



# AKC Scent Work Detective Seminar

Presented by AKC Scent Work Judge – Carolyn Dostal

Date: Sunday, September 20, 2026

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 - 2:30 We will be working on some of the skills necessary for a successful Detective search.

1. Blank Rooms, Blank Unproductive Areas
2. Sourcing
3. Elevated Hides
4. Pooling & Converging Odor
5. Making Thresholds Great Again

12:30 - 1:00 LUNCH

2:30 – 4:00 Mini Detective searches utilizing these skills.

We will do several mini-searches covering some of the skills we have talked about. 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 9 Q's towards his Detective 2. My biggest and proudest achievement is Pete's NACSW Elite 3 title, and he is closing in on his Elite Championship title at 11 years old. My young beagle, Tempo earned her NW1 and is working on her AKC overall Novice Elite title, and has also been showing in Advanced & Excellent. It has been a real education for me this past year, presenting Pete with Elite/Summit challenges and presenting the same broken-down problem to Tempo and watching her learn.

I have been teaching Nosework 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. Nosework is a problem solving puzzle and it is up to us to present the problem in a way where the dog can be successful. I believe that the dog is never wrong in the sport of Nosework, and we are the ones constantly learning from them.

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**Registration Form**

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.

**Are you signing up with a friend and one of you wants a working spot in the AM and other wants the PM working spot? (Thus taking one working spot between the two of you and one audit spot between the two of you.) Please contact Dawn Lovell to arrange this!**

**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, 2026.**

**No refunds will be issued for cancellations after that date unless the 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:**

**Dawn Lovell**

**74501 46<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Decatur, MI 49045**

**QUESTIONS?** Dawn Lovell – Ph: 269-423-8246 (home number) or Email: [dawnmlovell@gmail.com](mailto:dawnmlovell@gmail.com)