rule my home and our way of living and it was destroying our family. We were able to reach Bart and Michael as ask for help. Our first meeting was eye opening. They were honest and sincere. We were invited to the Bart Bellon Seminar in Fredericksburg, VA. To be honest, we had many doubts because of all of our past experiences with other training programs but I felt we had no other option. The first day of the seminar we realized that we were the problem. We have to be trained first. We soon understood that positive training was not always enough. After the first hour of the seminar we had hope once again. Bart was very informative, dynamic, funny and interactive. Even though the seminar was mainly for professionals we felt at home. Michael and her dogs spent time with us which made the whole experience better and made us part of their family. At that moment I knew Bart and Michael were the answer to our prayers. We are so thankful for all the amazing things we learned at the seminar and we already put them to practice. I do believe my dogs know things are different now and life feels different and better. We can't

"Hi Michael,

Awesome Weekend. Please tell Bart how much I enjoyed the weekend. I learned so much about dogs, how we as humans must learn to give the dog the opportunity to solve their own problems. He taught people to be patient (and quiet...) and gave us techniques to encourage the dog to "figure out how to make the reward coming"! Wow. I hope we will still have an opportunity to work together before you leave....you are the best!

Thank you, again.

marlene"

"Hi Bart and Michael,

I just want to tell you the seminar was amazing and the dogs were amazing too. I had a lot of fun. I look forward to go to your next seminar. I hope we can teach Michael [our dog] what we learned. One thing you should know is that the food was really delicious. The ribs and the chicken were perfect.

Thank you.

Brian Castillo"

"Bart and Michael,

Thank you for all the things you taught me. I'm really excited to apply all the new things I learned in the seminar. I really enjoyed the seminar especially the times I participated and when I caught the dog. You made the seminar fun by making jokes about the dogs in Coca Cola Light and not real Coca Cola. That was the funniest thing ever.

Thank you again for allowing me to assist you and for inviting us. This experience has marked my life, and I hope it makes me a better dog handler like you.

Thank you,

Anthony Castillo"

Scheduled Seminars in America with Bart Bellon



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At the facilities of
No Leash Needed
in St. Louis, MO
2 Day Seminar:
May 11-12, 2013



At the facilities of
International
Conservation
Center (ICC)
in Fairhope, PA
2 Day Seminar
May 25-26, 2013
5 Day Workshop
May 27-31, 2013

