

GUEST TRAINER PROFILE

Dave Munnings



Dave has been closely involved with animals all his life, riding and training horses and also handling dogs at the highest level. Now passionately focused on the canine world, he has achieved extraordinary success in dog agility, becoming one of the UK's most consistently successful handlers, having won medals at world level – bronze with Billy in 2005 and silver with Dobby in 2010, along with 2 gold medals at the European Championships in 2009 and 2010 with Dobby. He is a regular Team GB member and has competed at both Crufts and Olympia on many occasions.

He is also the first handler in the world to own and train four large dogs to UK Agility Champion status.

Having established a reputation as an inspirational, patient and effective trainer, Dave travels the world running agility workshops as far afield as Australia, Brazil, Canada, the USA and throughout Europe.

With a firm belief that agility should be fun for both dog and handler, Dave uses only very positive methods to train every level from puppies and beginners to national competitors. Focusing on consistency as the key training element, he has created his own handling system.

He understands that every dog/handler team is different in personality, style and ability. Therefore to get the best out of everyone, he adapts the application of his system and his teaching methods accordingly. Time and again he helps to produce phenomenal canine athletes and amazing partnerships. With a firm belief in modern training methods, Dave uses both operant and classical conditioning and mainly positive reinforcement. He has no faith in the “pack” theories and never uses positive punishment.