

2 Days of Scent Work Learning!

February 17 & 18, 2020

Top Notch Canines - 107 N 57 Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85043



Steve DeTata

Steve has been a student of Nose Work since 2010 and was the 9th team in the country to earn their NW3 Elite title, he was a 2014 & 2015 National Finalist. He has been a CNWI since May 2014 and has been helping lots of teams doing great! Steve is an NACSW ORT Certifying Official and Judge, as well as an AKC Scent Work Expert Judge.

We are extremely excited to have Steve join us and share his knowledge!



Terri Spaeth-Merrick

Terri has a vast depth of knowledge and experience in working in scent detection sports. She is a NACSW CNWI (since 2013) and Certifying Official. She also is an AKC Scent work expert Judge and UKC Hide official and Judge. She has competed in national events and at the Summit level in NACSW. Terri has provided Trial Video Service since 2015, allowing her to watch over 8,000 dogs work in trial settings!

We look forward to learning from Terri!
(<http://noseworktrial.blogspot.com/>)



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| <p>Terri – Feb 17th AM Session:</p> <p>Video Review!* This workshop will focus on understanding more complex searches for handlers working at the Excellent level and beyond; understanding and seeing the pre-alert behaviors; what pooling, trapping, blowing odor look like when the dog is working those kinds of problems out; and improving handling skills using clips from handler/dog videos.</p> | <p>Steve – Feb 17th AM Session:</p> <p>Trial Preparation. Steve will work with you to learn how to plan a search, cover your search area, and what to do when a dog isn't searching. Lots of working time and all levels will be addressed.</p> |
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| <p>Terri – Feb 17th PM Session:</p> <p>Video Review!* This workshop will focus on Novice and Advanced level searches; reading and understanding scent behavior in different environments; understanding and seeing the pre-alert behaviors; how to read your dog when the communication is not as you expected at a trial ("That's not what my dog does in training!"); working multiple hides (2) in the same search area—what does the dog look like/do when they are working those kinds of problems out; and improving handling skills using clips from handler/dog videos.</p> | <p>Steve – Feb 17th PM Session:</p> <p>Drive Building. Steve will cover how to choose the right high value reward for your dog, building drive for the search, and what to do after your search.</p> |
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* Teams participating in the Trial and that have a working spot in the workshop will be videotaped, those videos will be used as part of the focus for understanding and problem solving for improving dog/handler teamwork performance. (Videos will be used as dog/handler behavior samples not necessarily as individual search reviews.)

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| <p>Terri – Feb 18th AM Session:</p> <p>Containers. This workshop will go over various options for working Containers, focusing on making search "pattern" vs. "free" searching decisions in the moment during the search; planned patterns vs. what actually happens after you cross the start line; restarting in the middle of a search—when, why and how to do it; how to approach the start line both mentally and physically; reading distractor behavior vs. odor behavior. Training tips for working distractors. We will also touch on container destruction and tips to avoid it if it's not a problem yet and if it is, how to start fixing it.</p> | <p>Steve – Feb 18th AM Session:</p> <p>Mental Game. Steve will work on dealing with distractions and reading your dog to know when the search is over. Excellent class for unknown number of hides.</p> |
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| <p>Terri – Feb 18th PM Session:</p> <p>Vehicles. This workshop will be useful for beginners as well as advanced handlers. How to approach your start line, working a "pattern" vs. "free" searching; reading odor chasing and how to take advantage of it in a vehicle search; using the environment in a vehicle search; seeing pooling, blowing and trapping odor specifically in vehicles and how to read it; using the built-in aerodynamics of a vehicle to aid your search.</p> | <p>Steve – Feb 18th PM Session:</p> <p>Strengthening the team. Are you reading your dog or is your dog reading you? Reward delivery and continuing the search.</p> |
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About the Seminar

Both seminar presenters will be working at the same time, doubling the number of working spots available! To register for the seminar, you will need to select which working spots you would like to attend, including your payment with your registration. These will be filled in the order complete registrations are received. There are 8 working spots per instructor in AM and 8 working spots per instructor in PM. Please note, you will not be able to sign up for Sessions occurring at the same time (ex. Terri Monday AM *and* Steve Monday AM).

This layout is also a huge benefit for **auditing** (unlimited)! As an auditor, you will have equal access to either presenter and can choose to change at any point in time in the day. You can possibly double your learning opportunity! We are keeping auditing spots very reasonable and hope you can take advantage!

The presenters are looking forward to having very hands-on and sniffing filled days! Working spots will have lots of opportunity to get out and work!

