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SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

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Prostaff Seminar
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Germany
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2012
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Jurgen “Jogi” Zank, Bart Bellon Frank Rottleb, Michael Kaiser, and Jens Wicher



PROSTAFF SEMINAR IN HASSLEBEN, GERMANY

About 10 years ago, the Prostaff Team was formed. The Prostaff Team members are Jurgen “Jogi” Zank, Bart Bellon Frank Rottleb, Michael Kaiser, and Jens Wicher. Bart Bellon is the founder of the Prostaff Team, and while all the Prostaffs share some of Bart’s philosophy, each Prostaff has his own individual training methods. Think of it as a Venn Diagram with five circles, Bart’s philosophy being the circle in the middle and the other four circles having varying degrees of intersection with the middle circle. While each member of the Prostaff Team has their own particular methods and ideology, each abides by the following series of four steps in training: the first step is to make a dog learn his job; the second step is to motivate him to do the job; the third step is to motivate him to do the job when he is not motivated to do the job; and in the fourth step, the dog must look flashy and look like he loves it. The Prostaff Team gives a two-week seminar in Germany every summer. Seminar participants arrive in Hassleben on Friday evening at the training field where participants and Prostaffs all have dinner together. Training begins on Saturday morning and ends on Thursday evening. Each day handlers and their dogs are worked in tracking, obedience and protection.

This year there were seminar participants from America, Belgium, Denmark, Switzerland, China, Germany, Portugal, Spain, Indonesia, and Singapore. Special thanks to Liman Fransiskus and Kabir Singh for photography used in this newsletter.



“Training wise my dog has already benefitted from the seminar. I have screened and absorbed Bart over the two days like I absorb tiramisu – I know, I know, [tiramisu is] quite unhealthy, but there is another analogy to Bart’s dog training: whatever you do, do it very professional and well thought/prepared but RELAXED and don’t worry about small issues/mistakes... I enjoyed every minute. Especially this time there was more of a bridge between my old fashioned world of dog training and the modern sports world. Fantastic to see one of the last guys who knows it all and picks up the best of each (respectively invented it himself).

*Best wishes to you and Bart from nearby Hamburg,
Thomas Thies”*



There really is no more perfect place to train than in Hassleben. Due to Frank Rottleb’s relationship with his farmer neighbors, there seems to be unbounded tracking fields of all different terrain: dirt (hard, soft, with rocks, without rocks, with vegetation, with straw, etc.), grass, and wild fields. We had tracking in the wind and the rain and in the sun and also in perfect conditions. Frank’s club has a pristine training and trial field along with a large clubhouse which includes a fully equipped kitchen and while there were catered meals every day for breakfast and lunch, Michael Kaiser’s wife, Emmanuella, was always tirelessly busy in the kitchen keeping the coffee going and cleaning and cooking for snacks during the breaks. Frank Rottleb’s wife, Pia, helped in the Clubhouse and was welcoming to all the seminar participants. It was a flawlessly run operation. Frank also has a second field to use for protection work so participants can split up into groups and some can track, some can do obedience on the club field and some can go to the protection field. There are also ponds nearby to swim your dog and open space to run your dog in free time. In the evenings after dinner, and after it is dark (because many people are still working dogs after dinner), participants were welcome to stay on the covered porch of the clubhouse (and many did) to talk and drink and socialize. All the Prostaffs have a sense of humor and every year there is a prank that most people never forget!

Thank you to the Prostaffs, the seminar participants, and Emmanuella Kaiser and Pia Rottleb for making the seminar another enjoyable and memorable year.



Scheduled Seminars in America with Bart Bellon

At the Facilities of Elite K9
in Paducah, KY
2 Day Seminar: December 8-9, 2012
5 Day Workshop: December 10-14, 2012
contact: michael@bartbellon.com

At the Facilities of Nashville K9
in Nashville, TN
2 Day Seminar: February 9-10, 2013
5 Day Workshop: February 11-15, 2013
contact: michael@bartbellon.com

At the Facilities of Burgos Kennels
in Fredericksburg, VA
2 Day Seminar: April 6-7, 2013
5 Day Workshop: April 8-12, 2013
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