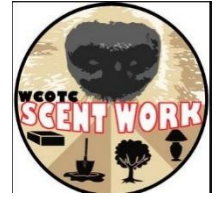




SCENT WORK SEMINAR at Westmoreland County Obedience Training Club



JANUARY 10, 2025 – FRIDAY
JANUARY 12, 2025 – SUNDAY

Featuring: Holly Bushard

Please read this in its entirety, fill out and return all appropriate information with your check to the address listed on the registration form.

**Location: Westmoreland County Obedience Training Club
16 Potter Lane; Delmont PA 15626**

Arrival time: 8:00am with 8:30am start. End approx. 4pm. Some breakfast items/snacks/beverages included. Bring your own lunch.

TOPICS

FRIDAY – HANDLER EXCELLENCE

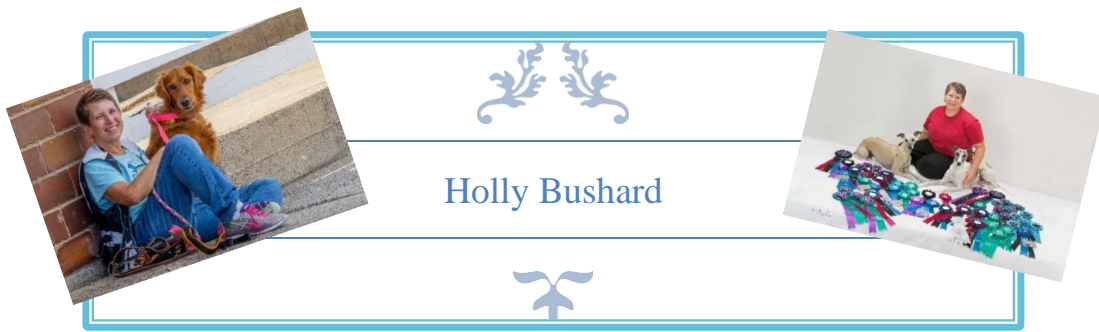
From our approach to a search area straight through our finish call, every decision and action impacts our team's performance. In this session, we will place our habits under a microscope and exam what is working well and what habits could use some TLC. . . . Extremely important leash handling skill development will be included. There is more to great leash management than merely learning to hang on and avoid tangles! Spend some time exploring the nuanced language available through line management.

From staging to start lines to finish call, we will construct our most playful and perfect partnership. Examining the details is interesting and FUN when we can keep an open mind. Let's up our game together! This seminar is Holly's New Favorite!

SUNDAY- THE PUZZLES THAT MATTER

Maintaining the correct balance in nosework is always an interesting challenge. We need dogs who cover ground, stick with problems, are odor obedient, and move off of hides easily. Keeping all of the necessary skills in balance requires a tool box full of exercises that can be used to strengthen any skillset that is being underutilized or has just gotten rusty. In this seminar, handlers will be presented with a collection of skills and drills intended to maintain a well-rounded search dog.

All of the exercises are compatible with at-home work and will require minimal set up or space making them perfect for self study.



Holly started her understanding of scent work with dogs as a narcotics dog handler while she was serving as a police officer. She is now a judge, competitor and coach. Having had the opportunity to work with many breeds doing nosework has made Holly not only an enthusiastic handler but helps her understand the wide variety of challenges teams face.

As a judge in three venues (AKC, CPE, and NACSW) she has a clear understanding of what is expected at a competitive level.

Holly deeply enjoys watching and helping teams enjoy the journey of nosework and believes that this sport uniquely enriches the lives of our canine partners. She considers scenting games to be a debt that we owe to our dogs. Holly loves watching joyful teams exploring and playing with all the challenges this game has to offer.

Helping teams grow in the sport is what keeps her motivated and excited about this great game.

Holly has a special interest in creating small drills that isolate out distinct skills that will enhance competition performance. She is also deeply interested in helping non-traditional breeds excel to the best of their abilities. Above all else, Holly remains a student of the game.



