

Performance Scent Dogs Scent Theory, Hide Placement and Search Design Clinic - June 16th and 17th with a PSD trial June 18th

With Performance Scent Dogs President and Lead Judge Kate Bigger!

For instructors, competitors, and judges - this clinic is open to anyone interested in learning more about scent theory, creating a scent picture for the dog, and the designing of scent tests.

Twelve handlers will have a chance to work their dogs on at least two exercise each day. This is a split working seminar and lecture/demonstration to give handlers insight on their teams' strengths and areas for improvement. Auditors are welcome!

Topics covered include:

- How to create and store a scent kit
- Keeping areas free from scent contamination and how to minimize lingering odor
- The incredible canine seeking system
- How odor is affected by air currents, weather, and in different kinds of containers
- Designing a scent picture for the dog
- Understanding how height, multiple hides, converging odors, threshold hides, varying amounts of odor, blank areas, distractions and inaccessible hides can be used to test handler and dog
- Placing hides appropriate for the level and purpose of the class
- Dealing with unpredictable outcomes during a search as a judge or handler
- Performance Scent Dog rulebook and score sheets

The Search Design clinic will give participants a better understanding of how scent moves through different environments and how judges use this information to test dog and handler teams. Instructors and competitors will gain valuable insight on where to place hides to help broaden the dog's ability to pinpoint scent. Prospective judges and competitors will have the opportunity to review rules and scoring

For those that must bring non-working dogs, there is ample parking so you may crate dogs in the car. Please be prepared to work outside regardless of weather.

About the presenter:

Kate Bigger is the president of Performance Scent Dogs. She is a behavior geek with a deep background in behavior science. Through her training company, High Fidelity Dogs, she has started hundreds of scent work dogs and has judged thousands of searches. She specializes in motivation, dogs in need of space, and helping teams work through their individual issues. Kate is a long-time agility national competitor and coach who became obsessed with the sniffing sports. All of Kate's dogs have been recycled from shelters or breed rescue and have earned multiple agility championships, including Regional and National Finalists. She strives to open up two-way communication from dog to owner and owner to dog which is the very heart of scent work. Kate is in the enviable position of teaching 8-10 scent work classes a week and particularly enjoys the very first six week class where dogs and handlers discover scent work for the first time. Her more advanced classes serve as a learning laboratory where teams play with all sorts of scent work puzzles.

Performance Scent Dogs Scent Theory, Hide Placement and Search Design Clinic Registration Form

Location:

Horseshoe Bend Park Morton Building

178 Horseshoe Bend Rd

Frenchtown, NJ 08825

(look for signs)

Dates: June 16 and June 17, 2017

Time: 9:00am-5:00pm both days

Working spots: \$200 for both days, \$125 for a single day

Auditors: \$100 for both days, \$60 for a single day

Name: _____

Date(s) Attending: June 16 _____ June 17 _____

Working Spot: Yes _____ No _____

Auditing Spot: Yes _____ No _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Dog's Name/Breed (Working Spot Only): _____

Entry must be received by **June 2, 2017** – One entry per participant

Checks made payable to: Kindred Companions LLC

Please mail to: Katie Brennan, 37 Outlook Lane, Levittown, PA 19055

Contact email: katie@kindredcompanions.com

Registration is limited in order to keep groups with a high judge to participant ratio. Get your registration forms in ASAP to hold a space.

No refunds after June 9th.

Release of Liability

Release of Liability Name: _____

Dog's Name: _____

I certify that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of entering this Performance Scent Dogs sanctioned trial, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of Performance Scent Dogs, Inc. in effect at the time of this event, and by any additional rules and regulations appearing in the rulebook dated March 2016 for this event, and further agree to be bound by this liability waiver for all dogs in my care at this event, entered or not. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard (dog or human aggressive) to persons or other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and Agreement. I (we) agree to conduct myself (ourselves) in accordance with all Performance Scent Dogs, Inc. Rules and Regulations and to abide by any decisions made in accord with them. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause, which the club shall deem sufficient. I (we) agree to hold Performance Scent Dogs, Inc., The **Kindred Companions LLC**, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the afore-mentioned parties harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the afore mentioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to this dog. Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such, injuries, death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other persons.

Waiver of Rights to Privacy, Publicity & Personality

In consideration of this entry, I hereby grant to Performance Scent Dogs, Inc. and **Kindred Companions LLC** all rights and permissions to use or appropriate my dog and my name, biography, likeness, photograph or other indicia of identity for broadcast, telecast, transmission or distribution in any format or media known now or in the future.

Signature: _____

Date: _____