

ABOUT OUR INSTRUCTOR

Tracy began teaching classes in 1991 starting out while she worked for a vet and was volunteering at a zoo. She then shadowed under another trainer for a number of yrs. She has worked with many different breeds from every group over the years. She's taught a variety of classes throughout the years including: Puppy Kindergarten, Pet Manners, Canine Good Citizen, Competition Obedience, Agility, Body Awareness, Rally Doodles, and Tricks. She's also presented special workshops in the past for club members of an obedience club as well as a breed specialty club.

She utilizes markers (both verbal and clicker) in training and loves to keep training upbeat and fast paced. Her philosophy is to keep the training fun, never skip steps, and keep it clear and fair. Tracy believes the proper balance in training is important.

As an instructor, dog owner, and competitor, she feels that building a great relationship and creating a solid foundation are the keys to successful progressions in all training. Never rush foundations.

Tracy continues to attend seminars, camps, and workshops for training. She has served in the past on the board of directors for her obedience club, a breed specialty club, and has also served as obedience chair for specialty trials. She has worked with breed rescue, fostered, and trained dogs to help them find their forever homes.

Tracy has put over 50 titles (obedience, agility, rally, herding, & Begleithundprüfung) on her dogs in 8 different organizations (AKC,UKC,ASCA,USDAA,NADAC,CPE,AHBA,USA-BOX) and achieved national breed rankings in both obedience and agility with some of her past dogs. Also to their credit one of her dogs also worked to promote a made for tv movie for a national network, and another was used in print advertising work. You could also find her name pop up in a variety of articles dealing with training in various dog publications/magazines dating back to 2006.

She is actively prepping her younger, up and coming dog for competition, and has personal interests in obedience, agility, and herding. Her new interest is in IPO.

In addition to instructing here at Aintree, Tracy has also instructed competition obedience for an AKC obedience club for a number of yrs, as well as taking on clients for private one on one work.

She likes to keep it real, she likes to keep it fun, and she loves to see people enjoying a relationship with their dogs.