

K9 NOSE WORK™

CLASS STRUCTURE AND RULES

Please note that there may be additional recommendations or requirements specific to each location or facility.

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 room with your dog, wait outside of the designated search area until instructed to enter.
3. When entering and exiting the room, or out in potty area, please keep dogs a safe distance (minimum 6') from one another. No meet and greets.
4. Make sure to potty dogs prior to class and when possible, before each run. The nature of the work may trigger the desire to eliminate anyway. If you think that your dog may be getting ready to go, excuse yourself and gently take him outside. If you are unsuccessful, don't reprimand your dog. Leave it be and gently take him outside. We will clean it up.
5. Minimize chatting during the dog's runs. Students are encouraged to observe other dog-handler teams. In an effort to support this, as well as give each team undivided time with the instructor, please minimize chatting with each other while another dog-team is up.
6. Instruction may vary from dog-handler team to dog-handler team based on an individual dog – handler team need.
7. The dogs will work dogs on leash at first but may eventually work off leash.
8. The instructor may "rev up" or excite your dog. Please hold your ground and do not release dog until instructed.
9. If a dog solicits social contact during the search, please ignore them.
10. Please leave toys and treats in the crating area when it is not your turn so that the workspace floor is clear of distractions.
11. Be patient with your dog. There's no need for frustration. Continue to support your dog. The goal is to keep it fun for both dog and handler.
12. Leave all obedience at the door, including 'No' or 'Leave it'. If you need the dog to leave something during a search, just quietly encourage the dog to move away. Be careful not to leash correct the dog.
13. Please ask questions, but know that some may be tabled due to the time limitations of classes and workshops.

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14. At the discretion of the instructor and facility, videotaping or photography of your own dog may be allowed during runs but may not be posted on the internet including but not limited to public access websites, use groups, or social networking sites (i.e. You Tube, Facebook, Twitter, etc.) without permission from the K9 Nose Work™ instructors. There may be some videotaping done by the instructors for educational purposes, which will only be used if participants at the workshop have signed the photo/video release.