



## “It’s Possible” Canine Conditioning Workshop

Robert J. Porter, CCRP

May 3-5, 2019

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*Animal Rehabilitation & Conditioning Center* and *Happy Dogs Training Center* are excited to announce that Rob Porter will be coming to the Greenville area to conduct his [“It’s Possible!” Canine Conditioning Workshop](#).

Canine conditioning can be used for many types of dogs. Conditioning will help reduce the risk of injury to your sport/athletic dog, bridge the gap after completing rehabilitation to return to what they love and can also benefit dogs as they age to stay mobile, comfortable and functioning at a higher level. Whether your dog is active in obedience, conformation, agility, flyball or are executive couch potatoes, they will benefit from conditioning. Conditioning is important for all dogs as they are meant to be mobile.

Our canine athletes deserve the same type of systematic conditioning that human athletes leverage. Robby understands the physical demands placed on sporting dogs and the conditioning that they need to be stronger than the demands we impose upon them. With this system, you will learn how to evaluate your dog’s form and function at a very basic level. This can help you realize quickly if your dog has an issue that needs to be addressed by a professional.

Robby been doing canine rehabilitation since the late 1990’s when he developed a system of force-free exercises for rehabilitation. It’s Possible! extends that into an exercise program targeted to the needs of the canine athlete. Every exercise builds on simple foundation exercises (with appropriate modifications for every size dog).

### WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

**Friday**—Evening lecture will share essential information regarding the six exercises that will be presented during the seminar on Saturday/Sunday, why these exercises were chosen and how the exercises are trained.

**Saturday**—Rob will introduce the first three or four progressive exercises. Participants will work through these exercises allowing each team to advance as far as possible. Equipment used: balance pads, Fit Bones and 40 cm infinity peanuts.

**Sunday**—After a review of exercises covered on Saturday, participants will work through the remainder of the exercises, variations of bridging and treadmill tricks. Equipment used: 40 cm infinity peanuts, treadmill, balance pads and Fit Bones.

### ABOUT ROB

**Robert J. Porter, CCRP** was one of the first people in the world to obtain his Certification in Canine Rehabilitation from the University of Tennessee in 2001. He started his canine rehabilitation career in 1998 and has worked full time in the field since. Robby is well known for his innovative approach to therapeutic exercise using positive reinforcement training. Robby spends most of his time

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running the rehab department at South Paws Veterinary Surgical Specialists but travels often to teach his force-free exercise program.

## WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Friday, May 3rd: 7:00 -8:30 pm (Friday evening lecture is mandatory for all working spot participants)  
Auditors are encouraged to attend this lecture.

Saturday & Sunday, May 4th & 5th: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (Includes one-hour lunch break)

## REGISTER

Working Teams – \$350 (limited to 14)

Auditing Spot \$125 (unlimited)

Price includes: Friday lecture, Saturday and Sunday with Robby

Lunch, beverages and snacks will be provided on Saturday and Sunday

## HEALTH & VETERINARIAN/EMERGENCY

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| HealthPointe Veterinary Clinic<br>740 Shoals Road<br>Duncan, SC 29334<br>(864) 486-8177                                   | Blueridge Animal Hospital<br>224 W. Wade Hampton Blvd.<br>Greer, SC 29650<br>(864) 879 1444 | Banfield Pet Hospital<br>150 E. Blackstock Rd, Ste A<br>Spartanburg, SC 29301<br>(864) 587 1633 |
| Care Animal Regional Emergency<br>Clinic of Spartanburg<br>121 S Blackstock Rd<br>Spartanburg, SC 29301<br>(864) 491-1923 | Animal Emergency Clinic<br>393 Woods Lake Rd<br>Greenville, SC 29607<br>(864) 232-1878      |   |

Participants should follow their veterinarians' recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations.

## HOTELS

When making reservations, please verify with the hotels their policies on accepting pets and their pet fees.

