



An informative weekend with:

NINA BONDARENKO

Geelong, Victoria

16th - 17th March 2019

Bellarine Dog Activities Group Inc. is proud to host Nina Bondarenko for a weekend of:

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CANINE BEHAVIOUR, COMMUNICATION AND TRAINING.

Nina Bondarenko has been training and working with dogs and many other species for over 30 years. She is a Behavioural Consultant and Lecturer as well as being the author & illustrator of "Hearts, Minds and Paws" and co-author of "Partners for Life". Nina delivers speaking and training engagements in many countries and is sought after for her knowledge and skills in the behaviour and training of assistance and detection dogs.

SATURDAY 16th March 2019: SMARTer Seminar (See, Mark & Reward Training)

Saturday is a seminar format – no dogs. 50 places available. Cost \$50 per person. Further details over the page.

SUNDAY 17th March 2019: practical one-on-one sessions with handlers and dogs on training and communication challenges (a limit of 15 dogs); all day observer positions also available (35 places). Cost \$50 per observer, or \$100 with a dog. Further details over the page.

VENUE: Geelong Showgrounds – 79 Breakwater Rd, Geelong East VIC 3219.

Free parking at venue.

Day 1: The Lion's Den.

Day 2: The Cattle Pavilion.

CATERING:

Tea/coffee/water available all day

Basic morning and afternoon provided each day.

Bring your own lunch – there are no nearby (walking distance) lunch venues.

REGISTRATIONS

8.30am for a 9am start, each day.

Concluding by 5pm each day.

SMARTER Seminar

Saturday 16 March 9:00am to 5pm, Geelong Showgrounds

Join other trainers and enthusiasts for a day of SMARTer training with Nina Bondarenko

SMART – the foundation of all effective training for most species. Regardless of what you are trying to achieve in your training sessions and plans, you need to be SMART.

SEE – Observation is key but what are we observing? How do you interpret the observed behaviour and make sense of it? Is the dog excited or stressed? Is the dog avoiding or taking a mini break? How can you move a training session forward without over-taxing the dog? Increments or impossibilities?

MARK – How do we deliver information to a non-verbal species? Humans like to talk and we absorb a great deal of information from the tone and pitch of the words. But we also take in non-verbal signalling – much of it unconscious. Dogs rely on non-verbal signalling but they also have evolved alongside people, so they can also be very attentive to tone and pitch in the human voice. We can utilise a range of markers to assist dogs to recognise and use information to solve the behaviour and training puzzles we set. Homing Signals introduced and practised. To mark correctly is to motivate.

REWARD – Trainers and owners tend to overuse “favourite” rewards, and very rarely ask the dog what would be rewarding in the particular situation. Salience, Higher Order Conditioning, Inadvertent Aversion, Consequences, Self-injurious Behaviour, Instinctive Drift, Latency and Latent Learning will all be covered.

TRAIN – understanding what the dog wants from training and comparing it to what we want to achieve. Identifying successful training. Basic rules to become SMARTer when training your dog.

In this seminar Nina will address matters such as:

- how to improve training skills and observation,
- understanding behaviour of the trainer as it impacts on the way the dog develops during training,
- problem solving and methods for solving problems that occur during training.

A workbook will be provided as part of this seminar.

Workshop for individual dog and handler teams

Sunday 17 March 9:00am to 5pm, Geelong Showgrounds

In this practical workshop Nina will work with each dog and handler team in individual sessions, with observers able to learn from each session.

The workshop is suited to those who would like a practical approach to solving problems and addressing challenges with their own dog. Handlers with dogs are limited to Case History submissions from which Nina selects dogs to work

Handler/dog teams may be started on new methods and then rested to allow the dog to process the information, and the team may be brought back for further work.

This workshop format is suitable for reactive dogs.

Application

Prospective handlers for this workshop will need to submit an application form, which provides a profile of their dog including case history and a description of the training or behavioural challenges they are encountering.

Nina will select dogs appropriate for the Workshop from the profiles and applicants will be advised.

The application form is available at: [**Nina Bondarenko workshop registration**](#)

Logistics on the day

Dogs attending must be crated unless working or exercising (on lead) with their handler.

Barking dogs will have to be crated outdoors or secured in the car.

Screens will be available for reactive dogs.

Handlers working a dog may arrange for seminar co-participants to video sessions when they are working their dog but may not video other dogs or Nina lecturing.

In the event of warm weather, please bring suitable provisions for your dog – there is limited shade available for parking.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, please contact Helen Read:

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FEES AND BOOKINGS:

Complete the registration form for the day(s) you would like to attend and submit payment in full via direct deposit or over the counter at the bank. Bookings are not valid until payment in full is made. There are limited places for each day.

Payment method:

Direct Deposit or over the counter at a bank

Commonwealth Bank –

Account name: Bellarine Dog Activity Group Inc.
BSB 063-512
Account No.: 10956718

(Payment to be made to: Bellarine Dog Activity Group)
Please remember to insert your name so we can match you to your registration

Payment in Full:

SMARTer - \$50

WORKSHOP

With Dogs - \$100

Without Dogs - \$50

CANCELLATION POLICY:

If the hosting group due to unforeseen circumstances cancels the event, a full refund shall be made to participants. However, Bellarine Dog Activities Group shall not be responsible for any associated cancellations such as accommodation/travel costs. Such costs are solely the arrangement between the participant and the facility.

There is no refund for cancellations made by the participant prior to the seminar. Refund of cancellation fee may be possible if another participant can fill the vacated position. If so, person making the cancellation will be contacted and the refund will be forwarded.

ABOUT NINA BONDARENKO

Australian-born Nina Bondarenko now resides in the UK and has her own Animal Behaviour and Training consultation and coaching practice. Originally a breeder, trainer and judge of Rottweilers and other working breeds, she runs seminars and training courses in dog cognition and behaviour; assistance and therapy dog training; puppy assessment and Super Learning training; domestic animal training and behaviour, as well as training for husbandry and management for zoo animals. Nina Bondarenko is a certified Service Animal Consultant for the International Association of Animal Behaviour Consultants.

As a member of the Assistance Dogs International (ADI) committee for Trainers and Training Standards, she helped develop accreditation practices and procedures for Assistance Dog organizations worldwide. As Programme Director for Canine Partners UK from 1992 till 2006, Nina developed the unique training approach, methodology, techniques and theory of assistance dog training and development, utilising her puppy education system of component behaviours and errorless learning principles. Nina lectures world-wide and teaches both novice and specialist handlers and trainers.