



Intro to European Handling Techniques with Hungary's Anna Eifert!

Sat and Sun Dec. 14-15, 9 am – 4 pm
At fetch sam! 342 Race Street, San Jose, CA

Have you ever wondered what other agility tools might be out there? Seen videos of handlers from other countries executing strange maneuvers that capitalize on the dog's natural speed? Come learn about a variety of European handling techniques and course strategies in this two-day Intro to European Handling seminar led by 2006 FCI Silver Medalist Anna Eifert, from Hungary. This seminar will expand your repertoire of agility moves and your ability to find ideal lines for the increasingly intricate courses handlers face today. No prior familiarity with European courses or techniques is expected, but you'll get the most out of this seminar if your dog is running at the Masters/Excellent level and has some familiarity with threadles, backsides of jumps, difficult weave/tunnel entries, etc.

About the instructor: Anna has competed in agility since 1999, first running a Miniature Bull Terrier, then friends' Schipperke and Belgian Shepherds, and with them qualifying for the Hungarian team to the FCI World Championships in 2005, 2008, and 2009. With her BC Nevian, Anna was the Silver Medalist at the 2006 FCI World Championship (Anna and Nevian have represented Hungary at the FCI Worlds from 2006 on), and won first place in the British Open and the International Class at Crufts in 2010. In her agility seminars, Anna teaches a handling system combining active, positive handling with different kinds of "blind" crosses, her philosophy being that the handler who is aware of all available tools can choose the best solution at trials. Watch some of Anna's runs on youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/eifertanna>

About her training methodology, Anna writes: "I like positive agility – that not only means to be positive with the dog, it means positive handling too. I always show the next obstacle; I never hide something on the course...I give the dog as much information as possible and I'm very consistent...Verbal commands and body language are very important for me - and trusting the dog too!...When I run in competition with Nevian, I always have the feeling she reads my mind. I know, she's the dog of my life and she's very intelligent – but 'thought-reading' is the result of my consistent handling. The more consistent and clear the handler is, the faster the dog is...My method helps every team solve the most complicated combinations. I would like to prove the sentence 'My dog can't do it' doesn't exist. Either the handler can't do it yet or the dog wasn't taught how to do it – both of them can be corrected! Adult dogs and their handlers too can develop very well. I would like to show my methods at the seminars, because I, and my students too, have lots of fun and success with it and it's a positive and healthy method for the dogs. To learn more about me, visit my website at www.eifertanna.com.

About the facility: Indoors, 7000 square feet on matting, please bring only entered dogs if possible, since we need to strictly limit dogs barking. SMART will provide coffee, morning munchies, and water throughout the day, but BYO lunch and drinks.

Seminar fee: \$175/d for a working spot (\$350 for the weekend – our expectation is that you will come both days). Auditing -- \$60/day, attend one day or both – is particularly useful: auditors will review copies of all courses, will walk courses along with participants, and will learn the same techniques to try out with their own dogs at home.

Special "friends and family" discount: Because SMART hopes this seminar will encourage conversation about course strategies and handling techniques not often seen in the States, we hope as many people as possible will attend. Anyone who gets at least three other people to sign up for working or auditing slots can take 15% off the seminar price (for the referrer's own working/auditing spot).

For Questions, contact Derede Arthur, 831-757-7467 dlarthur@ucsc.edu. **To register,** send by Sept 1 the form/waiver on the next page, and checks made out to SMART, to

Derede Arthur, SMART Eifert Seminar, 1266 Old Stage Rd., Salinas, CA 93908. (Email confirmations *only*).

Registration for SMART Eifert seminar: Return form, signed waiver, and check to:

D. Arthur, SMART Eifert Seminar, 1266 Old Stage Rd., Salinas CA 93908.

Deadline for registering for a working spot: September 1 (though we do expect spots to be taken long before then).

Name: _____ Dog's name _____

Dog's age, breed, experience (titles): _____

Full address: _____ City _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Your trainer's name: _____

Indicate fee enclosed: working (\$350 for two days) _____ and/or Audit (\$60 x _____ days) _____
(Less any referral discount _____, and names of people you've referred _____)

Total enclosed: _____ (check payable to SMART)

Waiver of Liability

I (we) agree that the SMART has the right to refuse this entry or (once activity is begun) to terminate any participant's participation, for any cause which the organizing committee alone shall deem to be sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to hold Anna Eifert, Susanne Cohen, fetch sam!, SMART (including their members, officers, directors, agents and employees), and the owners of the premises upon which the event is held and their employees harmless from any claim for loss or injury that may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or upon the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim. I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of this dog by disappearance, theft, death or otherwise, and from any claim for damage or injury to the dog, whether such loss, disappearance, appearance, theft, damage or injury, be cause or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes. I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting there from, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves) or on account of damage to property arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, howsoever such injuries, death or damage to property may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or have been alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents or any other persons.

I acknowledge and represent that the information supplied by me to the organizers of this event is correct to the best of my knowledge. Further, I represent that I am the owner of the dog listed hereon, or that I have full authority as agent for dog's owner and shall hold the owners of the premises and their employees, Susanne Cohen, fetch sam!, Anna Eifert, and SMART (including their members, officers, directors, agents and employees) harmless from any liability or claims made by dog's owner.

Signature: _____ Date: _____