K9 Nose Work® Training Camp

Camp Friendship, Palmyra, VA
April 5-9, 2025
Saturday - Wednesday

Dear Camper,

With camp just a couple of weeks away, I hope you are as excited about coming as the staff is to have you! We are thrilled to have you join us. Please read all the enclosed information carefully so you are prepared for camp. We know it is LONG but take the time as there is lots of important info in this letter.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. There are many links in this letter to other information. Please print the info and bring with you as we are limiting the printed handouts etc.

Important Links and Documents Referenced in this Letter:

- VA Camp 2025 Resources Page
  - Demonstration Dog Sign Up
  - Discussion Group Sign Up
  - Arrival Time for Campers
  - Local Amenities and Emergency Information
- K9 Nose Work Training Camp VA 2025 Facebook Page
- COVID-19, Flu and General Health Policies
- COVID-19 Refund Policy
- Fundraiser: The Richmond Animal Care and Control
- Camp Friendship Website

IMPORTANT Misc. Info:

- We will have a **mandatory all-camp meeting** right after lunch on Sat. April 5th about searching at the equestrian center and the rules for driving there as well as any other transportation issues to get you to your searches.

- **We NEED VEHICLES** to search! At this time only a handful of people offered their vehicles for searching. We do not have enough vehicles for our three search locations. We very much need vehicles from those *staying at the camp* but can also use vehicles from commuters. If a commuter, we will work out crating for your dog etc. If you loan your vehicle, we will make sure you get it back when needed for the equestrian center searches and we will have an outside crating area by the dining hall for your dog. Help us so everyone can have fun searching multiple vehicles. Please fill out form by end of the day, Fri. 3/21/25 Vehicle Loaner Form

- In 2024 there was mattress damage from our group from letting dogs on the mattresses without proper protection. Nail scratches. The extra mattresses will be put on the top bunks when possible. Please do not take down unless you need them and/or flip extra mattresses up to avoid damage. Do not allow your dog on the mattresses (sleep with you) without lots of protection! You are responsible for all damage.

COVID/Healthy Camp Preparation:

- Before coming to camp please make sure you do not have COVID, with either a rapid test or a PCR test. You will be sent a COVID check-in waiver approximately 10 days before the start of camp.
- Please reread the COVID/Flu Policies and Guidelines and COVID/Flu refund policy sections on the website.
- To best guard against infection, we ask that you please limit your unmasked interaction in public on your trip to Camp and during Camp. We hope that you will get take-out vs. eating in restaurants to minimize exposure.
- Our goal is to provide a safe environment where we can all feel comfortable, and where risk is minimized, while still enjoying the camp experience. Your support and cooperation are important to each of us.

Registration Check-in:

- **Logistics Team Members:** Arrive on *Friday, April 4, 2025, at 10:30AM*. Go through the main gate and park across from the Camp Friendship office to take your COVID test and do any additional paperwork. Steve Stirrat and/or Kathy Pierce will meet you there. If you do not see them, please text and/or call Kathy Pierce at (770) 402-1901 Please read the rest of this letter in addition to the arrival info as it also relates to you.
- **Regular Campers and Auditors Arrive:** Saturday, April 5, 2024, between **9:30am – 11:30am at assigned staggered times**. You will come to the main entrance unless you are driving an RV. Your assigned time relates to your cabin assignments and the fact that there is limited parking. Commuters must also check in during this time frame and will come in last so we can park them appropriately. Please refer the "Arrival Time for Campers" document on the camp resources page for your time slot. Please do not get in line early or arrive late. If your dog needs to be walked, plan to stop before arriving at the camp to take care of that.
- **RV Campers Special Entrance:** Saturday, April 5, 2024, 10:00am. RV Campers will get emailed alternate directions at least 7 days before camp. You must go to the equestrian entrance which is where your RV will be parked for the week. Someone will meet you at that location to show you where to park.
- **Registration Process:**
    - Expect that the registration process will take about 20-25 minutes from your car. Please stay in your cars until the COVID test result is negative.
    - A staff member will greet you at your car. AT THAT TIME, the staff member, or one of our medical team members, will ask you to self-administer one of the *COVID rapid tests you have brought from home,* while in their presence. Please do NOT start it before you check in and someone is there to watch you/help you.
    - While you are waiting, you will get your packet of camp information including: your group info, schedule, **any additional orientation info,** housing assignment, map, how to get to your cabin to unpack, and where to park once you are settled in. A Camp Friendship staff member will most likely take you to your cabin. So, while you are waiting, you will have lots to do!
    - **This letter serves as your orientation,** along with a reminder/additional orientation handout you will receive while waiting for your COVID test results. You need to read THIS LETTER and your additional orientation info before you attend your training group meeting.
    - Once you have a clear health check, we will take your crate and chair from you as well as any other loaner items. PLEASE PACK YOUR DOG CRATE AND CHAIR so it will be very easy to get out of the car without unpacking.
    - If you test positive, another test can be taken to confirm. If still positive, you will be directed to leave camp.
    - *I am sorry but we cannot accommodate early arrivals, so please arrive at your designated time frame.* You may want to, or need to, get to the general area the night before camp starts so you can arrive on time.
    - You will have ample time to get settled in your cabins, unpack, and get yourself and your dog(s) acclimated to camp.
    - We will be serving lunch at from 12:00 noon to 12:45pm and camp meeting from 12:45 – 1:15pm with your first training session beginning at 2:00 for your group meeting and then class will start immediately after that - approximately 30 minutes later.

