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Dana Zinn, CNWI, CPDT-KA **“Search Area Evaluations” Series**



Dana Zinn has been working with and training dogs since 1999. Her many years of dog training experience include working at the spcaLA as an Animal Behavior & Training Specialist. It was the time working with dogs in the shelter that drew her to the sport of K9 Nose Work®; not only for her own dogs, but for the many dogs in need of a "job" to do.

Dana was involved in the first publicly offered Nose Work class in Long Beach, CA. She not only participated but eventually assisted in instruction. From there Dana became involved in the development of the K9 Nose Work® instructor certification program. Dana was one of the first participants to be certified as an instructor for the K9 Nose Work® curriculum approved by the National Association of Canine Scent Work, LLC. She is proud to be a founding faculty member and a certifying official for sanctioned NACSW trials across the country. She recently became a Supervising Certifying Official, which means she is involved in the training of new COs for NACSW.

In regard to K9 Nose Work®, her learning never stops as she continues to teach classes, instruct at camps, and compete in trials. One of her proudest moments was placing first in the 2014 NACSW National Invitational.

Dana has participated in a variety of canine activities such as obedience, herding, agility and of course Nose Work. Dana moved from California with her family to Golden, Colorado in 2008 and has brought the sport of K9 Nose Work® with her.

Dana strives to increase her knowledge about canine behavior and instruction. She has attended and helped coordinate many seminars featuring some of the world's most sought after speakers. One of her most memorable educational experiences was working with and learning from the renowned dog behavior expert and trainer John Rogerson. She has traveled to England and Washington state to work with and assist him on many courses including his 21-day Instructors' Course.

Dana is a member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers and a member of the Colorado Trainers' Networking Group. Dana was certified as a professional dog training in 2005 by the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers (CCPDT).

Dana currently shares her life with her wonderful husband Ken, two beautiful children Jessica & Ben, and her two Labrador Retrievers.

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Amy Herot K9NW Co-Founder “Exercises from K9 Nose Work Training Camp” Series



Amy is a professional K9 trainer and handler and brings over a decade of experience to her work. She has certified teams in Narcotics and Explosives and has logged over 1500 instructional hours in detection dog training. As co-founder of K9 Nose Work, and the National Association of Canine Scent Work Association, LLC® (NACSW™), she has sought to bring that experience to companion dogs and handlers through the development of K9 Nose Work® classes and sport events.

In the canine sport world Amy has trained dogs for tracking, agility, sheepherding, protection sports, and detection. She has competed nationally with her Dutch Shepherd, Maya and took 3rd place in Narcotics Detection at the Gold Coast K9 Working Dog Trials and 1st place, open division, at the Oxnard Police K9 Foundation Inaugural Trial, 2009. Her Belgian Malinois, Seven, is a nationally certified

explosives detection dog and took 1st place in the Explosives Building Search at the 2009 Ventura County Sheriff's K9 Trial and holds an APR1 IPO title.

Amy holds a Bachelor of Science from NYU and passed national certification through the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers (CCPDT) in December 2004. Additionally, she is a graduate of the Balu Academy for Dog Trainers and is a John Rogerson associate here in the U.S.

Her professional memberships and affiliations include the Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT), Southern California Dog Trainers' Forum (SCDTF), Southern California Schutzhund Club, California Narcotics Canine Association (CNCA) and International Association of Bomb Technicians and Investigators (IABTI). Amy gives much volunteer time and expertise to the betterment of shelter dogs. Some of Amy's other achievements have been the 2007 President's Volunteer Service Award, spcaLA's 2005 Outstanding H.E.A.L. (Helping Enhance Animals Lives) Volunteer and 2006 Volunteer of the Year.

Amy is one of the country's most experienced K9 Nose Work® instructors and is a co-founder of NACSW™. In addition to teaching many of the top competitive teams, she has also reviewed hundreds of trial videos that have provided important insights into training and handling for success. Amy is owner of the Los Angeles based All Good Dogs, LLC. www.allgooddogs.biz

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Carolyn Barney CNWI, CPDT-KA “The Emotional Dog in Nose Work” - June Webinar Series



Carolyn has been training dogs and their people professionally since 1985. In 1991 she founded Gemini Dog Training, a full-service training and daycare facility and then DOGS! Learning Center in 2007. Over the years, Carolyn focused much of her time on behavior modification through private consulting and training classes. She has educated and coached owners of fearful, aggressive, reactive, and/or socially challenged dogs. Carolyn's teaching background includes: group classes and workshops on clicker training skills, reactive dog management, and a variety of dog sports that included: agility, obedience, tracking, and earthdog. Carolyn attended the first CNWI training course on the east coast and is currently teaching nose work two nights a week. Her students range from those using the activity for enrichment for dogs with behavioral challenges to those that have achieved their ELTCH and are trialing in Summit.

