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Stock Dog Training Topic at Missouri Livestock Symposium

Once again the Missouri Livestock Symposium will feature programs on all species of livestock, forages, and stock dogs. According to Garry Mathes, Chair of the Missouri Livestock Symposium planning committee, there will be three talks given on stock dogs at this year's Symposium. The three talks will be on "Choosing the Right Dog", "Basic Cowdog Training", and "Advanced Cowdog Training". Laura Stimatze of Macksville, Kansas, will be the speaker. Laura was born and raised in Kansas and was around 14 years old when she got her first Border Collie, Kip. She grew up around working stock dogs and her father, Bob Buckman, also of Macksville, Kansas, trains stock dogs for a living. The Stimatze's have produced numerous winning trial dogs, hold annual seminars on training dogs, and take great pride in helping producers make their working dogs better. The stock dog programs will be held as part of the 2008 Missouri Livestock Symposium on Saturday, December 6, 2008.

In addition to the stock dog programs, the Missouri Livestock Symposium will feature speakers from 16 states and Canada covering topics on horses, beef cattle, sheep, meat goats, forages, and renewable energies. In addition our around the home sessions will have talks on home grape production and wine making, quilting, and selecting heart healthy vegetable varieties.

According to Mathes, the Missouri Livestock Symposium is the "best deal going"! There are no costs to attend, unless you want tickets for the John Anderson concert Saturday evening. We provide a free beef supper Friday night, and a free Governor's Style luncheon on Saturday at Noon. In addition, there is a sold out Ag-related trade show both days and Trent Loos (<http://loostales.com>) will "Speak Up for Agriculture" on Friday night after the free beef meal.

The entire list of educational topics and speaker information may be found on our website at <http://missourilivestock.com> or by calling 660-665-9866 or 660-341-6625. Dates and hours for the Livestock Symposium are Friday, December 5th from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 6th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Missouri Livestock Symposium is held at the Kirksville Middle School in Kirksville, Missouri. There are no costs associated with the Missouri Livestock Symposium and no pre-registration is required. The only exception, which is optional, is for country music star John Anderson concert tickets (<http://johnanderson.com>) . Anderson performs at the conclusion of the Symposium on Saturday night at 7:30pm.



For concert tickets or if additional information is required you can call 660-665-9866 or email lanen@missouri.edu and put MLS in the subject line.

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