Unloading at your Cabin/Room:

Once we give you your cabin assignment, you will be able to drive your car around the camp to unload near your cabin/room. Some people will have longer walks than others. A dolly or wagon may be helpful. When unloading, please make sure there is space for other vehicles to get by. It may be best to drop all your stuff near your cabin, then move your car to your designated parking area if the road is tight near your cabin.

Parking:

- **Parking for those staying at Camp:** You will be shown or told where to park. Parking will be spread out in a number of locations on the camp property. Some Campers will be able to park at or near their cabins.
- If you have a **handicapped parking plate,** please let us know no later than March 27th so we will do our best to assign you parking as close to your cabin, search areas or the dining hall as possible.
- **Parking for Vehicles Loaned for Searches:** If you are loaning us your vehicle for searching, your car will be parked at designated search areas. You will be told at check-in where to either park your car yourself or

where to meet someone to take your car to park it. At that time, you will give your keys to Steve Stirrat (Logistics Team Member supervising the vehicles) or another designated LTM.

- **Commuter Parking:** Commuters will park either near the dining hall or near in a nearby field area. Your designated parking area may change. We will provide you with a document/directions when you arrive at Camp. **Commuters with dogs:** Plan to bring your own shade and cooling cloths, fans, or other items to keep your dogs comfortable as commuter parking may not be shady. Dogs will be kept in vehicles during meals, breaks, and activities without dogs. Please plan accordingly so that your dog will be safe and comfortable. NEW this year: We will have an outside crating area near the dining hall for quiet non-reactive dogs for when you are at meals or if you loaned us your vehicle.

Campers Leaving Procedure:

- Cabins must be swept out (dirt and dog hair), all furniture moved back in the location you found it, and all garbage taken outside to a proper receptacle. The camp should provide brooms. If your cabin does not have a broom, ask your neighbor. Campers that leave their cabins requiring excessive cleaning, or cabins that are damaged, will be charged accordingly. You will have an opportunity to check for existing damage to your cabin. Please talk with Steve Stirrat or Kathy Pierce so that it will be noted upon arrival. Photos are encouraged of significant existing damage.
- All on-site campers need to check out by turning around your cabin door sign with your name on it in the holder, so the name does not show. This will tell our Logistics Team that you have left so we can check your cabin to make sure that you have taken all your belongings, and your dog has not caused any damage: this includes ripped or damaged screens/screen doors and scratched doors etc.
- **PLEASE PACK BEFORE YOU MOVE YOUR CAR NEAR YOUR CABIN. You may not be able to get all the way to your cabin.**
- You will be allowed to drive up to or closer to your cabins to load from 6:00am – 10:30am on Wednesday, April 9.
- If you are leaving early (Tuesday afternoon/night), please let Kathy Pierce know. Pack and clean your room first and then move your car closer to your cabin.
- Please do not block the camp roads. PLEASE do not move your car the night before and park it near your cabin. Respect the property and do not drive in areas where you will cause damage.

