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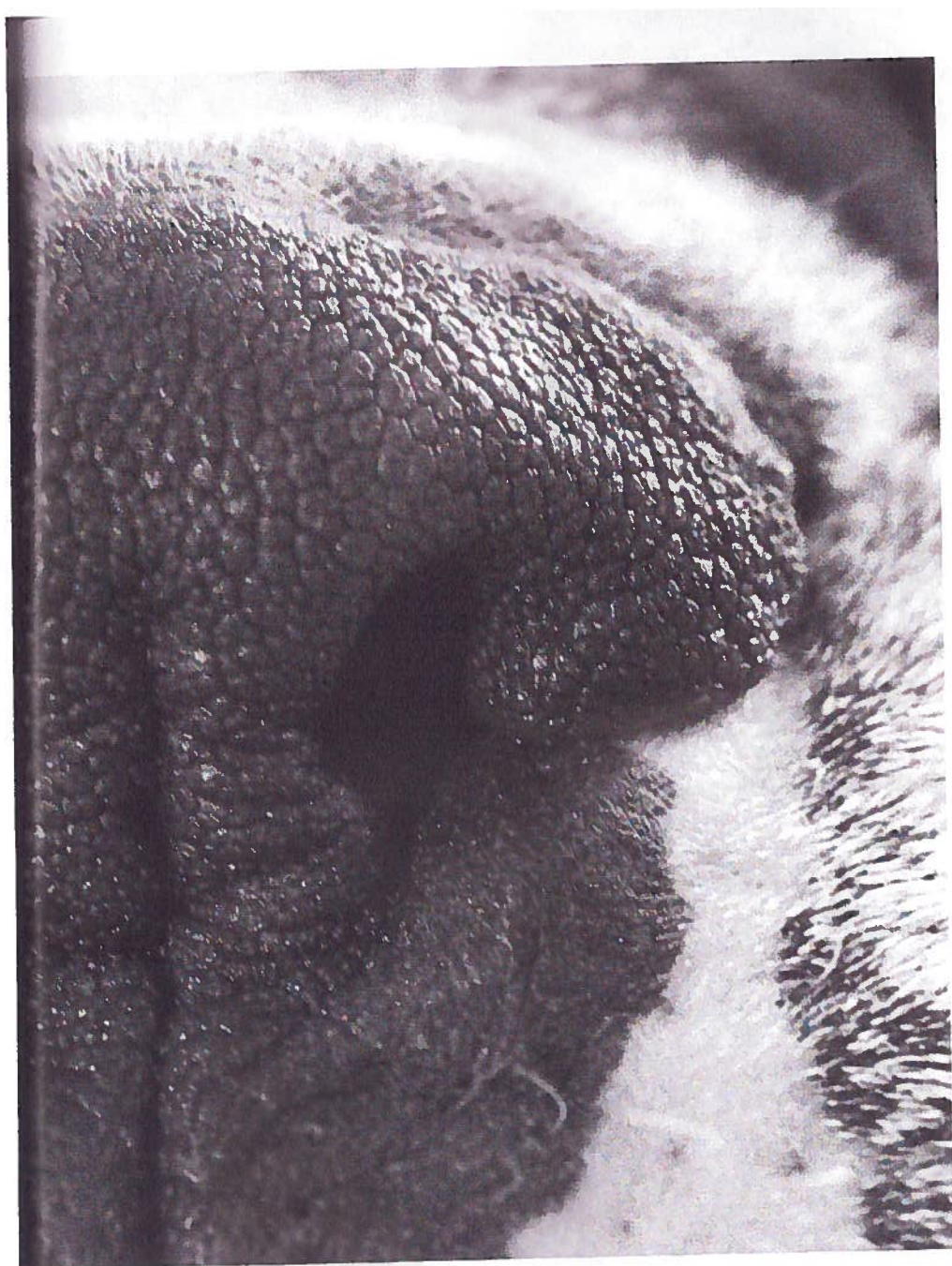
Introducing the Hottest  
New Canine Sport  
- K9 Nose Work™

If you are looking for an activity that is fun to train, doesn't require expensive equipment, a sport that uses the dog's most powerful instincts, builds confidence, and burns energy, then the new sport of K9 Nose Work™ may be for you!

K9 Nose Work™ was created in 2006 in Southern California by a team of detection dog trainers: Amy Herot, Jill Marie O'Brian and Ron Gaunt. They had observed how much their canine partners enjoyed detection work and formulated a way to expand the joy of scent work into something accessible to all canines. Instead of searching for illegal substances, a program was developed where canines are trained to find the scent of essential oils (Birch, Anise and Clove) as a recreational activity.

