

Welcome to scent work. Scent work is a fun sport open to all dogs, especially those needing more confidence, senior dogs looking for something to keep their minds busy and young dogs needing to spend all that energy. This sport is ideal for those dogs with disabilities since they are allowed to compete as long as they can do so safely. Scent work is offered across all the venues with each one having slightly different formats and odors, so come join us in exploring the world of scent work.

Items to bring to class:

Water and dog bowl

6 ft leash

toy and various treats

A hungry dog

Beginner handling skills:

Fundamentals of scent work, various organization and differences in scent work trials, terminology

Differences in hunting vs sourcing and how to train

to recognize change in your dog's behavior indication when the dog is on or at source

handling and line skills

role of handler vs dogs role as a team in Scent work.

dogs skills

recognition of birch odor and finding a single hide

independence in working away from the handler in hunting and sourcing.

Intermediate class:

honing reading the dogs behavior on odor vs odors of food, critter distractions

off leash handling skills

working different elements - container interior, exterior, vehicle, buried

Dog skills;

Searching various items and ignoring distractors

searching tight areas and corners

Hides in various heights

searching 3D

Advanced class:

Intro to handler discrimination

advanced levels of searches in each element-multiple/complex hides

"clearing" an area