

# BEGINNERS SCENT DETECTION (NOSEWORK)

*Any dog! Any size! Any breed!*

This sport focuses on a dog's natural instinct and ability using their incredibly powerful noses! Mimicking the work of bomb, arson and drug dogs using safe target odour in a fun environment Nosework is a fun new sport for all. **Learn the basics and more in this fun 6 week course.** This activity is great for nervous or shy dogs, as searches can only be done one dog at a time. Nosework is mentally and physically stimulating for dogs, a great indoor activity for cold winter months!



*Follow That Nose! Trust your Dog!*

**Where:** [Klassic Kennels](#) located 5 minutes North of Red Deer. Directions will be enclosed in your confirmation upon registration.

**When: Thursdays March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> 2016**

**Time: 6:15PM – 7:15PM**

**Cost: \$120.00**

**\*Spaces are limited, pre-registration required\***

To learn more about the program or register contact: Kristina Sveinson  
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### **Student Requirements - What To Bring:**

- Your leash trained dog (puppies must be 6 months or older)
  - Soft, easy to break up treats that your dog loves
- Harness or flat collar and 6 foot leash recommended (**no flexi leashes**)
  - crate if you feel your dog needs space

### **What to Expect:**

Class includes weekly time for training questions, Nosework theory as well as exercises and games to learn skills and take home to practice. Participants can expect a strong peer support training environment. Videos are shared by the instructor at least twice over the course of the training. Participants can expect to receive fresh odour (Wintergreen) q-tips at each class. ***Participants who complete this level of training and are interested in competition are encouraged to take the intermediate level class following this one.***

### **Course Cost:**

- ***\$120 per Working team*** (1 handler with **1** dog for 6 weeks)

***Payment methods accepted:*** E-transfer, Cash, Cheque or PayPal

**Registration:** Send registration form and payment to email: [kristinasveinson@shaw.ca](mailto:kristinasveinson@shaw.ca)

### **Course Content – Taught Under Sporting Detection Dog Association (SDDA) Guidelines**

**Week 1: Intro to Odour!** We will learn what is “odour” and how it is used in Nosework; provide an overview of the sport, basic rules and cues. Introduce your dog to odour (Wintergreen) via pairing and introduction to container search. Theory will include SDDA search types and guidelines.

**Week 2: Pairing!** The dogs will learn to search containers and interior areas while strengthening their commitment to odour. Theory will be trust your dog.

**Week 3: Hide and Seek!** We will build trust between dog and handler and shape alerts through Searches using the Nosework lab and blind container searches begin. Theory will be defining Alerts.

**Week 4: Stations of fun!** We will move through several searches stations, blind to the dog and handler to develop a stronger alert behaviour. Theory will include scent biology.

**Week 5: Blind Hides!** We will be practicing blind searches and prep for level testing. Theory includes Designated Odour Test (DOT) etiquette.

**Week 6: Time to test your skills!** Completion of level testing with a blind container search (DOT – successful participants earn an SDDA Wintergreen DOT title upon completion) and interior/lab searches with Alerts.