Auditing spots: Auditors may watch the dogs working the seminar, listen to the same lectures/reviews/comments. Auditors may **NOT** ask specific questions pertaining to problems with a specific dog who is not working the seminar that day. If you would like detailed and specific feedback on a different dog please see your instructor or sign up for a working spot at the next seminar.

Auditors may ask questions in relation to the dogs working in the seminar, in context of the working dog's performance and/or search area, or directly related to the presenter's material and explanation. In fact please do!

Working Spots: Maximum of 10 working dogs per day, seminar participants will be limited. Working spots will get the benefit of running their dog and being able to ask specific questions about their handling and the dog's performance. ****At this time all working spots are filled. However we will have a wait-list if you are interested.***

For Working Dogs be sure to bring: Treats for your dog, water for your dog. Indoor crating will be available for working dogs, only. Bring what your dog needs to stay warm and comfortable if crating in the car.

Seminar Etiquette

Dogs: Dogs are only permitted inside the building when they are working during their turn in the seminar.

No dog(s) are permitted to be in any set search area unless working directly with the presenter.

Crating indoors for dogs with working spots will be available.

What to bring: Feel free to bring a special chair (regular folding chairs will be at site), paper, pen, etc. Prepare for all weather, heat, rain, wind, cold, etc. We will work rain, snow or shine outdoors, but not in lightning outside just like a trial, we would stay inside in the event of lightning/thunder.

Food:

At this time, breakfast/lunch will not be provided. You may pack a lunch or go with a local fast food option. Bottled water and coffee will be available.

Video, Audio, or any other type of recording: Working teams are allowed to video themselves or ask others to video for them. Otherwise, no video, audio, or any type of recordings will be permitted.

Anyone that is caught recording or videoing others unasked will be asked to leave and will not be issued a refund.

Costs:

Working spot: \$210 (non-WCOTC member) \$175 (WCOTC member) includes one day of working and one free day of auditing.

Auditing spot: \$70 (non-WCOTC member), or \$125 both days; \$60 (WCOTC member) for one day or \$105 for both days

Registration Form

(Please fill out the first form & second form if you have a working spot)

Holly Bushard January 10 & 12, 2025

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Print clearly as all further communication will be done via email.

Select from the following options: (at this time all working spots are taken – if you would like to be added to the waitlist, pay at the AUDIT amount and if a spot opens, you can pay at that time)

	<u>WCOTC Member</u>	<u>WCOTC Non-Member</u>
<u>January 10 Friday</u> Handler Excellence	<input type="checkbox"/> Audit (\$60 one day/\$105 both days) <input type="checkbox"/> Working -(\$175-incl 1 day audit)	<input type="checkbox"/> Audit (\$70 or \$125 both days) <input type="checkbox"/> Working (\$210 – incl 1 day audit)
<u>January 12 Sunday</u> Puzzles that Matter	<input type="checkbox"/> Audit (\$60 one day/\$105 both days) <input type="checkbox"/> Working (\$175-incl 1 day audit)	<input type="checkbox"/> Audit(\$70 or \$125 both days) <input type="checkbox"/> Working (\$210 – incl 1 day audit)

Make check payable to: WCOTC

Mail form and payment to:

Joyce Perrone 486 Utopia Road. Apollo PA 15613

Your spot is not secured until payment and form is received

You will receive an email confirmation upon receipt. Questions: JPerrone.JP@gmail.com

Phone # is 412-849-7750

Cancelation Policy:

90% refund for working spots canceled only if we can fill your spot. (10% admin fee is retained) If your spot can not be filled, there will be no refund after November 15, 2024.

Audit spot canceled after Nov. 15 will receive no refund.

In the event of acts of God/natural disasters a refund will not be issued.

Please complete the following if registering for a working spot:

Day Working: **Friday, Jan 10** **Sunday, Jan 12**

Handler Name: _____

Dogs call name: _____

Breed: _____

Scent Work Titles: _____

Is your dog reactive? (And to what/how) _____

What do you hope to gain at this seminar? What issues do you and your partner have?
