



AKC Scent Work Detective Seminar

Presented by AKC Scent Work Judge – Carolyn Dostal

Date: Saturday, September 27, 2025

Time: 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM Eastern

Hosted by Kalamazoo Kennel Club

Location: 1249 West D Avenue, Kalamazoo MI 49009

SEMINAR TOPICS

8:30 - 12:30 We will be working on some of the skills necessary for a successful Detective search.

1. Blank Areas
2. Inaccessible Hides
3. Elevated Hides
4. Close Proximity & Converging Odor
 - Double hides same plane
 - Double hides different plane
5. Thresholds & crack hides

12:30 - 1:00 LUNCH

1:00 - 4:00 Detective searches utilizing these skills.

Each team will test their ability doing a Detective search utilizing the skills covered.

These searches can be blind (with help), or known, or even paired.

4:00 - 4:30 Questions and Discussion

About Judge Carolyn Dostal

Bio - Carolyn Dostal

I became involved with Nosework/Scent Work in 2012, with my beagle Cino, who earned her NACSW NW1 with a High in Trial at her very first trial. Unfortunately I lost her before we could go any further. After that I titled 2 other beagles to upper level competition and my present beagle Pete earned his Detective title and has 6 Q's towards his Detective 2. My biggest and proudest achievement is Pete's NACSW Elite 2 title, which he earned just a few months ago. Presently I am competing with Pete at the Elite/Detective level and with my young beagle, Tempo who just earned her NW1 and is working on her AKC overall Novice Elite title. I have been teaching Nosework/Scent Work classes since 2014 and presently teach both in Florida and here in Michigan. Besides competing & teaching classes I also judge AKC, UKC and CSS Scent Work.

My training philosophy is training for independent hunting, drive, and of course fun. I believe that the dog is never wrong in the sport of Nosework/Scent Work since they are the one with the nose. It is up to the handler to read their dog to become a better teammate.

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Registration Form – Opening Date July 1, 2025

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Dog's Name: _____ Breed: _____ Age: _____

Working Spot (Limit 6): Non-KKC Members \$175 KKC Members \$150

If working spots are full, add me to the waiting list and I will audit.

Auditor (Unlimited): Non-KKC Members \$100 KKC Members \$75

1. What level are your training/trialing: Novice Advanced Excellent Master

2. Please submit questions/issues you would like to cover with this registration form.

Closing date is August 30, 2025. No refunds will be issued for cancellations after that date unless your working spot can be filled. Once working spots are filled you may be added to a waiting list for cancellations.

Please Read and Sign This Agreement: In consideration of my enrollment and participation in Kalamazoo Kennel Club, Inc. Training Seminar, I hereby agree to assume all liability for any personal injury, property damage and injury, or damage to other dogs or other people I or my dog(s) cause. I understand that fees will not be refunded after the cancellation date. The Kalamazoo Kennel Club takes every measure to ensure the comfort and safety of all people and dogs participating in our seminars/events. If your dog exhibits any behavior that leads KKC or the instructor to conclude that your dog is too dangerous or aggressive with dogs or people to participate in the seminar/event, your dog will be dismissed from the seminar. The handler may stay but no refund will be given.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(If the Trainer is under 18, a parent or guardian must sign.)

Make check payable to: KKC and mail with registration form and questions to:

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