

George Alston Handling Seminar

Sponsored by
Beaver County Kennel Club
Saturday and Sunday, **May 5th & May 6th, 2012**

GEORGE ALSTON, author of *The Winning Edge*, will be conducting an intensive two-day handling seminar on **May 5th & May 6th, 2012**. This event will be held indoors in a large, fully matted ring from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm each day. Check-in will be from 8:00 am – 8:30 am. Morning refreshments & luncheon will be provided.

Who Should Attend?

Anyone who has ever lost to a lesser dog in the conformation show ring! Regardless of whether you are competing for the Winner's points, Best of Breed, the Group, or even Best in Show, this seminar can help you sharpen your Winning Edge! This seminar is designed to educate the participants; it is not intended to be a training session for the dogs. You are instructed to bring only ring-wise, well mannered dogs over one year of age. Dogs must be current on all vaccinations (you must bring proof of rabies vaccine). Handlers may alternate between dogs. Crating areas inside the building will be available for your convenience. Dogs that are disruptive will be removed from the building. Parking is adjacent to the building.

COURSE LEVELS:

- Beginner (Limited to 20 Participants with dogs): This class is geared toward the novice exhibitor.
- Advanced (Limited to 20 Participants with dogs): This class is for participants who are at the point that they do not have to consciously think about their every move.
- Observers (Unlimited): This is extremely beneficial if you have never attended before. This offers a great opportunity to listen and learn without the distraction of a dog.

At the end of the seminar there will be a competition for Best Handler in each class. These two winners will compete with each other and a rosette being awarded for Best Handler in Show. A rosette will also be awarded to the student who is Most Improved at each level.

Participants should wear appropriate "show clothes", such as rubber soled shoes. It is also suggested that you bring pencil and paper in order to take notes.

Mr. Alston is a demanding teacher and he makes no bones about calling it like he sees it. If you bring a tough skin and a desire to learn, you will walk away having attended one of the most enlightening and useful seminars ever!

The Clinic will include tips on:

- Showing a dog to its greatest advantage.
- Enhancing the dog's overall appearance.
- The psychology and philosophy of winning.
- Handler attitude and ring appearance.

COST:

\$150.00 for Participants
\$ 75.00 for Observers