Saturday Afternoon & Evening:

12:00 – 12:45pm: Lunch will be served in the dining hall with additional seating outside. You are welcome to eat outside or at your cabin.

12:45 – 1:15pm: There will be a required “all camp” meeting in the Flag Room Dining Hall

2:00pm: Training Group meeting at your first training location. Bring your dog so you can start class right after the meeting. Your dog must be crated and quiet during the meeting. At your training group meeting, you will talk with your first instructor and other group members so you can get to know each other, and your instructor can take down basic information on you and your dog for all the instructors to share.

Auditors are welcome to join a training group and share information about themselves. Auditors will not have a separate group meeting.

Approx. 2:30 – 4:45pm: A 2 ¼ hour long training session. A great way to start camp.

6:00 – 6:45pm: Dinner

After Dinner: Time to settle in and relax with your dog after a travel and training day. Shop at the camp store after dinner.

11:00am – 7:00pm: We have a Self-Serve Sniff for extra searching before or after class. More info available at camp.

Camp Schedule:

- You will receive a detailed camp schedule at registration.
- At the end of class, expect to pack up your crate and dog to move to another search location which is often in the same basic area.
- There is a 1 ¼ hour break at lunchtime. Lunch is served from 11:45am – 12:30pm.
- We will have other activities that don't include your dog. This is a good time to let your dog rest while you learn more about Nose Work or have some non-doggy fun.
- On Tuesday night we will have a Farewell Dinner with thank you time and the Camp slideshow. Please plan to join in.
- You will be given your working group assignment at registration. The working groups have been divided based on multiple criteria. We have considered many factors including: your dog's strengths and weak areas, your dog's working style, your dog's experience level, your level of experience, and your goals for camp. As with any camp, class, or working seminar, there will be variability within each group. Your instructor will do her/his best to accommodate variations within each group. If you have concerns after you meet and train with your group, please see Dana Crevling.
- This year we are having a Social and Game Night. Join us to paint rocks (we supply the rocks and paint pens), play games, work on a jigsaw puzzle or just hang out. If you have a short easy to learn game you want to bring, you are welcome to do so.

Dog Crate Shuttle System:

- To make camp life a bit easier for our campers, we will be providing LIMITED transportation for your dog's portable folding crate and regular size folding camp chairs so you may not need to lug your crate from one end of the camp to the other. You are expected to move your gear for shorter area changes.
- At registration, you will drop off your crate/chair and our camp Logistics Team will bring your item(s) to the drop off point for each work area. When you get to the work area, you will gather up your crate and bring it to the specific search area for your group. There may be more than one group sharing a drop off/pick-up location. Once you are finished training your dog for the day or when you are getting help with moving, you will fold your crate back up and return it to the drop off area so our camp helpers can move it for the next day. Crates moved at the end of the day will be covered with a tarp, put under cover, or kept in a van at night. Your crate might get damp/wet depending on the weather. This system may be adjusted to best manage the equipment. A final shuttle plan will be discussed if there are significant changes.
- Chairs will be provided at inside demo/discussion group locations but most likely will not be available at the working stations or outside demos. If you want a chair at the search areas plan to put it in the Crate System or carry yourself.
- Fabric crates are appreciated IF the dog can SAFELY be contained. Fabric crates will be easier for the L Team and you to move.
    - Only use fabric crates if you know the dog is good in one vs. trying it at Camp for first time.
    - Reactive dogs should still be in wire crates with covers. Please don't use fabric for them.
- You may elect to use the system or carry your own crate and chair.
- When you register at camp, we will provide you with a tag to identify your property. However, we suggest that you put your name on your items before you leave home in case the tag provided falls off or is damaged.
- Our Logistics Team will do their best to handle your belongings carefully, but we cannot be responsible for damage.
- Each camper is responsible for transporting training bags or other items so a portable dolly that can roll over dirt roads and uneven ground may be helpful.

Shade and Crating:

- At each workstation, there will be a crating area. We will try to have the crating areas under trees, or possibly under easy-up tents if weather is extreme and crating is out in the open. Please plan to bring a reflective shade cloth or sheet to cover your crate to ensure your dog is out of the sun if needed. A cover is also important for dogs that get over stimulated or just to give your dog some privacy.