Crating will be out of your vehicle if you are not currently working, but you can bring a crate with you to set up near the search area to more quickly get your dog out and ready to work without missing anything.

Cost

Working Spot - \$150 (1/2 day) - You can register for up to 2 working spots in 1 day.

Auditing Spot - \$40 (full day) or \$25 (half day) – Unlimited number of auditing spots!

Payment can be check (made out to “Release Canine” or cash.)

Online payments will be accepted through Paypal, but only as a “Trusted” “friends and family” – Paypal requires vendor to pay a fee otherwise, and you will be responsible for that fee. You must contact Aleks prior to sending online payment.

Lunch – Potluck

We will be doing a potluck style lunch both days. If you are able to bring something, great! If you aren't, a small donation would be appreciated to cover the cost of what Release Canine and Jumping Chollas will provide. Details will be included in your confirmation email as we get nearer.

Registration

Registration **OPENS on January 8th, 2020 at 8am**. Please do not send registration prior to this time. It CAN be included in your entry to the February AKC SW trial, which opens at the same time. Registration is considered incomplete without payment.

Send your registration (This page as well as the signed page) and payment to:

Aleks Woodroffe – Feb Seminar
5802 E. Tierra Buena Ln.
Scottsdale AZ 85254

Registration:

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| First Name | Last Name |
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| Email | Phone |
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| Dog's Name (if Working) | Dog Breed & Age |
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| Your Experience Level (Trialing level, experience) | |
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| Would you be willing to donate your vehicle to be searched Tuesday PM session? Please note, no dogs can be inside. | |
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Please mark your registration selection:

Monday, February 17th, 2020

Terri Spaeth-Merrick

- Working (AM) - \$150 – *Video Review*
- Working (PM) - \$150 – *Video Review*

- Audit ½ Day - \$25 **AM / PM** (circle)
- Audit Full Day - \$40

Steve DeTata

- Working (AM) - \$150 – *Trial Preparation*
- Working (PM) - \$150 – *Drive Building*

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Terri Spaeth-Merrick

- Working (AM) - \$150 – *Containers*
- Working (PM) - \$150 – *Vehicles*

- Audit ½ Day - \$25 **AM / PM** (circle)
- Audit Full Day - \$40

Steve DeTata

- Working (AM) - \$150 – *Mental Game*
- Working (PM) - \$150 – *Strengthening Team*

This event will be held rain or shine. No registration fee will be refunded if the event cannot be held by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, an act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of Release Canine. Registration fees are non-refundable unless the spot is resold. Your spot will be secured upon payment, which is due within 7 days of notification you have a working spot.

I understand that the behavior of dogs cannot be guaranteed. I also understand that the behavior of domestic animals is sometimes unpredictable and that some domestic animals are capable of inflicting serious personal injury or death, as well as extensive property damage. Knowing the risks I agree to assume ALL those risks including, but not limited to; assuming the financial responsibility of any possible litigation arising from any incident in which I may be involved. I release, indemnify, and hold harmless Aleksandra Woodroffe and Release Canine LLC, as well as Jumping Chollas Agility club of Greater Phoenix (JCACofGP) from any and all damages or personal injury. Any incident involving myself, the location, or those pets or actions of other participants and spectators will be my sole responsibility and I assume all financial liability and will also assume all and any financial costs associated with my actions.

In addition to the above, I understand that participating in this event holds some risk. My dog and I may be exposed to challenging, treacherous or unstable footing and accept all possible risks associated with participating or observing any type of detection style training. I agree to hold harmless Aleksandra Woodroffe and Release Canine LLC, and JCACofGP including, but not limited to, the event location's agents or owner and to accept responsibility for all litigation and financial obligations arising from any unforeseen event in which I may be involved.

I understand that I am training/working my dog and myself at my own risk. It is understood that during the course of training/working my dog, if I or my dog is injured or becomes ill in any way, including being bitten by another dog on the premises, I will not hold Aleksandra Woodroffe, Release Canine LLC, JCACofGP, or any person volunteering for, liable in any way.

I will not hold, Deborah Strieter, Top Notch Canines LLC, any person contracted to, volunteering for, or employed by Top Notch Canines or any member of their families responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to any person, dog, or property whether it is the result of accident, negligence, or any other cause. I further agree to assume full responsibility and liability for any and all injury or damage caused in any way by my dog(s) or myself.

I have read, understand and agree to the above:

Name (Print)

Signature

Date