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Nose Work Games

WHAT YOU'LL NEED TO BRING EVERY WEEK

• **Crate** (where your dog will rest and process what he or she has learned between searches). If you don't want to schlep it to class every week, ask us about crate rental and we will have it set up and ready for you. (If your dog has confinement issues, please let us know.)

- Crate cover. A sheet or light blanket will do.
- Water bowl (we have a fountain)
- **Flat Collar** (buckle or Martingale style) or a well-fitted traditional style harness during the workshop. No head halters or Easy Walk harnesses during runs but they may be used to and from the search area as needed.
- Leash: A 6-foot light-weight leather or nylon leash (no chain or retractable). All dangling items, rings, charms, poop bags holders should be removed so as not to distract the dog.
- Toys and/or treats: HIGH VALUE toys and treats! For example: If your dog loves the tennis ball or the rope...bring it, not the stuffed toy he doesn't play with; If your dog loves chicken but is not jazzed about Snausages, bring the chicken. Bring a few things in case what you thought was going to work doesn't. Sometimes, your usual food reward for other activities is not high enough value for Nose Work. We've found some of the following to be very motivating: Tuna, sardines, salmon, bleu cheese, ham hocks, sausages, meatballs, liverwurst, and hot dogs.
- **Treat pouch/bait bag:** Please bring a small container, bait bag or "Tug N Treat" in which to put the food. (No plastic baggies.)
- Hungry & Motivated Dog: Please feed a very reduced meal (about a quarter of the usual amount) so that your dog is hungry and motivated. Also, if you have a high energy dog, please don't burn them out with a long hike or play session before the class.
- Note: Your dog must be people-friendly and not a guarder of treats or toys.