

Johnnette Ulch
Advanced Nosework Seminar:
A Judge's Perspective

Sunshine Obedience School, Council Bluffs, Iowa



**Saturday-Sunday
January 25-26, 2020**



Johnnette Ulch is a UKC, AKC, and CPE Nosework judge. She started doing nosework in 2014 to give her then 12-year-old Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Rufus, something to do after retiring from obedience and agility. Immediately hooked on the sport, Johnnette started competing in NACSW, and she and Rufus completed their NACSW NW3 Elite and UKC Elite Nosework titles when he was almost 14 years old. She currently competes with her Corgi, Ffion.

This seminar will identify and discuss ways to address common problems that are seen when teams compete in upper level searches in AKC and UKC nosework. Items covered will include: Identifying change of behavior and recognizing your dog's alert behavior, distractions, threshold hides, inaccessible hides, converging odor, blank areas, high hides, pooling odor, covering the search area, as well as other topics identified on video review.

The seminar will begin with each working team being videoed while completing a blind search. As a group, we will review the videos and identify skills which need improvement. There will then be specific exercises to address problems. To save as much seminar time as possible, those that are available on Friday night will be videoed then, with the remaining teams videoed on Saturday morning. Participants will get the most from this seminar if they fully participate in discussions about each of the searches.

Teams should be competing, or preparing to compete, at the Excellent or Master levels in AKC or the Master or Elite levels in UKC. Odors used will be birch, anise, clove and cypress. This seminar is limited to ten working teams. Working spots are \$250, with auditing available for \$125 for the weekend or \$75 for one day.

Lunch will be provided.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____ Breed and name of dog: _____

Dog's highest title: _____ Working or Audit: _____

Return form with fees payable to Gerianne Darnell at 11092 240th St., Council Bluffs, IA 51503 Fee is \$250 for working spot, \$125 to audit both days, \$75 to audit one day. If Johnnette is able to get here, the seminar will be held. Your check is a commitment to attend. If you have questions, contact Gerianne at (712) 526-2252 or e-mail geriannedarnell@aol.com