**Animal Rehabilitation & Conditioning Center (ARCC)** is located at 109 Monroe Street in Simpsonville, South Carolina. Dr. Dicki Kennedy specializes in rehabilitation after injury or surgery. She also works with dogs and their owners to develop conditioning plans for senior, active and competitive dogs. Her mission is to keep dogs in top physical condition for life. <http://animalrehabgreenville.com/>, [info@animalrehabgreenville.com](mailto:info@animalrehabgreenville.com)

**Happy Dogs Training Center** will open in early 2019 to provide a place where individuals passionate about dog training can train in a "trial-like" setting on their own schedule. Happy Dogs offers 6,000 sq. feet of climate-controlled space including two 40 x 50 rings plus plenty of warm-up area and crating space. <http://happydogstc.com/>, [info@HappyDogsTC.com](mailto:info@HappyDogsTC.com)

## Registration for "It's Possible" Workshop (May 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Dog's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Breed \_\_\_\_\_  
What canine sports or activities does your dog participate in?  
\_\_\_ Agility      \_\_\_ Obedience      \_\_\_ Field      \_\_\_ Conformation  
\_\_\_ Other      Specify \_\_\_\_\_  
If your dog has had a past injury or pathology, please provide the details?  
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### **CHECK ALL THAT APPLY**

- \_\_\_ Weekend Working Participant (\$350)  
\_\_\_ Weekend Auditor (\$125)  
\_\_\_ Transfer my registration to Auditor and refund the difference if all working spots are filled.  
\_\_\_ Return my payment if working spots are filled.  
\_\_\_ Please send me information about motels and hotels in the area.  
\_\_\_ Please send me info about RV parking in the area.

### **PAYMENT**

**Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Payment Method: Check / Discover / Visa / MasterCard / Cash

For credit card payments:

Print Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV # \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

By providing your credit card information, you authorize Happy Dogs Training Center, LLC, to process your specified payment upon receipt of this registration. There will be a \$25 fee for any returned check.



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Please initial required fields(\*) below, sign and send with registration fee to:

Happy Dogs Training Center, LLC,  
P.O. Box 432  
Wellford, SC 29385

**\*REFUND POLICY:** If you are unable to attend for any reason and someone is available to take your spot, you will receive a full refund less \$25 administrative fee or, you can attend as an auditor and receive a refund for the difference in price. For bitches in season, the owner may attend as an auditor and receive a refund for the difference in price between a working and auditing spot.

Bitches in season may participate unless participation causes a disturbance with other attendees' dogs. In the event the owner decides to withdraw from the workshop or is asked to remove dog, the owner may attend as an auditor and receive a refund for the difference in price between a working and auditing spot.

*I acknowledge I have read and accept the refund policy*

**\*DECLARATION OF PET'S HEALTH:** I acknowledge that my dog is in good health, injury free, and that participation in the Robert J. Porter It's Possible Canine Conditioning Workshop does not contradict any recommendations or guidelines established for my dog by a veterinary professional (i.e., veterinarian, rehabilitation practitioner, veterinary chiropractor, etc.). My pet is free of internal/external parasites, any communicable diseases, and has received appropriate vaccinations.

*I declare that my pet is in good health and able to safely participate in the It's Possible Canine Conditioning Workshop*

**\*ACCEPTANCE OF LIABILITY, RISK AND INDEMNIFICATION:** I acknowledge that I am responsible for control, conduct and training of my dog during the instruction program. I am solely liable for any injury to persons or damage to property caused by my dog. I agree to follow the housekeeping rules listed in this document and will pay for any and all damages caused to property or equipment caused by me or my dog. I hold harmless, indemnify and defend Robert J. Porter, Animal Rehabilitation & Conditioning Center and Happy Dogs Training Center from any and all injuries or damage caused by me or my dog whatsoever. I agree that although Robert J. Porter can provide equipment and instruction for the training of my dog, he does not maintain control of my dog and I am responsible for the successful training, control and conduct of my dog at all times during training sessions and while on the premises of Happy Dogs Training Center. I acknowledge that my dog is not aggressive toward humans or other dogs.

*I have read and agree to the indemnification/liability conditions*

### HOUSEKEEPING RULES

1. Handlers must clean up after their dogs and dispose of waste.
2. Handlers are responsible for the training, control and conduct of their dog at all times during training sessions and while on the premises of Happy Dogs Training
3. Children under 18 years of age must always be supervised/accompanied by an adult.



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4. To ensure no interference with working teams, all dogs should remain in a crate unless (a) working in the ring; (b) waiting near the ring because they are the next team to work; or (c) outside for a potty break.
5. No overnight RV parking or tent camping on Happy Dogs Training Center property without advance approval from host.

I have read and agree to abide with the Housekeeping Rules

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Participant