- Because you will be moving from station to station around the spread-out camp property, we don't suggest people bring individual tents for personal use as your dog needs to be at the specific work area that will change from session to session and day to day. We hope you will share your tent with others by providing it for use by the camp.
- A portable battery-operated fan might be helpful to keep your dog cool in the crate if the weather forecast is for warm weather.

Setting Your Own Hides:
Please do NOT set your own hides of any kind on the camp property. With all of the dogs coming and going we do not want confusion or dogs accidentally ignoring odor or searching for residual odor when moving around camp. This includes other odors, as well as HRD, and other types of search training. If you want to set your own hides, please leave the camp/host property completely.

Food:
- Our first all-camper meal will be lunch on Saturday, April 5th and the last meal will be breakfast on Wednesday, April 9th.
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be served buffet style in the dining hall at designated times. Eating meals will be your choice of inside, outside or "to go."
- There will also be water and snacks left out most days if you need something between meals.
- We are excited about the menu at this camp and hope you will enjoy it. See menu on resource page.
- If you are a vegetarian (no meat or fish but will eat dairy), vegan (no animal products at all), gluten or dairy free diet, the camp will either indicate food you can eat or make you a special meal if needed or supplemented food for every meal. If you requested one of these alternative meals, you would be expected to eat that way all camp to be fair to the chef who is taking extra time to shop for and cook something just for you. Please talk to the chef if you have questions.
- We are sorry, but we cannot cater to more specific/specialized dietary restrictions than the alternatives listed above. Campers should plan to supplement their meals as needed/desired to meet your own special needs or preferences.
- There is a shopping area within 15 minutes of Camp Friendship in Zion Crossroads, VA. You may want to plan to shop before you get to camp.
- **Refrigeration is available for campers.** There is a huge walk-in cooler right outside the dining hall. Please put your name on your items. You may also want to bring a plug-in cooler or ice chest to keep things cool in your cabin. Ice will be available at the dining hall.

Water/Beverages:
- Special drinks will not be provided, so please plan to bring your own if you want soda, etc.
- Please be sure to have plenty of water readily available throughout the day for you and your dog. Bring a refillable bottle or a case of water with you. You can purchase water at one of the local supermarkets.
- For the Social night and Farewell Dinner, you are welcome to BYOB and your own cups. Adult beverages need to be transferred to generic cups before bringing inside due to VA liquor laws. See more info "What to Bring."
- No adult beverages until after all dog training classes are finished.

Photos:
- Campers may take photographs of their friends and themselves for their personal use.
- Please do not take photos of people you do not know or the instructor working without permission if you hope to post/share them.
- We are happy for you to post appropriate photos on social media sites as long as all parties in the photograph have given you permission to post their image and the specific photograph. This includes permission from the instructor/staff member who has seen the specific photo and approved it.
- **Please** share your photos on our special private FB page just for us. See more below.
- Camp representatives may take photos for historical, posting, and promotional reasons.
- Dana will be taking photos to post on the FB page and her files.

- Dana would love it if you shared some of your special camp photos for the Dogs of Course photo library, and to use for futures camps, promotion, and advertising.
- We have an official Camp photographer for this year!

Camp Photographer

We are excited to announce that Alyssia Greiner of Flash of Paws Photography will be attending camp and taking photographs of you and your dog. Alyssia is an avid dog sport competitor with a lot of canine experience. You may e-mail her before camp or talk with her at Camp to see if she can accommodate a portrait session at flashofpaws@gmail.com. Alyssia is expected to have information at/near the info table in the dining hall.

Video or Audio Taping:

- Working campers may take videos of their own dog working for personal use by their friends and themselves *under the following circumstances.*
    - Videoing your dog working is at the discretion of the instructor.
    - Video/s may not be posted on a public website such as YouTube for public viewing without permission from the Camp and the instructor. Your dog's training and lessons at Camp are for you, not for the masses or for business purposes.
    - Please do not give others permission to video you and your dog to use for their purposes. Again, camp lessons are for the individual's personal learning not for others education or entertainment.
- No video or audio taping of lectures, classes or instructor discussion in the groups please.
- Please do not take video of others working their dogs unless you are specifically doing so for THAT person running the dog and are using their camera.
- There will be some videotaping done by the instructors and staff for educational and historical purposes and video may be taken of each camper for our private FB page.
- If you have questions, please talk with Dana Crevling.

