



# K9 Nose Work® Workshop

## with Gail McCarthy, CNWI



Monday, April 15, 2013

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Bright School, 260 Grove St, Waltham MA

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Charles River Dog Training Club is pleased to offer an **Introduction to Hunting Workshop** designed to introduce this new *positive, fun-packed* activity for you and your dog.

K9 Nose Work® is exhilarating for both dog and handler and can help develop confidence even in the most timid of dogs. The mental exercise of searching and problem-solving is also great for calming down energetic or reactive dogs. Finally, a huge benefit of K9 Nose Work® is the positive working relationship that develops between you and your dog when you both are out “hunting” together as a team.

Instructor Gail McCarthy will explain the basic concepts and foundation skills to get your dog started properly in this sport. Gail will follow the positive-based training methodology used to train “real” working detection dogs — however, she will use training techniques tailored to pet dogs and their handlers. Gail will not teach your dog “how” to follow scent so much as she will be communicating to the dog where to focus those superior scenting abilities. To get your dog “hunting on your terms,” Gail will tap into your dog’s natural desire to hunt and will positively reinforce this hunting behavior with a reward system that your particular dog loves, such as a highly-valued toy, special food and sincere praise.

**WHO MAY REGISTER FOR A WORKING SLOT?** Participating dogs must be at least 6 months old, able to walk on leash and come when called. We would like to register dogs that are highly driven for food or for toys. All dogs will work at least twice in the Workshop but only one dog will be worked at a time. The next dog in the rotation will be “on deck” and ready for his turn. *As only one dog works at a time, dogs must be crated.*

And, while this is a sport that reactive dogs can do well in, this workshop is not meant to address serious behavior or aggression issues. If you have a dog with these issues, please call Gail at 617-775-7968 to learn about other more appropriate K9 Nose Work® classes.

### **Fees and Registration:**

- **Working slots** are limited to 10 dogs. **Auditor slots** are limited to 25 people.
- Charles River DTC members: \$40 (working) / \$15 (auditor); Non members: \$60 (working) / \$25 (auditor)
- Print a [registration form](#) from the CRDTC website

### **INSTRUCTOR BIO:**

Gail McCarthy has been training detection dogs since 1992. She is the Training Director for the Massachusetts Rescue & Recovery K9 Unit and is the Chairperson of, and a Canine Evaluator with, the Massachusetts State Search and Rescue Federation. Gail is also a Canine Handler with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Urban Search and Rescue, Massachusetts Task Force 1 as well as FEMA Disaster Dog Evaluator. She is also a NACSW Certified Nose Work Instructor (CNWI) and a NACSW Trial Judge. Gail's students have had considerable success at official nose work trials at all levels. See her website [www.scintinelnosework.com](http://www.scintinelnosework.com) for additional information.

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### **More about the sport:**

- Check out the official K9 Nose Work® website: [funnosework.com](http://funnosework.com)
- Rules and regulations are at the *National Association of Canine Scent Work™* website: [www.nacsw.net](http://www.nacsw.net)