



Big Sky Rottweiler Rescue
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Think Dog!

LEARN TO THINK DOG NOT THINK HUMAN



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Saturday, October 27, 2007
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Jefferson Room
Holiday Inn
5 Baxter Ave
Bozeman, MT 59715

Schedule:

- 8:30-10:00 am Dog behavior and communication
- 10:00-10:15 am Break
- 10:15-12:00 pm Bite behavior and aggression. General question and answer period.
- 12:00-1:00 pm Lunch break with lunch provided
- 1:00-2:30 pm Physics of dog handling
- 2:30-2:45 pm Break
- 2:45-5:00 pm Evaluation and dog adoptability

Class size will be limited to the first 50 paid registrations, so register early to make sure you are able to take advantage of this excellent training.

Registration fee is \$50 per person and this fee includes a full day of instruction, take home materials, drinks, snacks AND lunch.

TRAINER:



Angie McDunn
McDunn's K-9 Training
3380 Rottweiler Court
Helena, MT 59602
406.227.0564

Angie McDunn has made the study of canine behavior a lifetime endeavor and she has 15 years experience. She is a graduate of MSU-Bozeman and it was during college that she began her pursuit of understanding more about canine behavior. Angie's first dog was an extremely high-drive, dominant, male Rottweiler and it was through working with him and attending seminars by trainers like Ivan Balabinov, Dean Calderon, Jim Elder and others that she gained much knowledge and experience. Angie has trained dogs for Schutzhund competition (originally a breed suitability test for German Shepherds), obedience competition, tracking, personal protection, and done behavior modification training. Angie's training philosophy promotes establishing a proper relationship between the dog and owner/handler to achieve maximum results.

TRAINER:



Troy Kechely
Think Dog Consulting
PO Box 11572
Bozeman, MT 59719
406.585.9362

Troy Kechely founded Big Sky Rottweiler Rescue in 1997. That same year, he began volunteering at the Humane Society in Bozeman. During the first few years, he focused on working with any Rottweilers at the facility, but it wasn't long before staff asked him to work with other high-risk dogs. Through trial and error and careful observation, Troy developed techniques for handling these types of dogs and modifying their behavior so they became adoptable. Three years later, the shelter asked Troy to instruct staff and other volunteers on the proper methods for handling dogs in a kennel environment and to avoid bite situations. In 2003, Troy started **Think Dog Consulting** and began offering training to shelters and boarding facilities throughout the Northern Rocky Mountain Region. He has also developed classes for the US Postal Service and Law Enforcement and Animal Control Officers.

TRAINER:



Karen Buxton
Think Dog Consulting
PO Box 11572
Bozeman, MT 59719
406.585.9362

Karen began her dog training experience as a volunteer with the Bozeman animal shelter almost ten years ago. Her skills as a trainer and handler led her to take on the most difficult dogs at the shelter with her emphasis on teaching them basic obedience and correcting their behavior problems. In 2002, she was asked to become the Assistant Instructor for the Dog Behavior and Handling class that all staff and volunteers had to take. During her four years in that position, she helped train over 100 volunteers and worked with countless dogs, many of which were deemed to have high-risk behavior.

Karen specializes in working with people in understanding dog behavior issues and teaching basic techniques for proper handling. Aside from her professional career as a project manager's assistant for a civil engineering firm, Karen still works with troubled dogs on a case-by-case basis.

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While this event is sponsored by **Big Sky Rottweiler Rescue**, it is not specific to the Rottweiler breed. This is a must attend seminar for anyone in the animal sheltering, boarding, veterinary, and rescue fields as well as anyone else with an interest in canine behavior, evaluation, and training. The day-long seminar will include hands-on dog demonstrations, PowerPoint presentations, and video footage. A reference booklet will be provided to each attendee.

A block of rooms have been reserved at the Holiday Inn for anyone wishing to arrive on Friday. There will be an informal gathering on Friday night to discuss “dog stuff” for anyone interested.

Please make your reservation early as rooms are limited. Call the Holiday Inn at (800) 366-5101 or (406) 587-4561 for reservations.



BASIC DOG BEHAVIOR AND COMMUNICATIONS

Presented by: Karen Buxton and Troy Kechely

This will cover the basics of dog behavior including pack, prey drive, and fear instincts as well as the fundamentals of canine communications with emphasis on body language.

PHYSICS OF DOG HANDLING

Presented by: Troy Kechely and Karen Buxton

Emphasis on the proper posture and tools to handle a dog that is larger/stronger than its handler. This will also go into catch pole usage for any Animal Control Officers that attend.

BITE BEHAVIOR

Presented by: Troy Kechely

This will go into differing types of aggression and types of bites associated with each.

EVALUATION TO DETERMINE DOG ADOPTABILITY

Presented by: Angie McDunn

This will cover evaluating a dog’s adoption potential in relation to the average pet owner, how to accurately assess whether or not a dog is truly showing aggression in a kennel environment, such as a shelter, and how to help potential adopters pick the right dog for their home and lifestyle.

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Our mission is to re-home unwanted Rottweilers and educate the public about the Rottweiler breed.

We are a 501(c)3 group. Most of us are located in Montana, but we try to help Rottweilers in Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Colorado.



Qty		Price
___	Individual @ \$50/each	_____
___	Group of 5 @ \$45/each	_____
	Total:	_____

Please make checks payable to Big Sky Rottweiler Rescue

Method of Payment:

- Check Ck # _____
 Cash (accepted only on-site the day of the seminar)

Name

Organization Name

Address

City, State ZIP

Phone

Group Participant list:

For Additional Information call
Troy Kechely (406) 585-9362

Mail registration forms to:

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