

## Schedule of Webinars for Virtual Nose Work Camp Fall 2021

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<p><b>Dorothy Turley</b> <b>The Competitive Blank Search</b> Clearing a blank search area can be tricky. This webinar will look at how to help build a team's ability to successfully navigate blank searches. Dorothy will share practical ideas and exercises designed specifically to increase the team's knowledge about blank searches for competition.</p>	<p><b>Michael McManus and Natalie McManus</b> <b>How Many Hides Did I Find? Improve your searches by improving your memory</b> We all know that a good memory is useful in nose work searches, but many handlers think they are stuck with the "bad" memory they have right now. Not so! Significant improvement in memory is possible. But, like anything, it must be practiced. Michael and Natalie will discuss games, exercises, tips and tricks for improving your memory within the search and after.</p>	<p><b>Michele Ellertson</b> <b>Rewarding Your Dog's Effort</b> In positive reinforcement training, we get more of what we reward. We like a sit? Reward the sit and it's easy to see when the dog offers it again. It's less easy to see effort when we focus on a dog solving an odor puzzle quickly, getting as close to source as possible &amp; communicating with the handler. What if we think about it like this: If we feed for the dog making an effort, we get more effort and more potential for the dog to solve the search problem. If we want our dogs to try to solve the problem or get to source, we need to put in the effort helping the dog reach his full potential. If we focus too much on perfection, we forget about all the work the dog exerted and miss the advantages of rewarding for effort. <i>(truncated)</i></p>	<p><b>Jill Marie O'Brien</b> <b>Post-trial Recovery and Re-invigoration</b> Trialing can be a fun, scary, exciting, as well as an exhausting endeavor. Regardless of the experience level of the dog, handler, or trial outcome, processing the impact that trialing has on the team can help with creating a strategy for the critical days post trial. Jill Marie will look at how to make the days after a trial productive, recuperative, and reinvigorating no matter the outcome of your most recent trialing adventure. Jill Marie will identify potential post-trial fallout that can influence the team's skills and confidence. She'll then share a few exercises and ideas to support post-trial recovery and rebuilding so the time between trials is productive and sets the tone for the next competitive experience. <i>(truncated)</i></p>	<p><b>Jason Heng</b> <b>Escape the Trapping</b> Implementation of practical tactics for assessment and escape from "pooling" or "trapping" odor. Jason will explore the most common categories of trapping odor and how to analyze and implement possible escape tactics for each scenario. By breaking down the most common cases, we give ourselves the best chance to implement tactics in competitive situations. For example: Wind-driven pooling is a common trap we will review; where the odor is continually pushed into an area and the dog/handler team can feel trapped in limbo generally ending in false alerts. Learn strategies for escaping, trapping and pooling odor scenarios &amp; how to practice trapping odor so dog and handler are familiar with the conundrum.</p>	<p><b>Amy Herot</b> <b>Leash Handling for Competition</b> The leash has many functions in the relationship between dog and handler. As a tether to the handler, it can provide security, limit exploration and chasing or be too restrictive in the context of nose work. The timed search in a competition creates a situation in which use of leash technique may be employed to provide aid to the search for efficiency and safety. Knowing when and why to apply particular leash skills, or back off the pressure, or go off leash is a must for the competition minded handler. This webinar will review tactical strategies for leash skills and how to balance the use of technique in certain settings with the independent learning that must also happen in training.</p>
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<p><b>Tuesday, November 16</b> <b>5:30 PM EST/2:30 PM PST</b></p> <p><b>Sue Sternberg</b> <b>Everything but the Kitchen Sync</b> Matching your dog's speed, pace &amp; momentum is not only important for supporting your dog's search &amp; direction choices, but when your team is out of sync, missteps can occur. Join Sue to see if you can spot the out-of-sync moments!</p>		<p><b>Wednesday, November 17</b> <b>5:30 PM EST/2:30 PM PST</b></p> <p><b>Amy Herot</b> <b>What's Your Tell-Tail?</b> Join Amy Herot for a fun and fascinating look at dogs' tails when at source. What are they telling us with their tail?</p>		<p><b>Thursday, November 18</b> <b>5:30 PM EST/2:30 PM PST</b></p> <p><b>Sue Sternberg</b> <b>Danger, Danger, Will Robinson</b> Your dog perks his ears forward and stares out—is he watching a butterfly? Or is he tracking a person, and will he decide the person is a threat? Can you tell the difference between staring with wholesome thoughts vs staring due to a threat or danger?</p>	

