

## **CDTC SCENT WORK CLASSES**

**JUNE 2023**

***Progression of classes is in the order as written below. EXCEPT Scent Work Skills which is only a 4 week session, and content will change as a “gap filler” for students as needed. Prerequisites and number of students will depend on what is being taught in the session. It will not be a “regularly” scheduled class.***

*These first 4 classes make-up the Scent Work Foundations Program. All students will need these 4 classes to move on.*

### **INTRODUCTION TO SCENT WORK 1**

An introduction to the sport of Scent Work. This class uses food (primary reinforcement) to build a dog's search drive and to teach a dog to solve a scent work puzzle. Handlers will work on learning to read their dog's changes of behavior.

PRQ: None

Class Size: 6

### **INTRODUCTION TO SCENT WORK 2**

This class is a continuation of Intro to Scent Work 1. This class continues the use of food (primary reinforcement) to build the dog's search drive. The dogs will work more complex scent puzzles in a variety of elements. Handlers will continue to work on handling skills and learning to read their dog's changes of behavior.

PRQ: Intro to Scent Work 1 AND Instructor Approval

Class size: 6

### **INTRODUCTION TO ODOR 1**

This class introduces dogs to target oil through paired hides. Dogs will continue building search drive and work on odor obedience. Handlers will continue working on handling skills, reading their dog, as well as learn the proper way to handle odor, and scent theory.

PRQ: Intro to Scent Work 2 AND Instructor Approval

Class Size: 6

### **INTRODUCTION TO ODOR 2**

This class is a continuation of Intro To Odor 1. Dogs will work with both paired and unpaired hides. Dogs will continue to work on odor obedience as well as work on more complex scent puzzles in varying elements.

Handlers will continue working on handling skills, reading their dogs, and scent theory.

PRQ: Intro to Odor 1 AND Instructor Approval

Class Size: 6

***The above 4 classes make up the Foundations of Scent Work Program. Instructor Approval is required to move on in the Foundations classes as a dog may need longer than 6 weeks in a class to be prepared for the next level. In addition, no dog will be admitted to the following higher level classes unless the 4 Foundations classes have been completed (or the equivalent from elsewhere) as well as Instructor Approval.***

## **SCENT WORK INTERMEDIATE**

In this class, dogs and handlers will work with more complex scent puzzles in a variety of elements at the Novice and Advanced level. This class will also work on more advanced handling skills and more advanced scent theory and learning to set hides.

PRQ: Intro to Odor 2 AND Instructor Approval

Class Size: 6

### SCENT WORK EXCELLENT

In this class, dogs and handlers continue to work on more complex scent puzzles in a variety of elements at the Excellent and Master level. This class will also work on more advanced handling skills and more advanced scent theory and setting hides.

PRQ: Scent Work Intermediate AND Instructor Approval

Class Size: 6

### TRIAL PREP NOVICE/ADVANCED

This is a trial preparation run through class for teams trialing at Novice/NW1 or Advanced/NW2 level. This is a “run through” class (No individual instruction).

PRQ: Dog on Birch, Anise. Completed Intro to Odor 2 AND Instructor Approval

Class Size: 8

### TRIAL PREP EXCELLENT/MASTERS/DETECTIVE

This is a trial preparation run through class for teams trialing at Excellent, Master, NW3, or higher. This is a “run through” class (No individual instruction).

PRQ: Dog on Birch, Anise, Clove, Cypress. AKC Advanced/NW2 Titled AND Instructor approval

Class Size: 8

### SCENT WORK SKILLS

This is a class in which each week tackles a different scent work skill. Each session will offer different skills. 4 Week Session.

PRQ will vary depending on what skills will be offered in that session.

Class Size: 6