



Willow Dog Musher's Association
is proud to host the workshop:

Structure in Action

presented by Pat Hastings

Dogs will do most anything we ask of them. Therefore, do we want to ask our steadfast companions to do things they aren't structurally capable of doing without breaking down?

Structure in Action is a new one-day workshop that combines Pat Hastings' Puppy Puzzle Presentation, as well as Hastings' discussion of the value of structurally evaluating adult dogs that are being considered for a breeding program, working trials or performance competition, along with a veterinarian's perspective on how to reduce the risk of structural injuries in working and performance dogs. The more we learn about canine structure, the more we understand what is reasonable to ask of our dogs, given their strengths and weaknesses.

Pat Hastings is a highly respected canine educator, author, and AKC judge; she is currently a judge of the Herding, Non-Sporting Groups and Working Groups; Junior Showmanship; and Best in Show. Pat is also well-known for her Puppy Puzzle Video; she has articles published in a wide variety of dog magazines and evaluates the structural quality of over 300 litters' per year. For more information visit, www.dogfolk.com

AGENDA

- How to evaluate the structural quality of puppies (an actual evaluation will take place during the Symposium on Sept. 19th)
- The basics of canine structure
- The weakest links
- How to evaluate the structural quality of your adult dog
(First 10 registrants will be given priority to bring their young adult dog along, see registration form for more details)
- What your dog can do and should not be doing?
- A vet's ideas on how to strengthen structure and reduce the risk of injury
- Questions and hands-on work with attendees' dogs

Dr. Susan Whiton, DVM will be the local veterinarian providing her perspective on how to reduce the risk of structural injuries.

When: Sunday, September 20th from 9:00AM – 6:00PM

Where: Willow Community Center, Parks Highway Mile Post 69.7

Cost: \$125 for members / \$155 for non-members (lunch and refreshments included)

*You can join WDMA for an additional \$25 and pay the member rate

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Registration and payment required by September 1, 2009