



K9 Nose Work™

What is K9 Nose Work™?

K9 Nose Work™ is a sport based on detection-style handling (think explosive and narcotics detection dogs). Just like working K-9s, in this sport, pet dogs are trained to search for target odors. Instead of drugs or bombs, the target odors are the essential oils of birch, anise and clove.

Can any breed dog do Nose Work?

YES! The beauty of Nose Work is that it is a low impact sport, which allows any breed, size, age, personality and physical ability of dog (and handler) to play. It is a great confidence builder for shy or timid dogs, and burns mental energy for those dogs who “need a job”.

How does my dog know what to search for?

Dogs start off searching for food or a favorite toy. Initially, the hides will be in open cardboard boxes, progressing to other containers, larger areas, outside, high, low, under, behind, etc. The handler is watching their dog closely to see when the dog is showing extra excitement – nudging at the box with his nose, moving quickly and sniffing loudly.

K9 Nose Work™ Sniffin' for Fun!

Where can I go with this sport?

Like many dog sports, you can compete in timed trials. Trials consist of 4 elements: a Vehicle search, Exterior search, Interior search and Container search (see National Association of Canine Scent Work nacswnet.net for more information).



Titles and placements are awarded in a ceremony at the end of the day. Stay to hear the judges comments, tips and pointers, even if you didn't title. Trials are a great learning experience, and a fun time bonding with your dog and other nose work enthusiasts!

Even if you don't think you'll ever want to compete in a trial, K9 Nose Work™ is a great hobby you can do with your dog. It can be practiced almost anywhere with minimal equipment. Setting up some hides for your dog to sniff out is a great way to bond with your dog - he gets to do what he loves - use his nose - and you get to really observe and appreciate his natural talent!

Next Classes @ Paw-zn-Around Start

Monday April 25

6:15p Foundational Nose Work (in the Gym)

6:15p NW1 (in the Daycare)

7:30p NW2/3

Tuesday April 26

6:15p NW2/3

7:30p NW2/3

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