In November 2001, Carolyn made dog training history along with 117 other dog trainers in the USA, passing the first standardized professional certification test created by what is now known as the Certification Council of Professional Dog Trainers. For the last three decades Carolyn has trained and mentored 100's of potential dog training instructors. Many of her previous students and staff trained through her instructor programs have gone on to become Certified Pet Dog Trainers (CPDT-KA), running their own classes and businesses.

The desire for a better understanding of the canine mind and behavior has been the motivating factor in all aspects of her dog experience. Beginning with traditional training techniques, she knew there had to be a better way. Pursuing that better way has evolved into clicker training and a more thoughtful scientific and effective use of operant and classical conditioning. Carolyn believes that training and behavior modification should be safe, enjoyable, and successful for both the dog and the humans who love them. Most importantly, she maintains an open mind to new information and what every dog has to teach the human student. Carolyn has been training, competing, and titling dogs for over 35 years in obedience, conformation, tracking, agility, earth dog, and for the last decade in K9 Nose Work™. Carolyn's PRT, Steiff, earned the NW Elite title and participated in the 2014 NACSW National Invitational. Carolyn's Border Collie, Breezy, has her ELT3 title and participated in the 2017 NACSW National Invitational winning one of the searches and placing in another. Her young rescue dog, Sam, has his NW1 and is preparing for NW2 competition.

Along with her training and behavior work, Carolyn wrote Clicker Basics for Dogs and Puppies. Carolyn has 2 DVD's from the Clean Run Instructor Conference, one on Agility Foundation and one on Scaredy Dogs. Carolyn has co-taught canine cognition/behavior courses at Harvard University Extension School with Bruce Blumberg PhD, lectures to dog trainers occasionally and worked for many years as a behavior consultant for the MSPCA, providing reactive dog training classes and behavior therapy for shelter dogs and their families. She teaches multiple K9NW classes each week from beginning students to teams with their elite titles. Carolyn's full-time job is Training Director of Operation Delta Dog, a not for profit that trains shelter dogs for veterans with PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injury.

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Jean Richardson, CNWI

“Nose Work Twins and Triplets: No Problem!” - June Webinar Series



Jean is the owner of Wells Creek Dog Training on the Central Coast of Oregon and has been involved in dog training in various forms since 1984. She began training her personal dog for obedience competition at that time and has continued to learn along the way. She has competed and trained her own personal dogs to titles in AKC Obedience and Rally, Agility, Herding, Coursing, Tracking, Field Trials, Conformation and K9 Nose Work®.

Since becoming a CNWI in 2011 she has brought K9 Nose Work® to the central coast of Oregon, teaching many classes for various organizations in the area including Safe Haven Humane Society and the Emerald Dog Obedience Club. She has since gone on to become a NACSW™ Certifying Official and is now the CO Training Liaison in charge of Certifying Official education and training as well as the NACSW's National Trial Site Advisor.

Before moving to Oregon in 2008, she was an Instructor for Guide Dogs of America in Sylmar, Ca, helping to train and then pair hundreds of guide dogs with visually impaired recipients. She has also been involved in teaching obedience, puppy and reactive dog classes in Southern California as well as Oregon.

Jean and her husband currently share their home with Field Champion Heirline Five O Clock Charlie, VC RN CA TDX ELT1 L1V. Charlie has the honor of being the first Basset Hound in the country to earn a NW3 and NW3 Elite title. Field Champion Heirline Whirlybird, TD, NW2 L1I, a Basset Hound and Fasth von Herzensfreude NW3 L2C L2I, a German Shepherd.

