

# Hovimail – March 2019

## HCNA Spring 2019

### Dog Training

### May 25-26, 2019



Vernon Hills, IL

**The Hovawart Club of North America** is proud to announce our Spring training event for 2019. We would like to encourage everybody to take advantage of this fabulous opportunity and to participate in this event. In particular, we want to encourage all our new members to take this chance to meet other families and their hovawarts and to learn more about our breed. We will also welcome visitors, supporters, and everybody else interested in learning about this wonderful breed. Scheduled for the last weekend in May, this training event will be held in Vernon Hills, Illinois and is hosted by David Paulus, a member of the HCNA board.

## The Venue



The training event will take place at the Dogstyle, Inc. training facility located at 24777 N. Milwaukee Ave. | Vernon Hills, IL 60061. Vernon, IL is 45 minutes north of downtown Chicago and an hour south of Milwaukee.

## NePoPo Training by Jeff Hakanson

NePoPo® is a system of obedience developed by Bart Bellon, a lifelong dog trainer whose training experiences began in Africa and have continued for over 40 years in Belgium. It is a training system where you get behavior always coming on cue and one that makes the communication between you and your dog more efficient and pleasant.

Jeff Hakanson (right) is both the owner and director of training for Dogstyle Inc. He has over 15 years of experience in the industry and has worked with some of the best and most known innovators of our time.



Jeff began his career working for a local police canine trainer, where he learned to work with dogs of all breeds and purposes. Jeff considers himself as a forever student and every year he spends part of the year traveling to gain hands-on education.

Jeff takes pride in the ability to be well versed in diverse training disciplines, including pet obedience; behavioral and competitive obedience; detection and nosework; protection and patrol; service and therapy; and tracking and trailing.

Jeff has worked hard over the years to develop a training system that is balanced and composed of operant and classical conditioning, a system that is reliable and versatile for a dog's everyday life, on the job, or for a dog that is competing in the sport world.



David Paulus and Gretel (SeaBreeze's Evening Star), his beloved black hovawart, have been training in obedience and scent work under Jeff Hakanson since 2017. See David's frequent posts on the HCNA Facebook page to see the system in action.



## **The Training**

The seminar will include morning theory sessions starting at 9:00 am, breaking at noon for a one-hour lunch break, and followed in the afternoon with a practical application of what was learned in the morning, working with your dogs until 5:00 pm. Dog teams of all levels of experience are welcome. Having a variety of skill levels among dog teams will provide a better learning experience for all as different handlers will observe the use of learned materials in a wide variety of scenarios.

The enrollment is limited to 12 working teams. Non-HCNA members will be accepted if not all spots are filled.

### **HCNA MEMBER PRICE\***

- Working Spot: \$150.00 per team
- Audit Spot (without a dog): \$100.00

### **NON- MEMBER PRICE\***

- Working Spot: \$200.00 per team
- Audit Spot (without a dog): \$150.00

\* Prices include: Lunch, coffee and water included both days.

### **Registration**

Registration will open March 20, 2019 for HCNA members. If by April 15, 2019 spots are still available, non-HCNA members will be allowed to register at that time.

### **Arrival**

Please arrive early enough to provide sufficient break time to your dog, if required. You will also have a chance to drink some coffee and to socialize before we start. The training is starting at 9:00 a.m. *sharp*.

### **Required Equipment**

Please bring any training collars or equipment you use.

Markers (clickers or a verbal marker) are indispensable for modern dog training. If your dog uses a food reward, please bring a clicker and plenty of food. Your clicker should be “loaded”, i.e., your dog will hurry to you for a food reward when hearing the clicker. Instructions for doing this will be sent out prior to the seminar. If your dog works for a food reward, we recommend that you minimize or greatly reduce the meal before the training.

If your dog uses a toy reward, please bring the toy. Instructions will be sent out so that those who do not have a verbal marker can develop one before the seminar. If your dog uses both a toy and a food reward, please bring both. Don't be discouraged if you don't already train with a clicker. Again, all members of all experience levels are welcome, and a little homework before the seminar will be good for you!

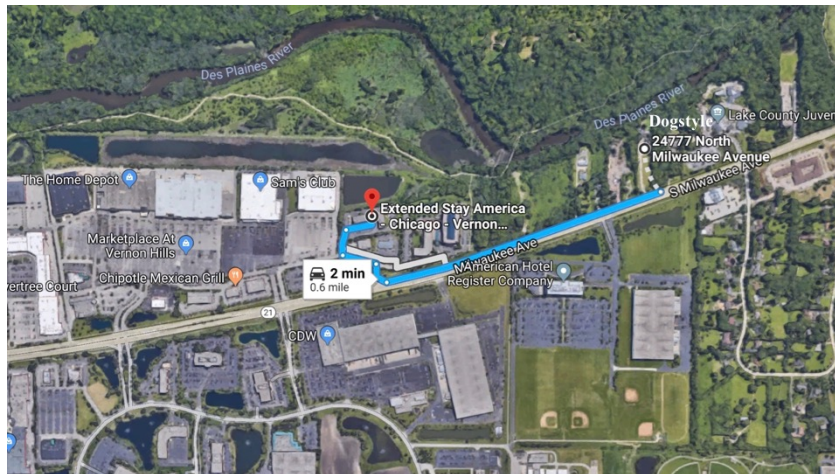


## Hotels

Extended Stay America Chicago - Vernon Hills -  
Lake Forest  
215 N. Milwaukee Ave. | Vernon Hills, IL 60061  
847.821.7101



This hotel is within five minutes (mostly waiting for traffic lights). Current rates if reservation is made in advance: \$98.99. Pet fee is \$25 + tax per day, per pet (maximum of 2 pets per room).



## Additional Information

Lunch, coffee, and water is included with the training fees. There is a great variety of restaurants within ten minutes of the facilities. The HCNA is scouting for a good restaurant for the group's dinner on Saturday, May 25.

An informational packet will be provided to all training participants a few weeks before the seminar. Information will include instructions for "loading a clicker" and developing a marker word for any toy reward.

Unless instructed otherwise, dogs should be crated or stay in the vehicle until they are called for practical exercises. There will be a designated potty area within the facilities as well as plenty of opportunities to break your dog. Be sure to bring your own poop bags.

Dogs have to be on leash and under control at all times. Again, please bring bags to pick up after your dog; water for the dogs will be provided (right? I don't know, just guessing here). Please be aware that not all dogs get along with each other, so keep some distance between dogs. Make sure to keep your dog on leash and under control if you approach another dog. We recommend that each working team keep plenty of distance from each other.

If you are bringing kids, please explain to them that not all dogs are used to children and

certainly aren't used to be treated like your particular family pet. Children should understand that they should not approach and pet other dogs without permission from the owner.

Registration will take place Saturday morning before the training between 8:30 am and 9:00 am. Training will start at 9:00 am sharp.

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