Johnnette Ulch
Advanced Nosework Seminar:
A Judge's Perspective

Sunshine Obedience School, Council Bluffs, Iowa



Three days!
February 19-21, 2027



Johnnette Ulch is a UKC and AKC 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, who has excelled at the highest levels of NACSW, AKC, and UKC nosework.

This seminar will identify and discuss ways to address common problems that are seen when teams compete in upper level searches in NACSW, UKC, and AKC nosework, including Detective. Items covered will include: recognizing your dog's alert behavior, distractions, threshold hides, inaccessible hides, converging odor, blank areas, high hides, false alerts, and pooling odor. Topics will include strategies for Detective Searches, complex odor problems, Change of Behavior/Trained Final Responses, Handler skills, problems caused by the difference between AKC and NACSW odor, and Real World Searches.

Teams should be competing, or preparing to compete, at the Excellent or Master levels in AKC, the Master or Elite levels in UKC, or NW2/NW3 in NACSW, although exceptions will be made for experienced handlers with more beginning-type dogs.
Odors used will be birch, anise, clove and cypress.

This seminar is limited to twelve working teams. Lunch will be pot luck, coffee will be provided in the morning and bottled water all day.

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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 $375 for working spot, $150 to audit all three 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 (402) 679-1548 or e-mail geriannedarnell@aol.com