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Barbara Schwerdt, BA, CPDT-KA, CNWI

“Considerations for Successful Hide Placement” - June Webinar Series



Barbara and her German Shepherd Landis (R.I.P.) were involved in K9 Nose Work since 2008. At the first sanctioned NW1 trial they earned “The Harry Award”, which is given to the most outstanding rescue dog that demonstrates extraordinary ability and spirit in nose work. They received a “Pronounced” designation for each of the three title levels: NW1, NW2, and NW3. Barbara and Landis were the 3rd team in the country to earn an NW3 Elite title. They qualified for the first four National Invitational events and competed in the first three, placing 2nd, 5th, and 12th. He earned his Elite 2 title before retiring. Landis was also part of the United States Naval Research Laboratory’s Odor Discrimination Study.

Barbara and her newest K9 Nose Work partner, “Cassandra Sue (Cassie)”, a Labrador Retriever/Border Collie mix, have been working together since July 2015. After nearly a year on “primary” in literally dozens of locations, Cassie has earned her L2C, L2I, NW1, NW2, and one NW3 Title to date.

In addition to her role of CO and Trial Judge, she also serves the organization as a Senior Faculty member. Barbara has been instrumental in curriculum development and education of new nose work instructors, as well as continuing education for certified instructors. In partnership with Dogs of Course, she has been a K9 Camp Instructor since the very first camp in Pennsylvania in 2010. Barbara has been invited to speak, coach, and teach seminars throughout the United States and on the east coast of Australia. Seminar topics include Trial Prep for NW1, NW2, and NW3, Converging Odor, Inaccessible Hides, Problem Solving, and the ever-popular Hide Placement. She teaches weekly K9 nose work classes for students at the NW3, Elite, and Summit levels.

By day Barbara is a full-time corporate trainer, holding the position of Director of Education and Training for a not-for-profit property management company that serves low to moderate income senior citizens, families, and the chronically-mentally ill. She holds a BA degree in Deaf Studies with a minor in Gerontology from California State University, Northridge. She worked as a nationally certified sign-language interpreter for nearly 20 years.

She shares her dog training company, Amante’ Dog Training, with her husband’s dog-walking and pet sitting business Safe at Home Pet Care. Barbara is a professional member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT), a certified member of the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers (CCPDT), The National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW), the Association for Talent Development (ATD), the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters (NAPPS), Pet Sitter’s International (PSI), AIDS LifeCycle Training Ride Leaders, and Shifting Gears Cycling Club.

She has been an avid distance cyclist since 2011 and has raised nearly \$35,000 for AIDS LifeCycle, a non-profit organization in California which provides much needed services to those infected with HIV/AIDS.

Barbara is grateful to share her life with her long-time husband, Gerry, a house cat named Parker, their little black Labrador Cassandra Sue, and Renner, the newest member of the family, a German Shepherd Guide Dog puppy.

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Dorothy Turley, CNWI, CPDT-KA “Introduction to Blank Searches” – June Webinar Series



Dorothy is a professional, full-time dog trainer in the Olympia, Washington area. Her business, Let's Talk Dogs, specializes in pet dog training, behavior issues and K9 Nose Work®. She began dog training as a hobby in 1995 and quickly became involved with rescue and education work as a volunteer. She eventually transitioned to training others and quit her day job in 2002 to pursue dog training as a full-time professional.

Dorothy teaches classes, private lessons and also hosts educational seminars and workshops. She has also traveled as the working assistant to Kathy Sdao, MS, CAAB (Bright Spot Dog Training). She is a Certified Pet Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed (CPDT-KA) and a Certified Nose Work Instructor (CNWI) and continues her education by attending seminars and workshops. She has graduated from the Dogs of Course Instructor training, CNWI instructor training and 3 sessions of Bob Bailey's "Chicken Camp."

Over the years she has also volunteered and worked at her local shelters and various rescue groups.

In early 2010 Dorothy attended her first K9 Nose Work® seminar with Ron Gaunt. She was hooked. She knew this was a great activity that she wanted to share it with her clients. She began working with her dog and car reactive dog, Zoey, and never looked back. She had no plans to compete with this particular "problem" dog so was thrilled when Zoey not only earned her NW1 title but also took first place. Dorothy is now a Supervising/Elite Certifying Official for the NACSW™. She is also an experienced trial and ORT host, National Trial Coordinator, Trial Representative and Score Room Lead for the NACSW™. She shares her life with her husband and 3 dogs (all mutts) in Rochester, Washington. She is currently trialing with her Chihuahua mix, Brigitte, at the NW3 level. Dorothy and Zoey had the honor of attending the National Invitational in November, 2017. Though mostly retired at age 14, Zoey still enjoys the occasional Summit or EST trial.