Cell Phones and Wi-Fi:

The camp owner reports no problem with AT&T, but Verizon coverage can be spotty. We cannot attest to the signal strength or other carriers. Please know that we are in the mountains and at a children's camp so these services may be limited and cannot be guaranteed. You may find reception is better in some areas of camp over others.

Wi-Fi will be available for our group. Wi-Fi may only be available in certain places around camp. We will let you know and give you any Wi-Fi log in passwords, if needed, at camp. Check the info table in the dining hall as well as the Camp FB page.

Facebook Communication:

We will be using a special Facebook page to communicate and share photos and experiences during Camp. Dana and the staff will put reminders, announcements, photos and fun info on this page. All campers and staff are welcome to share here. Please sign up for our private group on Facebook at K9 Nose Work Training Camp VA 2025. Link is at the beginning of the letter and on resource page.

Housing Considerations and Preparation:

- At camper registration, we will give you your cabin assignments. We have done our best in getting you the lodging you requested. Cabins are not heated but the camp will provide an electric heater for your cabin. Please only use the ones they provide for safety reasons. Please do not leave the heater on when you are not in the room. Also plan to bring warm clothing, blankets, or sleeping bags. Electric blankets for the beds are welcome. If cold the camp can provide more blankets for you.
- If it is hot (outside or in your room) you will want to bring your own fan for the room and have the ability to dress in layers.
- Floors are generally wood. No carpeting.
- The cabins do not have doors that lock. If you have valuables, please make sure they are safe in the car or put away in the room. We have never had any theft, but it is good to be careful.

Traffic:

- **General:** *The camp is a non-driving camp.* The roads that weave through the camp will be used for staff vehicles to move equipment. Please plan accordingly. The exception this year will be driving up to the Equestrian Center when you are scheduled to be there.
- **Commuters:** Please do not drive your vehicles around the property during the day. Please stay in your designated parking area for the day. This may mean walking to meals from your parking location.
- **If you need to move your car, please drive VERY slowly.**

Linens:
Campers are expected to bring their own linens and pillow. Beds in the cabins are twin bunk beds. Most are not movable for safety reasons. Best to plan on bringing two flat sheets so that you can tuck in any excess.

Smoking:
Camp Friendship has agreed to be a restricted smoking facility for our group. All smoking must be done in designated area(s) away from the woods or dried leaves and *never* inside or directly outside a building or structure. All cigarette waste must be disposed of in designated containers. Violation of these rules is grounds for dismissal without refund. Smoking area(s): Outside dining area away from building in marked area. **These limitations include electric cigarettes and vaping.**

Auditors:
- Campers who register as auditors are allowed to attend all sessions and move from group to group as long as they do not create a distraction or disturbance. Auditors are allowed to watch but will not participate in the training or other dog related activities. **During working sessions, we ask that auditors hold questions as it takes away from and interferes with the working campers' time.** Instructors will remind auditors to hold questions until after class or for another time.
- Auditors are welcome to ask questions during the demonstrations and discussion groups.
- Auditors must leave their dog(s) home.
- Anyone that stays on camp property and is not working a dog is considered an auditor.

CEUs:
- NACSW™ and CCPDT CEUs are entered online. Please check your instructor portal or membership account on the NACSW™ and CCPDT websites two – three weeks after camp.
- KPA-CTP CEU codes will be sent to campers via email two – three weeks after camp.

Shopping:
- A small camp store will be open at the end of the lunch or dinner times for the first 3 days of camp. See schedule.
- Cash or checks are preferred, and those purchases will be checked out at the time of selection. Please bring multiple checks for the camp store and for the raffle. All credit card payments will be invoiced via PayPal and the camper will pay on-line.
- Credit Card orders should be available for pick up the morning after payment has been made if immediate payment is not available via the PayPal app.
- We request that campers do not promote, advertise, or sell items at camp. See fundraiser below if you have an item or business, you would like others to know about.