K9 Nose Work™ training begins with teaching the dog to "hunt." This is done by teaching the dog to find food rewards in boxes, various containers and finally among objects. As the dog becomes more confident with hunting and understands the game, the



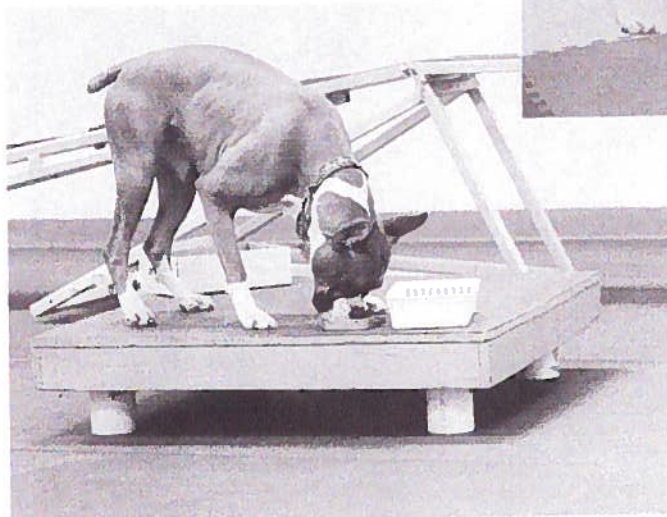




hides become more difficult, height of the food is raised, new containers are used and searching outdoors is introduced.

Once the dog is comfortable hunting for food rewards in a variety of situations and locations, scent is added. A few drops of the essential oil is placed on a q-tip and hidden with the food. The dog quickly learns that finding scent also means they will receive

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a food reward and soon they are searching for scent only with rewards coming from the owner.

Of course our Boxers are naturals at K9 Nose Work™ and many Boxers are already training and competing. Lori Kobayashi is a Certified Nose Work Instructor (CWNi)™ who offers Nose

Work classes in Maryland and has experience training Boxers. Lori says, "It is a great activity that burns a lot of energy and doesn't require a lot of equipment. It is an activity that dogs with all levels of training--or

One of Lori's students is Diane Atfield and her Boxer, Mia- Mia Blancoes Spiritu RL1x3, RL2, ARCH. Diane

wanted to find a low impact sport to keep Mia busy after she was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy. Diane was excited to find that K9 Nose Work™ could keep Mia mentally active and not overly stress her physically. Diane said, "She has taken to Nose Work like she was born to do it. It has been so rewarding for her and I get to see her excel in the sport."

Diane Checchio has been taking classes with her Boxer, Leroy, about 5 months now. She was introduced to Nose Work during a demonstration in her obedience class and Leroy had so much fun that Diane decided to try a K9 Nose Work™ class. Diane says Leroy just loves Nose Work class, "As he waits his turn in class in his soft crate, he whines at times because he can't wait for it to be his turn. At home when we practice he gets so excited!"

Donna Toews CPDT-KA ANWI has worked with Boxers in her training class and believes that Boxers are un-





The National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW)™ is the sanctioning body offering titles in K9 Nose Work™. They currently offer 3 levels of titles. In order to pass each level the dog and handler must complete 4 different searches: a container drill, an interior building search, an exterior search and a vehicle search. In each case the dog must find the small amount of scent that is hidden in each area and as the levels progress the searches also get more difficult.

