

FROM TRAINING RING TO SHOW RING: AN AKC OPEN OBEDIENCE SEMINAR



Presented by Mindy Costanza*

With Debbie Cuiffo

9:00am-1:00pm Saturday, July 16, 2022

The Obedience Dog Training Club of Waterbury

11 Robinson Lane, Oxford, CT 06478

The thought of showing in Open can be intimidating and confusing, especially if you don't know all the rules. There is a set of skills that the dog must learn in order to be successful. It is necessary to know the ins and outs of preparing for and showing in the ring long before you actually fill out an entry form.

There will be a demo and a discussion with questions and answers. We will break down and discuss each Open exercise. Explanation will include: what the dog needs to know for positive results, what the handler needs to know and do in the ring, what is and isn't allowed, where handling can cost you or help you, and how earlier training impacts the advanced exercises. This is not a "how to teach the exercises" seminar. The purpose is to help clear up any lack of understanding of Open and what you need to know to train effectively for showing. Whether you are currently in Open or are thinking about it, come join us to see what it's all about. Bring your questions! Please note that *only* AKC regulations will be covered and discussed.

**Mindy Costanza has been showing in obedience for over 30 years and teaches all levels of obedience. She enjoys the challenges of the sport, especially the problem solving. Mindy has successfully competed with Chow Chows, Norwegian Elkhounds, and Australian Shepherds in all levels of AKC, UKC, ASCA, and CDSP Obedience earning UD's, UDX's and an OTCH. She currently conducts a variety of weekly obedience classes at the Obedience Dog Training Club of Waterbury in Oxford, Connecticut and competes in Obedience trials with her partners Stryker and Scout.*

Registration Information Attached

To register for the Open seminar, go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA9AD22A6F9C61-from>

or

mail this registration to ODTCW at the above address.

Name: _____

- Non-member \$20.00 registration fee enclosed
- Member of ODTCW (Please consider making a charitable donation to a pet rescue of their choice)

*Bring your own chair.

*Dogs will not be worked.

*No food will be provided. Please bring your own snacks/lunch. A refrigerator and microwave are available.

*Registration closes July 8th.

*Questions? Contact Mindy at mindycos19@gmail.com