

## How to Schedule a Private Consultation with Dr. Chris Zink

If you are interested in a consult on September 19th, please contact Dr. Zink at [mczink@caninesports.com](mailto:mczink@caninesports.com) and make your subject line "Chesapeake Bay Retriever Consult Request." She will send you an information sheet that you should fill out ahead of time and email back to her. That way she can prepare in advance so that all of your time with will be spend on you and your dog, and no time will be spent getting background information.

### Consults Available and Fees:

#### 1. Structure/Gait Analysis

There is no species more varied in size or shape than the dog. An understanding of your dog's structure and gait will help your dog to live a healthier, injury-free life and you to achieve your goals in performance events, including conformation. In this 25 min. consult, Chris Zink will evaluate your dog's structure and gait. She will assess the dog's muscle tone, discuss its front and rear assembly and balance, and evaluate its coming and going and side gait. She will advise you of the dog's strengths and weaknesses and any sports injuries that your dog may be at risk for, and will provide you with an individualized conditioning program tailored to your performance goals. (25 min - \$100.00)

#### 2. Problem-Oriented Evaluation

Many dogs have physical or medical handicaps (e.g. hip dysplasia, elbow dysplasia, past injuries, bleeding disorders) that affect performance and can lead to progressive dysfunction. This 50 min. consult is designed to permit more detailed discussion of these problems and their present and potential effects on your dog's health and performance. This consult incorporates the information provided in the Structure/Gait Analysis consult and also provides a detailed, integrated approach to care, conditioning, and training dogs with physical/medical problems. Owners should bring medical records and radiographs if appropriate. (50 min. - \$200.00)

**Please:** We ask you to limit yourself to one healthy dog for each 25 min. consult. If you wish to do a group consult, I can do about 3 healthy dogs an hour. If your dog has a condition such as hip dysplasia that might affect performance, please schedule your consult for 50 min. This is the amount of time needed to properly evaluate your dog and provide you with all of the information you need to fully manage your canine athlete's problem.