

News Bites – Introduction to Nose work

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On Sat May 13th, 2023, a group of Wheaten terrier owners and dogs met with Terri Wilson who introduced us to scent/nose work.

This is what we covered in the fascinating, for humans, (and exciting, for our Wheaten terriers) class...

Brief History of the sport of Scent Work

Basics of trials: types of searches, levels of competition, odors used

Discussion of multiple scent work organizations and instructor certifications

How scent and odor move

Training methodologies

Demonstration with trained scent dog

Scent work Introduction to multiple new dogs

All of the dogs picked up nose/scent work quickly and were eager to get out and “take another turn” at scent searches...

This is what we learned from Terri:

Build your dog’s drive to hunt, independently!

Teach your dog the importance of boxes and containers.

Build the handler's observation skills and the ability to recognize when the dog is searching for odor, when they are in an odor pool, and when they find the source.