



Introduction to Nosework: Mastering the Indication

Nosework is a growing sport for dog enthusiasts with multiple organizations offering the chance to compete for titles. The goal of this eight week class is to lay the foundations of all canine scent detection by establishing a solid indication of target odor. Dogs naturally know how to use their noses and search. This class will focus on teaching dogs how to tell their handlers when they have found what they are looking for by teaching them an indication behavior (sit or down with focused stare). To accomplish this, dog and handler teams will shape the indication behavior on odor obedience boxes starting with a down, then sit indication for higher hides. As teams progress, we will work on proofing the indication against distractions as well as adding in searches on multiple boxes and materials. A solid indication is the most important factor to achieve success in this sport, and once this is mastered, a dog will be able to move on to more challenging searches.

Participants will be provided with the target odor cocktail (birch, anise, clove, myrrh and vetiver) and a practice box to use at home. Home practice will be encouraged to help dogs master the techniques learned in class.

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Eight week class \$175 per dog and handler team

Thursdays 8:00PM to 9:00PM (Class size is limited)

Call for next start date and to sign up

About the Instructor:

Kathryn Butts is an avid competitor in both nosework and barn hunt. Her scottish terrier, Bentley, was the fifth dog in UKC history to achieve the EN title (Elite Nosework). Kathryn is a certifying official for UKC nosework, and assists with the training for the Canine Headquarters Nosework Club in Hutto. In her daily life, she works in public accounting. In his daily life, Bentley sleeps on pillows.

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