Fundraiser:
- At Dogs of Course events, including K9NW Training Camp, we have a tradition of helping those less fortunate. Most often it is a dog-related charity or of humanitarian interest. The recipient of this year's raffle will be the Richmond Animal Care and Control.
- This year, tickets for the items can be purchased by check or cash only via a self-serve system. Directions will be given at the raffle area. The raffle winners will be announced at the Farewell Dinner on Tuesday night.
- Thank you to those campers that have offered to donate an item. Please bring your item with you to our first day lunch and drop them at the raffle area. Please put your name on it so we know who donated. **If you would like to bring an item but did not originally volunteer, it is not too late.** Popular items include dog

toys, nose work related items, general interest items, gift cards, gift certificates etc. If you can provide a basket or other way to show your item that would be appreciated. Items may be combined. *New items please.*

- ***We will have a gift card tree. We need gift cards to put on the tree.***
- Donating an item is a great way for you to promote your business. We allow business cards and/or small samples to be displayed with the donated item. No pricing sheets or catalogs.

Demo Dog Sign Up:
Silke Wittig will be running a demonstration titled "Elevated Hides – an exercise in observation and training" During this demo, we will look at several types of elevated hides and observe how different dogs solve the scent puzzles, based on size, experience and odor behavior. We will also discuss how to set up the training to educate dogs and handlers that a hide may be above their head.
The sign-up form is available on the **VA Camp 2025 Resources Page**. Please review the instructions on the form to determine if your dog is a good fit for the demonstration.

- Demonstration time: Sunday 11:00AM. Arrive at 10:45 AM after class ends. (Camp photo afterwards)
- Deadline for signing up is 3/21

Jean Richardson will be running a demonstration titled "Creative Containers". Spend some time with Jean to get some ideas on fun and interesting ways to set and work containers to keep you and your dog interested and learning for competition! We will demo different set ups of containers including unconventional placements, hides at the threshold or end of rows, with distractors, random setups and how do you keep track of where you have been!

- Demonstration time: Monday 11:00AM. Arrive at 10:45 AM after class ends.
- Deadline for signing up is 3/21

Visitors:
We do not allow visitors or day guests to camp. Please do not invite visitors. If you have a special circumstance, please speak to Dana about it prior to camp.

Veterinary Clinics, Grocery Store, and Hospital:
A list of local amenities and emergency facilities near Camp Friendship is available on the **VA Camp 2025 Resources Page**. Emergency response is available at camp if needed. The camp is in a rural area so please plan to get supplies before you come to camp.

Community Supplies:
Thank you to all campers who offered to bring tents, ex-pens and allow us to use their vehicle for searching. We wrote you separately about your offered item.

What to Bring:

- **Two COVID Rapid Tests – one will be used at check in, in the presence of a staff member.** The second test should be saved in case you need it during camp.
- **Masks** – Please bring at least one mask per day to cover your nose and mouth IF needed when inside. Masking MAY be required while in line for your meals, getting your meals, indoor searching, inside demonstrations and discussion groups. The masking policy will depend on the COVID rate and the weather. We did not have mandatory masking for the 2023 camps, but we would like you to be prepared if something changes.
- **Hand Sanitizer**
- **Multiple checks and cash** for shopping and the raffle.
- **Comfortable clothing, sensible shoes, robe, flip flops for the shower area, boots and rain gear, sunglasses, sun hat, warm hat** – – Plan for warm and cool weather. Typically, days will be sweatshirt weather. At night, it can get *cold* so bring warm layers and/or a fall/winter jacket. Campers are required to wear sturdy closed toe flat shoes during training time. Sneakers, work shoes etc. are best. Closed toe sports sandals with closed backs like Keens are also fine for training if you don't like sneakers. The pool will be closed, and we ask that people do not swim in the lake as we won't have a lifeguard available.
- **Don't need nicer clothing** – We will have a farewell dinner; you can dress up or come as you are.

