

Dauphin Dog Training Club Presents

Valerie Casperite

Skills for Every Level of Nosework Competition

Optimizing Nose Work competition is a team sport. The dog and the handler each have distinct abilities that, when put together, can create a successful team. The dog brings their incredible sense of smell and ability to interpret odor movement, while the handler brings their knowledge of search parameters, their ability to handle a leash effectively, and their ability to understand the dog's behavior-changes.

Understanding the dog's changes of behavior (COB) and handling a leash fluidly are critical skills that can make or break teams from the lowest to the highest levels of competition. Participants in this workshop will learn to recognize odor-related changes of behavior as the dog searches, how to interpret those changes, and how to use their interpretation to support the search. The workshop will also focus on refining leash handling skills, teaching handlers how to move in sync with their K9 partner, make subtle suggestions, and supplement rather than interfere with the dog's searching.

This seminar is geared to teams working at any level (** please read requirements below). However, you may want to consider auditing since watching as many dogs as you can in this sport can teach you many things. When you are not holding the lead and concentrating on what you need to do you can pick up nuances to look for and handling tips to use for the remainder of your scentwork career!



Valerie is a Certified Nose Work Instructor and Certifying Official for the National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW) as well as an approved judge for all levels of AKC Scent Work. She has been teaching K9 Nose Work® since 2010 at various locations in the Central/South Jersey areas. Her students range from Intro level to Summit, AKC Novice to Detective. She loves coaching handlers as they learn what their dogs are capable of and as they progress through the levels of competition, many of them earning top placements along the way. Through her business, K9 InScentives, LLC, she hosts trials and workshops. Currently Valerie has three German Shorthaired Pointers and has handled them and previous GSPs to titles and numerous placements in K9 Nose Work® and AKC Scent Work. If her current partners, Donovan is working on his ELT-3 and Fiona on her ELT1. They boast numerous

Overall and Element placements, as well as AKC HIT. They were preceded by Seamus, who set a record as the first GSP to achieve the NW3 Elite title by earning First Place on each of the three required NW3 titles, and Lucy, who earned her first NACSW title Overall Pronounced. Her dogs have also competed successfully in other sports and have earned their National Club's Versatility Award.

Valerie takes continuing education very seriously and frequently attends seminars, webinars, conferences and workshops to increase her knowledge and improve her handling and coaching. In her spare time, she writes and records original songs with her husband. She resides in Beverly, NJ with her husband, their dogs, and a cockatiel.

*****Dogs participating in this workshop should be on birch, anise, clove and comfortable waiting in a crate for their turn. Handlers of working dogs should plan to bring a 10-12' long line in addition to the leash they normally use for class or trials.**

DATE: Sunday December 6, 2026

LOCATION: Dauphin Dog Training Club 719 Manada Bottom Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112

TIME: 9AM – 3:30PM

REGISTRATION: Opens October 9, 2026 for DDTC members and October 16, 2026 for non-members.

Seminar limited to 10 working teams.

FEES **Working** \$150 for DDTC members and \$200 for non-members (limited to 1 spot per person)

Auditing \$75 for DDTC members and \$90 for non-members (please do not bring dogs)

Please make all checks payable to DDTC (There is a \$25 fee for all returned checks)

Registration Form

Handler Name _____ Phone number: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Dog Name _____ Breed _____ Age: _____

DDTC Member: ☐ Yes ☐ No Working ☐ Auditing ☐

What level are you competing: at? _____

AS A CONDITION TO ACCEPTANCE OF THIS APPLICATION, THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENT MUST BE SIGNED: AGREEMENT TO HOLD HARMLESS, WAIVER AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I understand that attendance of a dog training class is NOT without risk to myself, members of my family or guests who may attend, or my dog; because the dogs to which I will be exposed may be difficult to control and may be the cause of damage or injury, even when handled with the greatest amount of care. I hereby waive and release DAUPHIN DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC., hereinafter DDTC, and its officers, from any damage or injury resulting from the action of any dog. I expressly assume the risk of such damage or injury that I or my dog may suffer while attending any training session or any other function of DDTC, or while on the training grounds or the surrounding area. I understand that by signing or executing this form, I am releasing DDTC, its officers, members, and agents from any liability for damages or injury even if DDTC, its officers, members, and/or agents are negligent. In consideration of and as inducement to the acceptance of my application for training by DDTC, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless DDTC, its officers, members, and agents from any and all claims by members of my family or any other person accompanying me to any training session or function of DDTC, or while on the premises or the surrounding area as a result of any action by any dog, including my own. I hereby certify that I am over 18 years of age and of sound mind.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please contact Chris Eicher stoliboli1@comcast.net or Deb Sorosky dsorosky@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

Mail Registration Forms to

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