

Performance Classes and Events at Donida Farm Coming in October!

I'm excited to announce upcoming Rent-A-Rings and performance classes at Gwen Blake's Donida Farm: 16600 SE 376th St, Auburn, WA 98092-9431. Here's a link to a google map: <https://goo.gl/maps/FpcKrLzUmzxrHDu67> As you approach the Farm, there will be multiple driveways on your left when you are on 376th. The entrance for Donida Farm will be on your left AFTER you crest the little hill and the road levels out. Watch for the big sign!

Gwen has graciously allowed us to hold a few events at Donida in the past. Now we're going to be there on a regular basis. No other dog groups are allowed to use the facility, so it's important we take the same great care of her facility as we have always done with our own Family Dog facilities.

Our events will be held in the competition dressage arena. It measures 100' x 200' and the floor will be rolled prior to our classes and events. See photos later on this page.

Rent-A-Rings will be held on Sundays: October 17, November 14 and December 26. We will have three obedience rings and one rally ring. They will be supervised by Kathy Lang and Ingrida Robinson. You can find all the dates and times via our Events page at this link:

<https://familydogonline.dogbizpro.com/Public/Registration/Events.aspx>

Tracking Class will be held outdoors (regardless of the weather) on **Wednesdays at 1:00 pm starting October 6**. The class will be limited to 6 handlers and dog teams that are committed to doing homework three times a week, with the goal of earning the AKC Tracking Dog title next year. Given the size of Donida Farm, we'll have plenty of opportunities to work on different surfaces with different challenges. Class will be taught by Janet Elliott (and assisted by Kathy Lang), following Sil Sanders' Modern Enthusiastic Tracking book. Students will be required to purchase the most recent edition of the book. We will have copies available at a much-reduced cost, thanks to Sil's willingness to help Janet get these classes going. Each week's class will build on skills and homework accomplished. **NOTE: THIS CLASS IS FULL**, but if you'd like to be added to an interest list for this, please email Kathyl@FamilyDogOnline.com

Link to this class:

<https://familydogonline.dogbizpro.com/public/registration/index.aspx?schedule=3041&key=9f4b6e14-c199-44c8-8f50-530245e9b9fe>

Performance Classes taught by Kathy Lang will pick up where her Wednesday night classes left off in Kent. This schedule will be available on the Family Dog website soon. Here's an overview of what will be offered **starting Wednesday, October 6**. All of these classes will be taught by Kathy in the Donida arena. Kathy will be using a PA system to make it easy for students to hear her.

4:00 pm Foundation Skills for Performance Dogs (attention, obedience, engagement, shaping and more)

This class is new and is appropriate for puppies and older dogs who are ready to work on the basic foundation skills to become a wonderful pet and performance dog (obedience, agility, rally, conformation, etc.). No aggressive dogs permitted; however, fearful puppies/dogs will benefit from this class.

Link to this class:

<https://familydogonline.dogbizpro.com/public/registration/index.aspx?schedule=3040&key=8bb8efdf-f9cb-4b31-908d-7ea8783537ca>

5:30 pm Rally Novice Skills & Courses for Competition Obedience Handlers

Kathy will be teaching her popular Rally class for handlers who train heeling with attention. The class will include detailed instruction on all signs/stations and every week students will have multiple sequences to learn. Dogs will be working simultaneously since we will have plenty of room to spread out. The goal for this class is to get dogs ready to earn their AKC Rally Novice and Intermediate titles later this Fall/Winter. If the students progress and want to continue, Kathy will offer an Advance/Excellent class the following session.

Link to this class:

<https://familydogonline.dogbizpro.com/public/registration/index.aspx?schedule=3039&key=1b2fd2a8-9e0b-4dcf-86dd-6f59917d1192>

7:00 pm Open/Utility Proofing and Ring Prep

Much like Kathy's previous class with this name, we'll be able to have multiple full-size rings set up each week. Kathy will provide drills and proofing opportunities to help everyone succeed in the ring. All open and utility exercises will be rotated through this class (not every week, though!). Handlers who want to focus exclusively on open or utility, will be able to do that within the format of this class.

Link to this class:

<https://familydogonline.dogbizpro.com/public/registration/index.aspx?schedule=3037&key=afdcfc1c-1644-45cb-8a5a-037e6e122612>

8:00 pm Novice Proofing and Ring Prep

Much like Kathy's Heeling Fronts & Finishes classes, this will continue working on all aspects of those exercises, including off-leash heeling. The goal for this class is to prepare handlers for AKC Beginner Novice and regular Novice. It's also appropriate for dogs that need to work on these skills, even though they may be competing at a higher level.

Link to this class:

<https://familydogonline.dogbizpro.com/public/registration/index.aspx?schedule=3038&key=35da7bce-0081-44ea-9ced-29d653e38198>

More Info About Donida Farm's Facility

16600 SE 376th St
Auburn, WA 98092-9431



Here's the view looking down the arena from the main entrance.



The main entrance includes a deck with chairs and benches. The arena is not heated, but there are propane heaters we can use for warming up as needed. But you'll be kept plenty warm during classes when you're working your dogs.



Photos of the deck looking to the left from the main entrance.



Photos of the deck looking to the right from the main entrance.



Photos of the main entrance, with the huge patio and covered area.



Parking will be in front on the gravel. A dog potty area will be identified with signage and must be honored. Dogs are NOT allowed to go for walks or go exploring while on the property, unless part of a formal Family Dog class. Humans are NOT allowed to go wandering around, interacting with horses or other livestock, etc.

Human bathrooms are well-maintained port-a-potties with hand-washing stations. All current WA DOH and CDC COVID protocols will be followed.