- **Personal toiletries** – bath soap, hand soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, shaving kits, hair dryer, and whatever else you may need.
- **Flashlight, sunscreen, etc.**
- **Tick and mosquito/bug repellent**
- **Fan, reading light, alarm clock, extension cord, power strip**
- **Lawn or easily carried folding camp chair** – you need to carry it to some of your search areas so should be light weight.
- **Camera, thumb drive, memory cards, video camera** - if you would like to record your experience. Battery/ equipment chargers.
- **Laptop** – taking notes and posting photos on social media and our camp FB page etc.
- **Preprinted address labels** to use on the raffle tickets if you wish.
- **Towels** for you and your dog. If your dog goes swimming or it rains you will need to dry off your dog before entering the cabins or inside training spaces.
- **Sheets, pillow and pillowcase**
- **Blankets –** bring a heavy blanket(s), **electric blanket,** comforters or sleeping bag. It is best to bring too much than not enough.
- **Bathroom rug –** totally optional but you might want it.
- **Journal/Notebook** – to keep your training and lecture notes in.
- **Note Taking Supplies** – pens, pencils, your eyeglasses, clipboard, paper, etc.
- **Dog Equipment** – sturdy collar(s) and 6' leash to move your dog from place to place. Head halter, martingales etc. Also, bring your Nose Work equipment. Many people use body harnesses (not no-pulls) or very wide collars, and an 8 – 15-foot lead with a clip is suggested. You may also want a flexi-lead or long line for the exercise field or swimming your dog. No electronic shock collars are allowed at camp. PLEASE make sure your dogs have ID on them at all times during camp!
- **Training equipment** – bait bags, your dog's favorite motivational toys, a sheet or shade cloth to cover your dog's crate, battery operated crate fan, portable water bowl and jug for water, etc.…
- **2 Red Bandanas if your dog needs/desires space** – All dogs that need additional space MUST wear a red bandana at all times. The other bandana is for your crate. Please keep it on the dog NOT on you as too difficult to notice on the person. Commuters may want to put one on your car.
- **Dog food and treats**. It is best to have a variety of treats available to keep your dog interested. We use LOTS of food to motivate the dogs! The treats should be smelly and high value.
- **Dolly or cart –** to move your crate, chair and training bag. If you don't have a luggage tote or personal type dolly, you can buy one pretty inexpensively at stores like Home Depot. They fold up small and have strong wheels.
- **<u>TWO</u> Crates for your working dog -** One for your room or car and one to put at the working area. Remember that your dog needs to be crated or in an ex-pen when they are in your room alone. No ex-pens in the working areas. Dogs should be crated in your car if you are a commuter.
- **Two water bowls and a food bowl, spoon, a knife to cut up treats, paper towels**
- **Poop Baggies** – an essential item for canine clean-up.
- **Clean-up supplies** - in case you spill or there is an accident in your room
- **Snacks for you, bones and/or interactive toys for your dog**
- **Blanket or bed for your dog**
- **Ice Chest Cooler or Plug-in Cooler**
- **Bottled water or a travel cup, mug, or jug for water** – we want everyone to stay hydrated.
- **A raffle item if you wish**
- **Whatever else makes sense.**
- **Adult beverages –** You may bring adult beverages to drink in/at your cabin. Drinking during or before class is strictly prohibited. Please drink responsibly.
    - **The Social Night and Farewell Dinner –** You are welcome to bring a beverage to our final night celebration. <u>Adult beverages are only allowed in the dining hall in unmarked cups.</u> This is due to licensing issues. Either pour your beverage into an unmarked cup at your cabin or we will have a table outside the Dining Hall that night. Leave your beverage container outside and use a cup to transfer the beverage into.

Location:
Camp Friendship
573 Friendship Way
Palmyra, VA 22963

Airports: *(times are approximate and will vary based on traffic conditions)*

- Washington, DC (Dulles) – 2 hours
- Richmond International, VA – 1 hour, 10 minutes
- Charlottesville, VA – 45 minutes

Questions:
Contact Dana Crevling at Crevling@dogsofcourse.com (Subject line: VA K9 Nose Work® Camp) or leave a message at 508/254-5926, M-F, 8am – 7pm EST. Messages will be returned within 2 business days. Monday – Friday.

I will be leaving for camp Tuesday, April 1, 2025. If there is an emergency that cannot wait until camp, you may reach me on my cell phone at 508-254-5926. I will do my best to check for messages a couple times a day if I don't answer. Michele will be checking my e-mail on weekdays during business hours.

I look forward to spending time with all of you!

Sincerely,

Dana Crevling
Camp Director