

SNAKE AVOIDANCE CLINIC

Hosted by
Bearpoint Kennel and Black Forest Kennel
Dale and Brenda Merritt

MAY 15th, 16th and 17th, 2026



**Do you and your pet enjoy Hiking, Hunting and the Outdoors?
Do you live in a rural area or near a canyon or open fields?
These areas are also home to venomous snakes that bite about 15,000 dogs each year.**

OPEN TO ALL BREEDS, BIG and LITTLE

**Snake Avoidance is Highly Recommended to be done Annually!!
YOU CAN'T BE TOO SAFE**

NOTE LOCATION

The Clinic will be held at Bearpoint Kennel in Calhan, Colorado

35293 Hanisch Rd, Calhan, CO 80808

**Registration Forms in Email or by request by email at
[Bearpointkennel@yahoo.com](mailto:bearpointkennel@yahoo.com)**

Preregistered Dogs will begin at 7:30 am

Your dog will receive training with a proven method of snake proofing/Avoidance. Your dog will be trained to recognize snakes by sight, sound and/or smell and may even warn you that a snake is present, so that you can avoid it keeping you and your dog safe.

For more information, please contact Dale 303-929-9971 or Brenda Merritt @ 303-681-LABS (5227)

Or E-mail Us @ bearpointkennel@yahoo.com

Cost: \$95.00 per Dog or 2 or more dogs per/owner \$90.00

The Clinic is offered over three days, but you will only have to be there one day, and an Hour time slot will be assigned. It takes about 20 minutes per Dog, Thanks



Snake Avoidance Clinic

You are wondering what exactly a Snake Avoidance Clinic is and what is going to happen to my dog.... Professional dog and snake handler Fred Reyna, Texas Sanke Avoidance has been training dogs for over 25 years. Through Fred's experiences training both upland bird dogs and tracking dogs, I have developed a proven program to condition all breeds of dogs to avoid snakes. I condition each dog individually and I make sure that they have made the proper association and react accordingly before they leave. I tailor each session to that specific dog and always encourage owner participation.

The clinic uses electronic stimulation dog collars for the negative response in teaching the dog that the discomfort comes from the snake. The electronic collar has been proven as a very safe method of training.

There will be 2 rattlesnakes on the course. The first snake has had its rattles taped to simulate a dormant snake or a Cottonmouth. The dog is brought in the vicinity of the snake using long check cords. The best response is to get the dog to use its natural senses and SMELL THE SNAKE & SEE THE SNAKE! When the handler of the collar sees that this has occurred, then a negative response will be given from the e-collar. Some dogs will need to see it again, but most will learn quickly that any curiosity will result in a negative response.

The second snake will usually be an overly aggressive rattlesnake, complete with the buzzing of rattles. Again, the plan is to have the dog use its natural senses and HEAR THE SNAKE.....SEE THE SNAKE SMELL THE SNAKE. If the dog responds by leaving the vicinity, no negative response will be given, but if the dog is still curious, he will receive a negative e-collar response.

The last loyal check is to have the owner call the dog to him while the rattlesnake is between the dog and the owner. A wide berth around the snake is the final lesson that the dog knows WHERE THE SNAKE IS WHAT THE SNAKE SOUNDS LIKE & WHAT THE SNAKE SMELLS LIKE.

This method of training is not going to help the dog that does not smell, see, or hear the snake. We have heard many success stories from owners of seminar dogs that got the chance to SMELL, SEE or HEAR it.....Give your dog a chance "DESnake"!!!

Please send the following information (you may share this form with friends) Mail payment to:

Bearpoint Kennel. Dale & Brenda Merritt 35293 Hanisch Rd. Calhan, Colorado 80808

Make checks payable to: Bearpoint Kennel

NAME _____ PHONE (1) _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE (2) _____

Please Print Legibly

(A) One Dog \$95.00. OR (B) Two or more dogs per/owner. Number of Dogs _____ @ \$90.00.

Total Enclose _____ We can send invoice for Credit Card, but there will be an 4% Credit Card Fee added.

Affiliated Dog Club: _____

I Prefer Friday May 15th, 2026 ** AM _____ or PM _____ 1st Choose _____ 2nd Choose _____

I Prefer Saturday May 16th, 2026 ** AM _____ or PM _____ 1st Choose _____ 2nd Choose _____

I Prefer Sunday May 17th, 2026 ** AM _____ Only 8:00 to 10am 1st Choose _____ 2nd Choose _____

I hereby absolve and hold harmless the Bearpoint Kennel and Black Forest Kennel, it's officers and members, and/or it's officers & members, Texas Sanke Avoidance, Fred Reyna Training and anyone acting on their behalf, from any liability, damages or claims resulting from the Snake Avoidance clinic held on May 15th. 16th, and 17th 2026. I certify that I have read the above explanation of what will take place during the Snake Avoidance Clinic.

Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY TO PLAN FOR!

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| 1. Dog(s) Name _____ | Breed _____ | Age _____ |
| 2. Dog(s) Name _____ | Breed _____ | Age _____ |
| 3. Dog(s) Name _____ | Breed _____ | Age _____ |
| 4. Dog(s) Name _____ | Breed _____ | Age _____ |
| 5. Dog(s) Name _____ | Breed _____ | Age _____ |
| 6. Dog(s) Name _____ | Breed _____ | Age _____ |