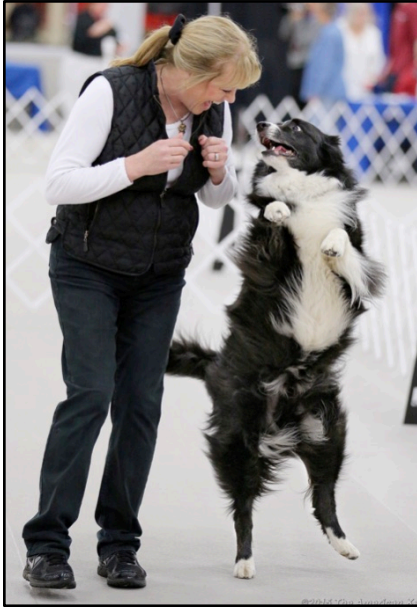


# Betsy Scapicchio & Linda Brennan

## Three-Day Workshop on Competition Obedience: INTERMEDIATE PART 2 TEACHING THE UTILITY EXERCISES



**Friday, Saturday & Sunday  
August 22-24, 2025**  
*Top Dog Obedience School, Flanders, NJ*

This Workshop will build on the fundamentals and take your training to the next level. Learn how to teach your dog the **Utility Exercises** for a solid understanding and confident performance. Teaching the exercises right from the start is essential. Avoid having to fix problems later by following the step-by-step Top Dog approach to every exercise in Utility. Betsy and Linda's method for teaching the exercises has been proven over time by our students' success in the ring, as well as our own.

We'll cover:

- ✓ Teaching signals, articles, gloves, moving stand, and directed jumping.
- ✓ Working on distance attention and signal heeling.
- ✓ Preparing to show in the obedience ring.

Who should attend:

- ✓ Working participants' dogs should be heeling and working with attention.
- ✓ Dogs should know all of the Novice and Open exercises and be starting in Utility.
- ✓ Perfect for those who have completed our Open Intermediate Workshop!

Details:

- ✓ Dogs will be worked!!!
- ✓ Workshop will run from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- ✓ Registration fee is \$475 for working participants (limited number) and \$235 for auditors. Payment is due with registration. No refunds will be issued for any reason. You may sell your spot.
- ✓ Fee includes continental breakfast and hot lunch each day, as well as drinks and snacks.
- ✓ Directions, hotel information, and other material will be sent with your confirmation.



**Not sure which Workshop is right for you and your dog? Email us!**

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# TRAIN THE TOP DOG WAY

## with Betsy Scapicchio and Linda Brennan

Top Dog started in 1991 on the talents of Betsy Scapicchio and her love of dog training. Linda Brennan joined the team soon after and an amazing match was made. Betsy and Linda are active and current competitors that you are likely to see placing at all of the big shows and tournaments, as well as at local trials. They continually show a variety of breeds to Obedience Trial Champions and they have never been out of the ring in over 35 years. But what sets Betsy and Linda apart from other trainers is not their own tremendous success in the obedience ring; it is their ability to communicate to their students how they too can achieve that level of success. Top Dog students earn multiple High in Trials, High Combined, OTCHs and 200 scores year after year. It is one thing to achieve your own success, but quite another to be able to communicate those skills to others. Teaching is complicated; it not only demands broad knowledge of the subject matter and an understanding of animal behavior, it also requires enthusiasm, a caring attitude, a sense of humor, and a recognition of just what each student team needs and when. Pepper that with an intense love of sharing information and you are now training the Top Dog way!

Betsy and Linda specialize in workshops where the working participants get a chance to get out on the floor and WORK their dogs. We hear over and over from past workshop participants that they cannot believe the amount of floor time they got with their dogs, and our auditors report that they were presented with such detailed instructions and demonstrations that their notebooks were full! When you complete a Workshop with Betsy and Linda, in addition to acquiring a wealth of information, you and your dog will be re-energized and ready to tackle the next training challenge. Because Betsy and Linda continually compete, as well as working with their competitive students, their training is constantly evolving. Each new dog encourages them to learn more and incorporate new ideas into their proven training method.

**Betsy Scapicchio**, Owner of Top Dog Obedience School, has over 40 years of dog training experience and has done it all! Betsy and her border collie Zen were the 2021 Obedience Dog of the Year. In addition to all of her students' successes, her own dogs have earned nine Obedience Trial Championships as well as winning and placing at national competitions including Regional and Classic tournaments and the National Obedience Championship, with top ten finishes at five recent NOCs. Betsy and her UD Chihuahua placed second in Novice at Rally Nationals and she also placed second with her Golden Dealer in Advanced. Betsy and her dogs have earned 51 perfect 200 scores, over 250 High in Trials and over 6000 OTCH points to date! Most recently Betsy and her Golden's Casino and Banks earned their Junior Hunter titles, and Banks was just 17 months old.

**Linda Brennan** is the master of versatility. In obedience, her wins include back-to-back firsts in the Masters Class at the AKC Classic and at the first five Westminster Master Obedience Championships. Linda's BC Spy earned over 1000 OTCH points and she and Heart earned over 1900 points. However, Linda's passion is working with different breeds of dogs, including her own Welsh Springer Spaniels and Norfolk Terrier. Linda also specializes in multipurpose dogs. In addition to obedience, she trains and competes in agility, rally, hunting, herding, conformation, scent work, dock diving and other dog events where she has earned many titles including OTCH, MACH, RACH and Champion.

★ ★ DON'T MISS OUR 2025 WORKSHOPS: ADVANCED 9/26-28 ★ ★

★ ★ FOUNDATION 5/30-6/1 & INTERMEDIATE OPEN 7/25-27 ★ ★

### INTERMEDIATE UTILITY WORKSHOP with Betsy Scapicchio & Linda Brennan - August 22-24, 2025

Send with check payable to: Top Dog Obedience School, 124 Flanders-Netcong Road, Flanders, NJ 07836

Working Participant (\$475)

Auditor (\$235)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail\* \_\_\_\_\_

Dog Name(s) and Breed(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please PRINT CLEARLY, especially your email address or we will not be able to reach you!

Please note: No refunds will be issued for any reason. You may sell your spot.