



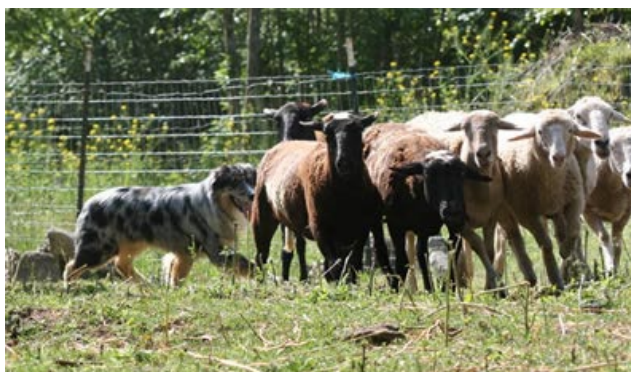
**Herding Clinic hosted by GASC
March 12-13, 2009
Purina Farms - Gray Summit, Missouri
Clinician - Maarten Walter**

Maarten has owned Aussies since 1974 and is very active in the Australian Shepherd Club of America's (ASCA) organization. Maarten has focused his talents on training stockdogs, but is also an ASCA obedience and conformation judge and an ASCA & AHBA stockdog judge. Maarten's passion in life is teaching people and their dogs to herd. Keep in mind that although Maarten owns and trains primarily Aussies, he is well-versed with all herding breeds. So those of you that own something other than an Aussie, bring 'em on (assuming they're a herding breed!).

Maarten resides in Ranier, Oregon, and is very active conducting herding clinics around the world. This clinic time will be spent between discussing basic herding theory and hands-on working stock. Extensive discussions on the herding instinct, basic herding skills, and how to build a solid foundation will all be covered during the lectures. His clinics are focused on teaching the handler how to progress through the various steps of working stock. The hands-on portion of the clinics are normally held in a round pen in order to minimize the energy spent by the livestock, dog, and handler. Many of the early exercises can be taught in the round pen and since the clinics focus on learning skills and exercises that carry the handler and dog beyond the clinic, the round pen is the perfect environment. Dogs and handlers that are capable of controlling the stock in a larger place are encouraged to work in the larger, open spaces.

Pictures and videos are highly encouraged. The cost of our two-day clinic is \$120. GASC will provide coffee and hot chocolate and a continental breakfast each day. Bring your own soft drinks and water. The cost of the clinic does not include lunch. For lunch each day we will either order lunch in and go to the Visitor Center or go someplace close and fast so as to not burn up daylight. The clinic is limited to 12 handlers/dogs, with

unlimited auditing. Every dog will be guaranteed to be worked twice a day, maybe more, depending on the level of teams attending. Auditing will be \$30/day. If we have not filled all the hands-on slots by February 28th, we will accept one-day reservations.



If you would like to join us at our clinic, please fill out the form below and return it to Diane Bettis, 2645 Brinkman Road, Villa Ridge, MO 63089, along with your payment to hold your hands-on slot. Once your reservation has been made, there will be no refunds. If you can't make it, feel free to find someone to fill your slot. If you have any questions, please email or call Diane at dbettis@swbell.net or 636-451-3001.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ City/State _____

E-mail Address _____ Breed of Dog _____

Handler Level of Experience _____ Level of Dog _____

\$120 for 2-Day Hands-On Slot

\$30 per day for Auditing

Thurs, 3/12

Fri, 3/13