

## Schedule of Webinars for Virtual Nose Work Camp Winter 2023

**Tuesday, February 21, 2023 – Sunday, February 26, 2023**

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<p><b>Ch-ch-changes! So Much to See, So Little Time</b> <b>Dorothy Turley</b> One of the secrets of a successful search is the handler's ability to see and quickly respond to the dog's changes of behavior. And yet, when asked what they want to work on at camp or a coaching session, handlers most frequently list "reading my dog better." During this webinar, Dorothy will discuss changes of behavior as they relate to trained odor and go over ideas and strategies for improving the handler's ability to see and interpret what is happening while the dog is searching.</p>	<p><b>The Proof is in the Placement</b> <b>Lauralea Oliver</b> Use proofing techniques to help your dog gain a clearer scent picture to avoid false positives and other errors. This talk addresses some of the errors which occur in training and in trial when the dog may have a muddy idea of target odor. Using non-target items such as museum putty, blank tins, and clean cotton swabs added into searches can help to overcome some of these sources of confusion for the dog. Human odor in a search area will also be addressed as it relates to dogs tracking to source and residual human odors in the environment.</p>	<p><b>Close Encounters</b> <b>Silke Wittig</b> Encountering close proximity hides can be a struggle for teams that have not learned to identify and sort through the complex merging scent plumes. Often these scent problems are confusing and nearby hides can be left behind. If you are unsure if your dog is trapped in pooling odor or actually working another hide, join Silke as she explores these alien hide configurations and offers training solutions for every experience level, from basic to advanced.</p>	<p><b>Team Trial Prep – the Beforehand and the Aftermath</b> <b>Julie Riekes</b> What factors do you need to consider to make sure you get your peak performance at trial? What processes do you need to put in place to provide the structure and build the confidence for success? Julie will explore the specifics that go into preparing for a trial...for both yourself and your canine, and the analysis and learning that comes from that trial experience...no matter what level you are competing at.</p>	<p><b>Searching on the Edge</b> <b>Jill Marie O'Brien</b> Building odor obedience instead of object obedience can be a key component in ensuring that our canine teammate is not just relying on what they see associated with the search, but following the scent to the source. This can be crucial when working on specific challenges such as trapping, pooling, converging or any variety of abstract odor pictures our dogs may confront in the face of the search. We'll go through steps to improving your dogs ability to go beyond the obvious to solve more complex odor problems, and to help handlers know when their dogs offering the most for any given hide within any given search.</p>	<p><b>Found it!</b> <b>Michele Ellertson</b> You say "search." Your dog proceeds to hunt for odor, she recognizes odor, she navigates the odor cone, she decides she has found it, then she communicates it with you. All of these stages should be reinforced through the process of training but arguably the most important and perhaps most difficult one is the Decision moment. This is because it is mostly invisible to us as it's an internal process within the dog. But this is the markable moment, the moment she decides she is correct and the moment before she "alerts" to the handler. What do we see? Let's take a look at what the decision moment actually looks like, with the goal of being able to call even more accurate alerts and build our dog's confidence.</p>
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<p><b>Setting the Stage</b> <b>Amy Herot</b> What's the plot line for your searches? Do you set the stage for meaningful training sessions? Just like a great theatrical production, the layers of a thoughtful training session play with the expectations of the dog to build interest, action, discovery, and end with a conclusion. Searching with purpose and forethought will build a blockbuster search dog that does not want the action to end. This webinar will discuss how to set the stage to keep your dog engaged, learning, and expecting the unexpected. Join Amy at the Virtual Nose Work Camp theatre right in your own home and become the writer and director of your search dog's training! Popcorn not included.</p>	<p><b>Little Things Do Matter: Attention to Detail in Interior Searches</b> <b>Laurel Scarioni</b> No two search areas are exactly the same. Each combination of air flow, objects, and hide placement creates a unique odor puzzle. Interior search areas can present especially complex air flows that teams must learn to work through. This session will explore how the details of interior searches affect odor movement and how to use this understanding to build a stronger search team.</p>	<p><b>Building Your Next Search Dog</b> <b>Barbara Schwerdt</b> We all want the talented dog that can search in any environment with confidence and clarity. So how do we make sure each dog gets the experience and exposure needed for the job? Barbara will look at the skills your K9 partner needs to become a successful search dog and how most, if not all of those skills, can be developed while your dog is working for primary. Hear from other seasoned handlers and instructors that are now working their 3rd and 4th (or more!) nose work dogs as to why they have chosen to extend that training time on primary from 6 weeks, to six months or more. Barbara will share her personal and professional "ah-ha" moments as they relate to building strong, resilient search dogs ready for any situation. She will also offer guidelines on how to evaluate your dog's skills and preparation for the next stages of training. Using PowerPoint slides, videos, and discussion, she will explore the value of searching for primary to build an environmentally resilient search dog.</p>	<p><b>Searching High and Low</b> <b>Carolyn Barney</b> High and low hide placement in the same search can happen at all levels of competition that have multiple hides. These hide placement configurations can be relatively "easy" at lower levels and then the challenges escalate as the number of hides and height increases and/or proximity decreases. High/low hide placement can be confusing for dog and handler when the odors overlap and one "falls on" another. Carolyn will discuss the many facets of these scent pictures, show some typical search patterns/behaviors to watch for, and how well planned hide placement in training can provide the dog and handler with the experience needed to identify, interpret, sort and solve these searches. Join Carolyn for a look at how to increase your dog's ability to work these problems and your ability to read them under pressure.</p>	<p><b>Supporting the Search</b> <b>Gail McCarthy</b> Competition can be stressful. Being on deck in time. Getting to the search area with all the right equipment. Worrying about your dog's performance. Remembering where you and your dog have been and how many hides were found. The list of things that can add stress is long. For this webinar, Gail has selected a few things to explore that you can do to help take a little of the stress off you and your dog when competing. Join her for some tips and tricks to support your team's search.</p>	<p><b>Making the Most of Training on Your Own</b> <b>Dana Zinn</b> Many of us spend most of our time setting our own hides and training on our own. Join Dana for this discussion on how to make the most of your time working solo - whether it's just for fun or preparing for competition. We will discuss handling, hide placement, search areas, and the challenge of blind searches when most of what we do in training are known.</p>
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