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<p><b>Gail McCarthy</b> <b>Building Search-Duration in Our Nose Work Dogs</b> The concept of “search-duration” in Nose Work dogs is multi-faceted. The concept includes “duration” with regard to a dog’s “staying at source,” to continuing to work when no hides are quickly found, &amp; to a dog’s willingness to stay engaged when working out complicated search problems. “Search-duration” also includes a dog’s ability to eagerly hunt though out an entire trial day &amp; maintaining this willingness to hunt throughout his search career. Handlers, too, experience “search-duration” when their dog does not quickly locate target odor or if the dog takes too long to solve a search problem. Developing “search-duration” is something each handler should factor into their training program. <i>(truncated)</i></p>	<p><b>Leah Gangelhoff</b> <b>Sorting It Out!</b> As dogs progress in their journey toward Elite, it is critical that we give them exposure in training to exercises that allow them the time to learn and build complex sorting skills. As our dogs are gaining familiarity through repetition and building an understanding of this important skill, we can be sharpening our observation skills as handlers. Once we begin to recognize how our dogs actually "sort out" the scent picture, this can help us know how to best support them in a blind search. This webinar is a wonderful adjunct to any Elite training program.</p>	<p><b>Dana Zinn</b> <b>Making the Most of Your Virtual Walk-Thru Videos</b> Now that we no longer have in-person walk-thrus at trials, it’s more essential than ever that we make the most of our virtual walk thru videos. Even though it’s a different experience, it’s still a valuable tool to help us evaluate and plan for trial searches. In this webinar we will discuss: search area evaluation, areas/objects your dog may use to gather information, entrances and exits and their potential effect on odor movement, choosing the right leash, running on or off leash, if given the option, making the most of debrief videos. We will look at videos, evaluate the areas, watch teams work them, and then look at debrief videos to complete the picture</p>	<p><b>Tim Lewis</b> <b>Making Sense of NW Scents</b> As it happens, most of scent work is brain work. Unfortunately, our brains do not actually function the way we think they do because brains lie. In this webinar, we will look at how evolution shaped the canine brain, and ours too. Knowing what tricks brains are up to, and why they lie to us, will help you improve in nosework. We will look at how distractors affect the brain, and how filtering (from search images to confirmation biases) help and hurt you and your dog’s training. We will discuss nose and brain parts as well as how they function from how scents themselves are received by neurons to their processing in the brain. And we will do all this in a way you can remember and learn to use.</p>	<p><b>Carolyn Barney</b> <b>Holistic Approach to Problem Solving in NW</b> “Fixing” (or avoiding) an unwanted behavior takes the ability to systematically analyze, isolate, &amp; design a training protocol for both dog and trainer/handler. A holistic approach looks more closely at factors that play a role in the problem behavior beyond the specific action presented. It takes into account: who dogs are, the dog’s training history &amp; skill level, and the behavior, perspective and abilities of the trainer/handler. Carolyn will use a behavior analysis approach to look at how to break down the unwanted behavior and build a training program specific for the team. Carolyn will present a variety of typical problems from diagnosis to a training program for improvement. <i>(truncated)</i></p>	<p><b>Sue Sternberg</b> <b>Anatomy of a False Alert</b> In this presentation, we will dissect the innards and major organs of The False-Alert. By studying, under the nose work microscope, the dog’s symptoms, along with (and even more importantly) the handler’s symptoms, we can find the most common causes of the dreaded-but-curable disease we all know of as The False Alert. In this presentation, participants can expect to find a treatment 95% effective at preventing The False Alert, and 100% guaranteed to either prevent or at least improve your ability to diagnose it in the early stages, where it is far more treatable.</p>
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<p><b>Friday, November 19</b> <b>5:30 PM EST/2:30 PM PST</b></p> <p><b>Sue Sternberg</b> <b>Orientation</b> What is meant by “orientation”? Orientation is when the handler’s hips, shoulders and head are aimed at and focused on the dog during the search. Video examples so you can guess at what the handler’s orientation might be saying to the dog, and then guess as to whether or not the handler wanted to say that!</p>		<p><b>Saturday, November 20</b> <b>5:30 PM EST/2:30 PM PST</b></p> <p><b>Host: Sue Sternberg</b> <b>Fun-Raising with the Staff!</b> Trivia fun for charity with your Virtual Camp Staff! Sue will moderate this silly game that will benefit an animal charity. Watch teams of Virtual NW Camp staff go head-to-head on answering Nose Work and dog trivia questions. The staff team with the most points wins \$250 for the charity of their choice.</p>		<p><b><i>We hope you enjoyed the Virtual Nose Work Camp Fall 2021!</i></b></p>	