

NOSE WORK CLASS

TRAINING STRUCTURE AND RULES

1. The structure of the class dictates that one dog work at a time. Other dogs will remain secured or crated until their turn.
2. When you enter the search room with your dog, don't let him or her wander into the designated search area until further instruction.
3. When entering and exiting the search room, or out in the potty area, please keep dogs a safe distance from one another. No meet and greets (between dogs) please.
4. Make sure to potty dogs prior to class and possibly before each run. The nature of the work may trigger the desire to eliminate anyway. In that case, be ready to preempt the attempt but if unsuccessful, don't reprimand your dog...leave it be and we will clean up.
5. Minimize chatting during the dogs' runs.
6. Instruction may vary based on an individual dog's need.
7. The dogs will work on leash at first but may eventually work off leash.
8. If a dog solicits social contact during the search, please ignore them.
9. Please leave toys and treats in the crating area when it is not your turn so that the workspace floor is clear of distractions.
10. Be patient with your dog. Don't get frustrated.
11. Don't say "No" or "Leave it" during searches and if you need the dog to leave it, just encourage the dog to move away. Be careful not to correct the dog with the leash.
12. Please ask questions, but know that some may be tabled due to the class time frame.
13. At the discretion of the instructor, videotaping of your own dog may be allowed during runs. Please check with your instructor before posting videos online.