



Seminars with Silke Wittig

K9 Nose Work and Behavior Coach, CO, CPDT-KSA, ACBC, CNWI™

Scott County Fairgrounds

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SPDTC is pleased to offer the following seminars with Silke Wittig, who brings a unique and powerful combination of expertise in both nose work and behavior. The seminars are located at a real trial location to provide training in a trial-like environment.

Nose Work

Silke was introduced to K9 Nose Work® in 2010 and became one of the first two CNWI™ in PA in 2011. She is a Supervising Certifying Official and Judge for NACSW™- approved trials and ORTs and is also involved in various admin projects for NACSW and K9NW. In addition to instructing group classes and private sessions and offering coaching clinics, Silke has hosted multiple NACSW™-sanctioned ORTs, trials and workshops. She has taught at multiple K9NW camps, hosted by Dogs of Course, and is also a webinar presenter.

Behavior

Silke loves to work on all aspects of this great dog sport while making sure that both ends of the leash have fun in a safe environment! To this end, Silke is a member of the International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants and has been working with fearful, anxious, and reactive dogs for over 15 years. She believes that every dog is an individual with specific needs and every dog owner deserves customized professional support. Her compassionate and integral approach towards dog-owner/handler teams includes topics like body language and its subtleties, potential health issues affecting behavior, management and prevention of behavior issues, behavior modification, the importance of meeting the dogs where they are at, working at their pace and celebrating every small step to success. Silke currently competes with her 7-year-old Pit Bull Snap in NACSW™ competitions and is an avid K9NW lover.

Schedule

Sunday, June 2, 2024

❖ **Session 1: 8:30 AM -12:00 PM**

Elite and Summit Challenges

Elite and Summit trials are physically, emotionally and mentally more taxing – but in some ways also potentially more fun than the lower trial levels. Search areas are usually larger with more complex odor problems and/or blank spaces with a wide range of hide numbers. Do you and your dog have the skills, motivation, stamina and “mileage” under your belt to succeed?

- Limit of 8 working spots and unlimited auditors
- \$150 working spot, \$50 auditing spot
- Prerequisite – team is preparing to compete or is competing in the Elite and/or Summit level.

❖ **Session 2: 1:00 PM-4:30 PM**

Containers

Containers seem to be the bane of many nose work handlers. Most dogs enjoy running container searches, but their humans approach them with fear. In this workshop, we will discuss types and set-ups of containers, handling methods, the causes of false alerts and misses, trained final responses and proofing, distractors, and other factors affecting container searches. Working teams will get in-the-moment coaching and recommendations on how to turn their container searches into a positive experience.

- Limit of 10 working spots and unlimited auditors
- \$150 working spot, \$50 auditing spot
- Prerequisite – dog is on all 3 odors

❖ **Session 3: 5:15-6:15PM Private or Semi-private Coaching (1 Hour)**

- Handler selects topic(s) and Silke will customize your experience
- \$100 per private session (1 dog), \$120 per semi-private (2 dogs @ \$60 each)
- No auditors
- Contact Nose Work Administrator to register via email @ spdtcnwjb@gmail.com

Registration Opens May 12, 2024

[Elite and Summit Challenges - Working Spot](#)

[Elite and Summit Challenges - Auditing Spot](#)

[Containers – Working Spot](#)

[Containers – Auditing Spot](#)

Cancellation Policy

- For cancellation on or before Friday, May 17, 2024, at 11:59PM – full refund minus a \$25

processing fee.

- For cancellation between Friday, May 17, 2024, at 11:59PM and Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 11:59PM – full refund minus a \$25 processing fee if we fill your space. No refund will be issued if we can't fill your space.
- For cancellation after Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 11:59PM – 50% of the workshop fee will be refunded if we fill your space. No refund will be issued if we don't fill your space.