EVANSVILLE OBEDIENCE CLUB

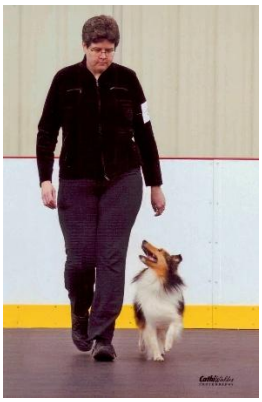
PRESENTS:

Engagement, Motivation, & Reward Schedule Reduction

WITH

Laura Romanik

October 24 & 25, 2026



Laura has traveled across the country giving seminars, and the number one requested topic is almost always how to keep the dog engaged, motivated, and paying attention, especially in the ring in the absence of external rewards. Laura will discuss a three-pronged approach to this issue.

1. How to build engagement as an integral element into every skill.

2. How to stretch reinforcement schedules without losing the engagement, using heeling as a primary example.

3. How to use a system that Laura has created to prepare a dog to perform happily at a trial with no reinforcement until the end of a run.

Working teams will participate in activities designed to illustrate these principles.

About Laura:
Laura has been an avid enthusiast of competition Obedience and Rally for 38 years. She has had a great deal of success in both rings with her dogs, earning numerous OTCHs, UDXs, and national rankings. Laura's personal accomplishments include:

- Titles on 7 Shelties, a Beagle, and a Weimaraner
- 3 OTCH Shelties
- The first OTCH Beagle
- 2009 National Obedience Dog of the Year (all breeds)
- 6,812 OTCH points and 501 UDX legs on 5 dogs
- 214 High In Trial and 267 High Combined awards
- First place in Novice at the 2014 AKC Obedience Classic tournament
- Multiple Top 8 finishes at the AKC National Obedience Championship
- Rally RAE on a rescue Sheltie that she started training at 8 years old

After working as a programmer for 22 years, mostly in the automobile industry, in 2007 Laura made a career change to open Radiant Competitive Obedience. She continually works to refine and improve her training and teaching methods. From 2013 to 2016 she spent a total of 9 weeks learning from world renowned animal trainer and operant conditioning expert Bob Bailey to learn how to further maximize her effectiveness with positive reinforcement and minimize the need for traditional corrections. At RCO Laura is dedicated to sharing her love of dog training with others as she helps them to prepare for Obedience & Rally Trials. Laura's students have earned titles from beginner through advanced levels, including both Obedience Trial Championships and Rally Championships. She is extremely proud of each and every one of her students and considers that the relationship forged through training between a human and a beloved canine to be the biggest accomplishment of all.

Registration:
A limit of 15 working spots and unlimited auditing spots are available. These are reserved only with full payment and a completed registration form. **No refunds will be made after September 26, 2026**. A confirmation e-mail will be sent upon receipt of the registration form and payment. An additional e-mail will be sent regarding seminar times, hotel information, etc., closer to the seminar weekend.

Working Teams:
Each working team is limited to two dogs per day and **one dog per exercise/floor session**.

Aggressive Dogs:
Dogs with propensities for aggression towards people or other dogs may **NOT** attend this seminar.

Videotaping of this seminar is NOT permitted.

Registration forms and payment (NO CASH) MUST BE MAILED and cannot be placed in my crates at EOC's building or handed to me personally.

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Registration Form (please print or type)

Please return this form with payment by **October 10, 2026 to Lisa Mueller, 725 Merimac Drive, Evansville, IN 47711.**

Checks should be made payable to:

Evansville Obedience Club (EOC).

NAME:	
STREET ADDRESS:	
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE:	
PHONE:	E-MAIL:

Please make your selection. If you would like a working spot and all have been filled, your name can be placed on a waiting list, at your request.
Two day working or auditing spots cannot be shared. THERE ARE NO ONE DAY WORKING OR AUDITING SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR THIS SEMINAR.

_____ 2-DAY WORKING SPOT-EOC MEMBERS-$250
_____ 2-DAY WORKING SPOT-NON-EOC MEMBERS-$300
_____ 2-DAY AUDITING SPOT-EOC-MEMBERS-$135
_____ 2-DAY AUDITING SPOT-NON-EOC MEMBERS-$165

RELEASE

•ACKNOWLEDGMENT: I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I understand that there may be significant elements of risk associated with the activity of dog training. Such risks may include equipment failures, falls due to building or grounds conditions, or the negligence of instructors, fellow students, or other users of the building. I acknowledge that the above list is not inclusive of all possible risks associated with dog training or the use of the facilities of The Evansville Obedience Club, Inc. (hereinafter "EOC") and that other unknown and unanticipated risks may result in injury.

•RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK: In consideration of being permitted to use the facilities of EOC, and mindful of the significant risks involved with the activities incidental therefore, I, for myself, my heirs, administrators and assigns, release, remise and discharge EOC and its officers, directors, agents, servants, volunteers and employees in the stated activities of and from any and all liability for injury that may result from my use of the facilities of EOC, and I do hereby waive and relinquish any and all actions or causes of action for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death occurring to myself or those persons for whom I am legally responsible (including but not limited to my children) arising as a result of the use of the facilities of EOC, participation in EOC activities or functions, or of any activities incidental thereto wherever or however such personal injury, property damage or wrongful death may occur, whether foreseen or unforeseen, and for whatever period said activities shall continue. I agree that under no circumstances will I, my heirs, my estate or my personal representative present any claim for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death against EOC and its officers, directors, agents, servants, volunteers and employees for any of said causes of action, whether said causes of action shall arise by the negligence or any person or otherwise.

•IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE UNDERSIGNED INDIVIDUAL TO EXEMPT AND RELIEVE EOC AND ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, SERVANTS, VOLUNTEERS AND EMPLOYEES FROM LIABILITY FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE.

•This contract shall be legally binding upon me, my heirs, my estate, and my personal representative, as well as upon any and all other persons authorized by me to act for me or on behalf of my heirs, my estate or my personal representative.

•I, THE UNDERSIGNED, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE ABOVE RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY I AM KNOWINGLY AND WILLINGLY AGREEING TO RELEASE EOC AND ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, SERVANTS, VOLUNTEERS, AND EMPLOYEES OF THEIR LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR WRONGFUL DEATH CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY PERSON OR OTHERWISE.

PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES

I understand that dogs are independent living beings with their own minds and, as such, can never be entirely predictable. I understand that there are always elements of risk in pet-related activities including permanent disability or death, that common sense and personal awareness can help reduce. I am aware that at all times when on the premises of Evansville Obedience Club or working around dogs it is MY RESPONSIBILITY to:

- Always have pets on a leash.
- Read and obey all posted information and warnings.
- Comply promptly with all verbal directions of Seminar committee members and/or EOC officers unless I believe that by doing so I will endanger myself, other people or pets, in which case I will immediately express my opinion to the person involved.
- Refrain from acting in any manner that may cause or contribute to my injury or the injury of other people or pets.
- Never leave pets unattended or alone.
- Keep the grounds clean.
- Be constantly aware of, anticipate, and be able to avoid nearby pets, people, obstacles and natural or man-made hazards.

I understand that this is only a partial list, and I must be safety conscious and exercise sound judgment at all times.

I understand that if I register as a working team and later want to become an auditor that I will only receive a refund if there is working team on the wait list that will take my spot. I understand that any changes to information that I supplied on this registration form can be made only by contacting Lisa Mueller. Please sign and date

to verify that you have read and understand this release and the above participant responsibilities:

Signature _____ Date _____