

# **K9 NOSE WORK®**

## **CLASS STRUCTURE & RULES**



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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 in the car until it is 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 the potty area, please keep dogs a safe distance (minimum 20 feet) from one another. No meet and greets.
4. Make sure to potty your dog prior to class and when possible before and after 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 and there is an accident, don't reprimand your dog. Leave it be and gently take him outside. We will clean it up.
5. Minimize chatting during the dogs' 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's need.
7. The dogs will work on-leash and also off-leash, as long as the area is secure.

8. The instructor may “rev up” or excite your dog. Please hold your ground and do not release your dog until instructed.
9. If a dog solicits social contact during the search, please ignore the dog.
10. Please leave toys and treats in the designated area when it is not your turn so that the search area floor and workspace is clear of distractions.
11. Be patient with your dog. There is 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 your dog to leave something during a search, just quietly encourage your dog to move away. Be careful not to leash correct your dog!
13. Please ask questions, but know that some may be tabled due to the time limitations of classes.
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, user groups, or social networking sites (You Tube, Facebook, Twitter, etc.) without permission from the Instructor. There may be some videotaping done by the instructors for educational purposes, which will only be used if participants at the class have signed the photo/video release.