



# Canine Scent Work

*Enrich the Life of Your Dog*

*Improve Your Team*

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The January session will feature three levels of classes. There will be something for everyone! Intro. to odor and the search for newbies. Intro. to the elements for dogs familiar with target odor. Competition skills for handlers interested in learning about odor theory as they work to develop skills that will improve trial performance. See the descriptions below for details. Contact Christy if you have questions about which class might be right for your team, or if you are interested in registering.

## **Introduction to Odor and the Search**    *Tuesdays 5:30- 7:00 p.m.*

This class is for dogs new to scent work. In this class handler's will learn:

- Equipment and supplies needed to train scent work.
- How to develop productive search behavior and build value in finding target odor.
- How to handle odor, prepare vessels, and place hides.

## **Introduction to the Elements**    *Mondays 6:00- 7:30 p.m.*

This class is for dogs who have been through a beginning level class and are on target odor. In this class handler's will learn:

- Skills necessary to succeed in lower level competition searches. We will learn about the rules and will practice the various types of searches (elements). This will include containers, buried, interior, exterior, and vehicle searches.
- We will learn how to handle distractions, and will continue to refine our handling skills.
- How to prepare for your first scent work trial including pre-trial practice strategies

## **Competition Skills**    *Mondays 4:00- 5:30 p.m. and Tuesdays 7:15p.m. to 8:45 p.m.*

This class is for teams that are actively competing in scent work. In this class we will focus on training strategies that will help you succeed in competition:

- We will explore search area and environmental conditions that create challenging scent puzzles for our dogs to solve. I will share strategies for training that utilize a progressive drill structure that you can continue at home.
  - Discussions and drills will address inaccessible hides, converging odor, pooling odor, and channeling odor.
- We will discuss odor theory and the science behind particle movement, including how particle movement and your dog's smelling capabilities can be affected by environmental conditions.
- There will be multiple opportunities to practice and troubleshoot the four elements included in A.K.C. Scent Work competitions.
- Class content and activities will be adapted to meet the needs and interests of students in each session.

**Six Week Session Begins Monday 1/6/25**

Location: All Star Dog Sports    Cost: \$150

Contact Christy Darter by email to register  
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