

Elite Ranch Dogs and Broken Circle Stockdogs

present

**The “No Judgement” Wine Country Herding Retreat**

April 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>

“This is a unique, fully catered training retreat!”

Experience a springtime wine country getaway to kick-start your dog’s herding journey.

Our focus will be on bringing new handlers or lightly experienced handlers and dogs into this incredible field in a supportive environment.

Expert tuition from multi-time national champion Robin Brown and agility dog trainer Belinda Head.

Featured events include

A private wine tasting at our neighbors, Durrell Vineyards. Learn about their amazing wine program and advocacy for the American West's wild mustangs.

Dinner at Michelin-recognized “Valley Bar and Bottle” Restaurant on Sonoma’s historic square.

Breakfasts, lunches, and an additional dinner by our private chef on site.

**Oh, and we will be training dogs too!**

We will focus on owners of herding breeds that want a judgement free way to try the sport or are competing at the novice level.

Herding tuition from one of the best instructors in the discipline, multi-time national champion, and reserve world champion at 2024’s Calgary Stampede, Robin Brown.

Robin is known for her patient approach to teaching and her infectious enthusiasm for the sport.

Belinda Head will cover young dog and puppy development, focusing on building drive, desire and relationships in our youngsters. Belinda’s background is in agility and movie animal training.

This exclusive retreat will be limited to 12 working participants (with adult dogs old enough to work sheep, or pups and adolescents for the puppy development part of the course). There will be only 6 auditing spots (including all tuition and social events) to allow for the group to bond, ask questions, and really “jam” dog training. Participants from other dog disciplines or pet owners who want to try things out for the first time are all welcome.

#### Goals.

Participants will have a wonderful experience enjoying our beautiful wine country setting while deepening their bond with their dogs and building lasting relationships with other handlers from all over.

Instruction will be partly classroom-based but mostly outdoors in the round pen or arena courses. Plentiful parking is available.

This is a luxurious, fully catered retreat.

We can advise on accommodation.

3 days working spot \$1850

3 days auditing spot \$800

Contact Belinda by email [bhead1212@gmail.com](mailto:bhead1212@gmail.com) or cell 415 948 7905 for complete schedule of events and registration form