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STOCK DOG LESSONS AVAILABLE AT 2007 MISSOURI LIVESTOCK SYMPOSIUM

Laura Stimatze of Joe and Laura Stimatze Stock Dogs in Kansas will provide important information to owners of cattle working dogs at this year's Missouri Livestock Symposium. Hours for the Symposium are 4 pm to 10 pm on Friday, November 30, and 8 am to 5 pm on Saturday, December 1. The Symposium is held at the Kirksville Middle School in Kirksville, Missouri, and features nationally known speakers on horses, beef cattle, sheep, meat goats, forages, conservation, wildlife, and more!

Stimatze will provide three talks for those interested in working dogs. These talks include: "Selecting a Working Dog" and "Starting Your Dog on Cattle". Also speaking in the stock dog section of the Symposium is veterinarian, Dr. Richard Meadows of the University of Missouri School of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Meadows will address the topic of "Care and Well-Being of Stock Dogs."

Featured speakers in other sections of the Symposium include, Ken McNabb in the horse section; Temple Grandin in both the horse and beef cattle sections; Dr. Garry Lacefield in the forages section; Dr. Ray Kaplan and Dr. Dave Thomas in the sheep section; Linda Coffey and Margo Hale in the meat goat section; and Dr. Bob Pierce and Dr. Lyndon Irwin in the conservation and wildlife section. Complete program lineups can be viewed at <http://missourilivestock.com> or by calling 660-665-9866. There is no pre-registration or registration costs for the Missouri Livestock Symposium which also boasts a free beef supper on Friday night, a sponsored Governor's Style Luncheon on Saturday noon, and a sold-out agricultural related trade show.

The 2007 Missouri Livestock Symposium concludes with a concert by the Bellamy Brothers on Saturday night, December 1, at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 each and must be purchased in advance. Seating is limited. Call 660-665-9866 or email MillerVA@missouri.edu (and put MLS tickets in the subject line) for tickets or ticket information.

Award winning broadcaster, Max Armstrong, will also be on hand at this year's Symposium. Armstrong speaks Friday evening at 7 pm.

Whether its forages, sheep or goats, beef cattle, horses, or even quilting, the 2007 Missouri Livestock Symposium is the place to be for anyone with an ag-related interest on November 30 and December 1, 2007.