



## New for 2024 NoseWork!!

### Section 5 - NoseWork - All classes in this event are Non Sanctioned

Nose Work taps into your dogs natural hunting instinct. When dogs use their sense of smell they engage their brain which is stimulating for them.

Dogs are asked to search for hides in a variety of containers. When they locate the hides, the dogs communicates the find to the handler. Dogs have different search styles so you will learn how to read and know your dog's own reactions.

#### Guidelines for Exhibitors:

- Dogs must wear a properly fitted flat buckle collar or harness, and an attachable leash (No racing leads allowed).
- All searches will be conducted ON LEASH.
- Dogs must be at least 6 months old to participate in Level 1 container searches.
- Pups 4-6 mo. of age will be allowed to try the Beginner Sniffer Class.
- Handlers and dogs must cross the designated start line to start the timing.
- Handlers and dogs will remain behind a blind until called for their run.
- **Treats are allowed** in this event to reward for your dog for alerting on the target odor. Please be careful to not drop any treats on the ground as it will distract the next competitor.
- Handler must indicate to the judge when they believe the dog has indicated a find. The handler can do this by saying 'Alert' and raising a hand to indicate the find.

#### Saturday Only:

Class 187: Beginner Lesson: Dogs will be introduced to an object with the birch target odor, and given a lesson on how to work with your dog to search the containers and alert on the scent when found. Kind of like Barn Hunt, but with a cotton ball! Once you complete the lesson, you can run your dog in the Beginner Sniffer class.

**Beginner Sniffer** - Open to dogs, 4 months and older who have not shown in any other Nosework venue. Consists of 8 - 10 identical containers placed on the ground and spaced at least two feet apart, with one birch hide. One incorrect call is allowed. Ribbons awarded for 1st - 6th place.

#### Sunday:

**Level 1 Sniffer** - Open to all dogs capable of alerting to birch target odor. One hide. Maximum time is 2 minutes. One incorrect call (false alert) is allowed, but it incurs a 5 sec. time fault.

**Container Search:** Consists of 8 - 10 containers placed on the ground at least two feet apart. Can be set up in a straight line or two straight rows. Can be cardboard boxes or other containers that are not transparent.

Class 188: Level 1 - Container - Round 1

Class 189: Level 1 - Container - Round 2

Class 190: Nosework Champion & Reserve - Awarded to highest combined scores of classes 188 & 189.