



## NEBRASKA COLLEGE OF TECHNICAL AGRICULTURE

### **NCTA to host stock dog clinic in Curtis**

By NCTA NEWS

CURTIS, Neb. (Oct. 10, 2022) \_ Sheep, goats and beef cattle will know the pace around the arena after two days of working stock dogs by clinician Laura Stimatze of Owasso, Oklahoma.

Professional dog trainer, clinician and accomplished contestant in cattle dog trials, Stimatze brings her working dogs to the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture at Curtis on October 29 and 30.

The NCTA Stock Dog Team and their faculty sponsor Leighlynn Obermiller will host the weekend NCTA Stock Dog Fall Clinic at the indoor arena of the NCTA Livestock Teaching Center.

“Laura has been around working dogs her whole life,” Obermiller said. “She now spends her time working her own line of cattle bred Border Collies and traveling around the country, helping others get the most out of their dogs.”

All skill levels and herding dog breeds are welcome, said Christina Frink, NCTA veterinary technology student and president of the Aggie Stock Dog Club. The Atwood, Kansas native said the club has 10 members.

The clinic is limited to 12 working spots, with a fee assessed each participant. Students can apply for a reduced rate. And anyone can audit the action and training for \$25 per day, Frink said.

Proceeds assist the NCTA club for their training and travel activities. Frink said the club has a variety of skill levels among members and dogs. The club is an extracurricular activity, having practices during the week and training their working dogs on livestock at the LTC indoor arena.

For information on registrations and health requirements for dogs, contact Obermiller at 308-367-5221 or email [hobermiller2@unl.edu](mailto:hobermiller2@unl.edu).

*Part of the University of Nebraska system, the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture is a two-year institution with a statewide mission of preparing students for successful careers in agriculture, veterinary technology and related industries. NCTA is known for its affordable tuition, high job-placement rate for its graduates, and for the success of student teams in competitive activities including crops judging, ranch horse events, livestock judging, shotgun sports, stock dog trials, and intercollegiate rodeo. The college is consistently ranked as one of the best two-year schools in the nation.*



**Laura Stimatze**



*A clinic for handlers of working stock dogs will be October 29 and 30 at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis. Aggie students and their dogs gathered in September at Ag Hall. (NCTA photo)*

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Online link: <https://go.unl.edu/8e25>