ALL LEVELS SCENT DETECTION SEMINAR

December 27, 2026

with Ashley Horan

Held at the High 5 Canine Training center, less ten minutes outside of Regina, SK

This seminar is targeted towards teams who are already started on odour and are looking to build a solid base or fix some foundational issues, problem solve, and work on handler skills. Auditing is available and is a great opportunity for dogs (or handlers!) who may not be well-suited to a seminar environment. Odours provided will be Wintergreen, Pine, and/or Thyme. If you wish to use an alternate odour, please bring prepared samples with you.

REGISTRATION:

Entries FOR WORKING SPOTS open as soon as registration form is posted, and will close December 2, at 9 am. Entries received will be drawn from the pool, with the chance of some spots being held back/allocated at Ashley's discretion.

REGISTER ONLINE, HERE!!

**A 50% deposit is required at time of spot confirmation. Participants who do not send their deposit within 24 hours will lose their spot and a new name will be drawn. Full payment is due by December 13, 9am. If full payment is not received, we will all cry and stress and wonder what happens next and if there is a Payment Police or grownup somewhere who can help fix this.

If there are more entries than spots, a waitlist will be maintained.

Handlers MAY NOT swap dogs mid-session but may run a different dog in the am/pm, if registered for both.

COST

WORKING SPOTS: $75 per session or $125 for both am and pm (if registered for half day only, auditing of other session is included)

AUDITING SPOTS: $30 per session or $50 for both am and pm, with priority given to those wishing to attend the full day

DO NOT SEND DEPOSITS UNTIL CONFIRMATION HAS BEEN SENT

Morning Session – approximately 8:30-12:30

Doors open 8 am

Good Practices for a Really Good Practice

Your practice at home is where 95% of your skills are learned. It's easy for frustration and miscommunication to creep in and suddenly you realize that the dog isn't quite learning what you intended. This session will lay out set up ideas, how to teach new concepts with clarity, what to do when a practice goes wrong, and how to pattern set ups to shape your and your dog's expectations in a search.

Examples of specifics: converging, hi/low hides, start line routines, a sustained TFR (trained final response), pooling odour, is your reward rewarding?, multiple hides, when to leave a hide behind.

Working Spots: limited to 8

Auditing Spots: limited to 12

Afternoon Session – approximately 1:30-5:30

Doors open 1 pm

Handler Skills: contributing to the team!

An effective handler doesn't just follow their dog around barking at them to FIND IT! SHOW ME WHERE IT IS! FIND IT! SEARCH!!! :) The handler needs to contribute and what they bring to the team is often the difference between a Q and NQ.

Examples of specifics: what information is your dog "painting" for you, reading the room, understanding odour movement, staying out of the way, when to offer your ideas, leash handling, search patterns.

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SO MUCH FINE PRINT.

*The facility is partially matted, fully heated, has a bathroom, and is a nice, new space.

*Working dogs must be crated or otherwise happy and quiet during lectures and exercises that require turns or groups. The building is plenty big to crate inside, with a generous buffer between crates.

*Lunch is not provided. Please bring your own food, water, and snacks.

*Please bring your own writing materials, if you wish to take notes.

*Bring your own chair. Bonus points if it is custom embroidered or an old-timey 80's lawn chair.

*Accommodations may be possible for dogs with special issues. Please note these requests somewhere in your form.

*A welcome letter will be sent out once all spots are finalized.

Refunds: If something goes sideways and you need to cancel, I will do my best to fill your spot, and return your fees, less $15 administration. If your spot cannot be filled, I will feel real bad and awkward and probably issue a refund anyway but let's hope all this extra planning and info is not necessary, yes?

About Ashley

Ashley is an all-level SDDA Judge, currently competing with her third SDDA-registered dog. She has been an avid competitor since 2018 and has taken nosework classes with top competitors and instructors, since 2016. Ashley has owned and operated a small-volume boarding kennel since 2011, which has allowed her to log thousands of hours watching the behaviour of and interacting with dogs. When she's not doing dog stuff, she is an aspiring ultrarunner.