

presents:

Danette Chorney

Rise to the Challenge! Preparing for National Rally Events!

May 30-31, 2026

9am-5pm each day

550 Main Street South

Bethlehem, CT 06751



ABOUT DANETTE: I have been training and competing with my Labradors for almost 20 years in a variety of sports including Obedience (AKC, CDSP), Rally (AKC, WCRL), Agility (AKC, USDAA, UKI), and Dock Diving (NADD, Dock Dogs). I am an AKC Rally judge and CGC & Trick Evaluator, and I have been honored to have been selected to judge the AKC Rally National Championship in 2018 & 2023. My current dog “Enzo” was the #3 Labrador in AKC Rally nationwide in 2023 and currently has his RACH2 title. As a competitor, I am familiar with the struggles of maintaining a working connection with your dog in a busy venue. As a judge, I have seen teams that I know can perform well fall apart when noise and distractions override the dog’s desire to work in the ring. As a trainer and a Rally instructor, I strive to always make it fun for dogs to work in the ring by using games so that they can overcome distractions in

challenging environments.

Saturday, 5/30/26: Novice & Intermediate teams

Novice and Intermediate level teams typically have specific challenges when preparing for large events – lack of trial/venue exposure and leash management skills. The leash can be your friend, but it can also lead to issues for teams who have earned titles and moved up to off-leash classes locally, but need to compete on leash at a national event due to eligibility requirements. Handlers are quick to move up to higher levels once titles are earned and do not stay in on-leash classes long enough to “take it on the road” to allow the dog to experience multiple venues, distractions, and work on engagement while still working on leash. This day will be focused on mastering leash management, working amid distractions to improve the focus and concentration skills for both the dogs and handlers, and developing strategies to maximize usefulness of course walkthroughs. Working teams will have individual floor time working on both skills and course handling. Auditors will be encouraged to participate in providing distractions for working teams!

Sunday, 5/31/26: Advanced, Excellent, Master & Championship teams

We have so many skills to master in Rally, and we seldom train with challenges we customarily encounter at large trials in busy venues. Ring entries and ring exits are so critical, transitioning from on leash to off leash, and executing every skill correctly on the first attempt – all of these things are made more difficult by distractions which impact both the dog and handler. This day will be focused on increasing handler awareness to hidden challenges on courses, maximizing effective use of walkthroughs (also how to plan if you are not afforded walkthroughs), and developing handling strategies to deal with distractions and challenges of championship level courses. Working teams will have individual floor time working on skills and course handling. Auditors will be encouraged to participate in providing distractions for working teams!



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with Danette Chorney Registration Form

Please return this form with payment by May 1st, 2026. (Please print or type)

Checks should be made payable to: Laurie Strimavicius
Mail to: Laurie Strimavicius, 44 Outlook RD, New Milford, CT 06776

Venmo: @Laurie-Strimavicius
Email registration: trainmelabs1973@gmail.com

This seminar will be held at:
Train M.E.
550 Main St. S.
Bethlehem, CT 06751

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

A limit of 10 working spots and 20 auditing spots are available each day. These are reserved only with full payment and a completed registration form. A confirmation e-mail will be sent upon receipt of the registration form and payment. Bitches in season may participate but must wear pants.

Working Spots \$150 each day
Audit spot \$75 for 2 days and \$50 for 1 day

No refunds

Please check:

Working Spot Saturday _____

Working Spot Sunday _____

2 Day Audit _____

1 Day Audit Saturday _____ Sunday _____

Please bring your own crate and chairs. All crates and chairs must have a mat under them.

Coffee, water, and snacks will be provided. Please plan on bringing your own lunch.

Videotaping is not permitted

Handlers must bring proof of Rabies vaccine

Dogs with propensities for aggression towards people or other dogs may NOT attend this seminar.

RELEASE

•**ACKNOWLEDGMENT:** I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I understand that there may be significant elements of risk associated with the activity of dog training. Such risks may include equipment failures, falls due to building or grounds conditions, or the negligence of instructors, fellow students, or other users of the building. I acknowledge that the above list is not inclusive of all possible risks associated with dog training or the use of the facilities of TRAIN M.E LLC (hereinafter "TME") and Danette Chorney (hereinafter DC) and that other unknown and unanticipated risks may result in injury.

•**RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** In consideration of being permitted to use the facilities of TME & DC, and mindful of the significant risks involved with the activities incidental therefore, I, for myself, my heirs, administrators and assigns, release, remise and discharge TME & DC and its officers, directors, agents, servants, volunteers and employees in the stated activities of and from any and all liability for injury that may result from my use of the facilities of , TME & DC, and I do hereby waive and relinquish any and all actions or causes of action for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death occurring to myself or those persons for whom I am legally responsible (including but not limited to my children) arising as a result of the use of the facilities of TME & DC, participation in TME & DC activities or functions, or of any activities incidental thereto wherever or however such personal injury, property damage or wrongful death may occur, whether foreseen or unforeseen, and for whatever period said activities shall continue. I agree that under no circumstances will I, my heirs, my estate or my personal representative present any claim for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death against TME & DC and its officers, directors, agents, servants, volunteers and employees for any of said causes of action, whether said causes of action shall arise by the negligence or any person or otherwise.

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I, THE UNDERSIGNED, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE ABOVE RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY I AM KNOWINGLY AND WILLINGLY AGREEING TO RELEASE TME AND PF AND ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, SERVANTS, VOLUNTEERS, AND EMPLOYEES OF THEIR LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR WRONGFUL DEATH CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY PERSON OR OTHERWISE. PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES.

I understand that this is only a partial list, and I must be safety conscious and exercise sound judgment at all times. I understand that if I register as a working team and later want to become an auditor that I will only receive a refund if there is working team on the wait list that will take my spot. I understand that any changes to information that I supplied on this registration form can be made only by contacting Laurie Strimavicius. Please sign and date to verify that you have read and understand this release and the above participant responsibilities.

Signature: _____

Date: _____