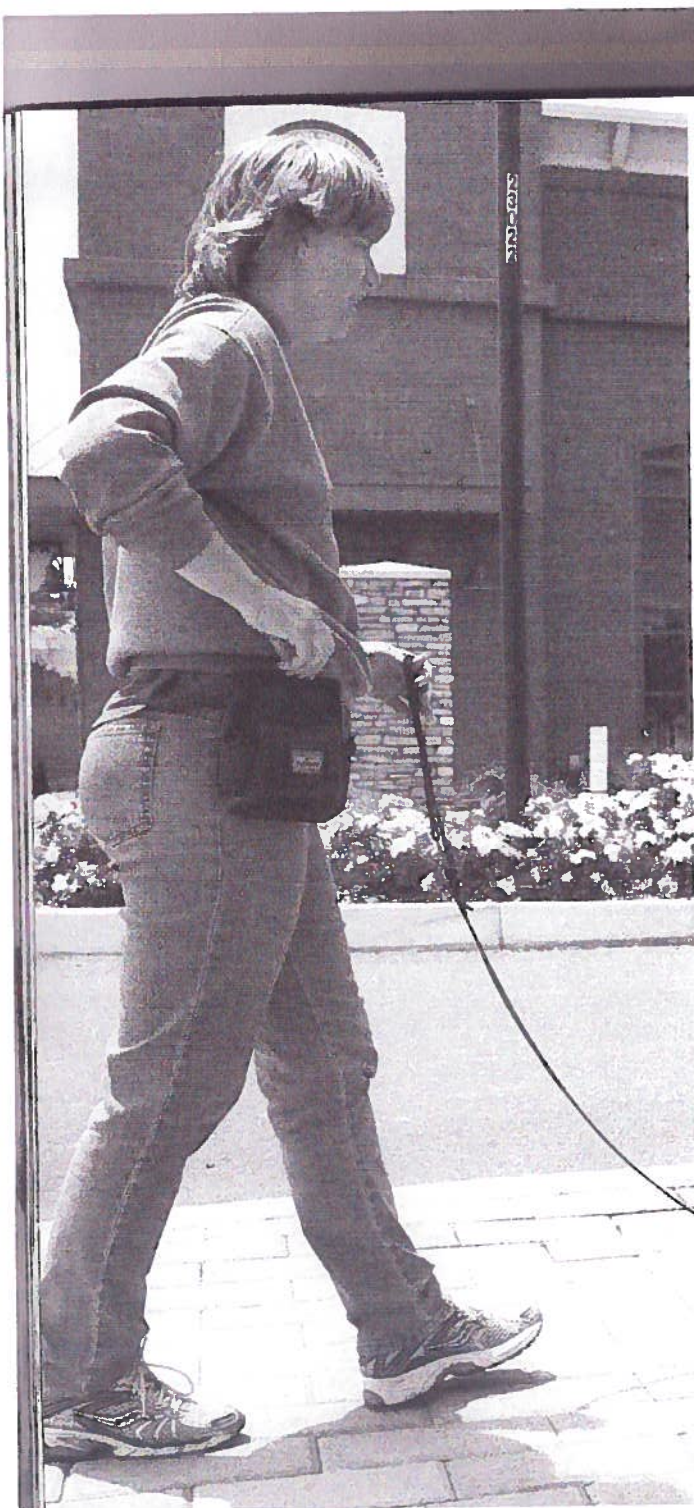
Adrienne Terrell has competed in Nose Work trials with Ellie, Tekoneva's Under the Tucson Sun NW1 MX MXJ MXF. Adrienne and Ellie completed

der-utilized in detection work. "Their determination and intelligence could be seen as "stubborn" and "unfocused" in day-to-day living but turned on to K9 Nose Work™, we see

that same determination and intelligence lead to very interesting searches as the dog solves the puzzle. Fast, efficient and able to communicate well, Boxers are stellar in the hunts."

their level 1 title (NW1) and are now working on training for level 2 which involves more difficult hides and searching for up to 2 different odors.





Adrienne says, "I cannot tell you enough about how much fun this game is for the Boxer dog. It will build confidence and joy like you would not believe. Nose Work has given my great working dog a new outlet where the hunt for the scent is the most important thing in the world, she just loves it!"

Mandy Book's Boxer, Soleil's Dangerously High- Jenga, was first Boxer to obtain an NW1 title and the only Boxer that has earned a NW2 title. She says, "There is always something to learn – every class, practice session, mock trial and trial teaches me something about K9 Nose Work™, and about my dog. The more I learn, the more challenging it is."

Even if you are not interested in competing in K9 Nose Work™ the sport can be a great outlet for your Boxer and a good way to increase their confidence. The dogs learn that they can work through issues and be problem solvers. Adrienne Terrell has seen K9 Nose Work™ really bring out the true working ability of a Boxer. "My girlfriend has a Boxer who was very tentative in the beginning and now acts like a pro; she's excited about her job, and has really become a great hunter. It is fun to see the "light bulb" go on. I also like that any dog can do this, in fact, at the first seminar I attended, there was a blind dog learning K9 Nose Work™, what a great outlet for this dog!"

Terry Pritchard has also seen how K9 Nose Work™ increased his dog's confidence and helped him excel in other performance events. Terry's dog Tuss, Can CH Boxjoy's Contender CGN, has been training K9 Nose Work™ for several months.

Terry says, "I have watched this dog progress into a stable, eager, confident working dog. He is fast and thorough, ignoring peed upon areas, and even working behind bitches in heat. This confidence has spread over into his obedience work."

Erin Rezmer has been training her two Boxers, Killian and Kahlua, in K9 Nose Work™ for about a year. Erin says, "I have more confident dogs. They never look nervous or confused. Tom, my husband, is training Killian in utility and we have seen a boost in her confidence when working the utility articles. We also plan on doing tracking with both dogs and believe this is giving them confidence for that as well."

If you are considering beginning K9 Nose Work™ Training with your Boxer, Lori Kobayshi promises, "Your high energy, extremely smart dog will finally go to a class that wears them out! They will love having a job to do--and will really look forward to every class."

The best way to begin training in K9 Nose Work™ is to find an instructor that has been certified by the National Association of Canine Scent Work™. To find Instructors that have been certified or trainers currently enrolled in the certification program you can visit their website for a complete listing at [www.fun-nosework.com](http://www.fun-nosework.com). The website also lists upcoming seminars, which is another great way to learn about the sport and start you training. Donna Toews says, "Get your smile ready! This time your dog is the teacher and you are the student."

