

## **What is K9 Nose Work?**

K9 Nose Work is the specific sport created and sanctioned by the National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW). This sport was inspired by the training methodology of detection K9s and borrows elements of that training for recreation. The terms nose work, fun nose work, scent work, search work are all commonly used references to describe any activity where the dog is using its nose to locate a target scent or odor. K9 Nose Work is the term that defines this detection inspired sport that has evolved from the pursuit of many dogs (with their handlers) to practice nose work and have fun.

One of the many challenges faced by working K9s and their handlers is encountering new environments and scenarios daily. This challenge will be reflected in the sport through differing search environments and requirements of each trial location.

**Therefore the general rules and guidelines will apply, but handlers and dogs may encounter point-scoring variations at each trial.**

### **K9 Nose Work Trials:**

Trials may be held for the purpose of competition, titling, or both. Only NACSW sanctioned trials however may award the official work titles and certificates. Additionally, the prerequisite Odor Recognition Testing must be awarded by a NACSW certifying official.