

K9 Nose Work®

Class Tools

WHAT YOU'LL NEED TO BRING

CRATE (where your dog will rest between turns). Dogs must be crate-trained unless other accommodations are available. Dogs maybe crated in vehicles, weather permitting.

CHAIR (There will be a few facility chairs, but you may prefer to bring something more comfortable.)

WATER (for you and your dog)

FLAT COLLAR (buckle or Martingale style) or a well-fitted traditional harness (attaches to leash with ring on the back). NO headhalters or Easy Walk Harness during runs but maybe used to and from search area.

LEASH: A 6 – 10 foot leash made of light weight leather or nylon (NO chains or retractables). All dangling items, rings, charms, poop bag holders must be removed as not to distract the dog.

TREATS and/or TOYS: HIGH VALUE treats and toys! Bring a few things in case what you thought would work doesn't. Sometimes your usual food reward for other activities is not strong enough for Nose Work. We found the following to be very motivating: tuna, sardines, salmon, bleu cheese, ham hocks, sausages, mackerel, meatballs, liverwurst and hot dogs. Please AVOID crumbly/crunchy type treats.

TREAT POUCH/BAIT BAG: Please bring a small vented container, bait bag or Tug'n'Train in which to put food. No plastic baggies.

HUNGRY & MOTIVATED DOG: Please do NOT feed your dog before coming to class or feed a reduced meal so that your dog is hungry and motivated. Also if you have a high energy dog, please don't burn them out with a long hike or play session before the class.