



Sniffy Workshops With Judith Guthrie

Judith Guthrie is a dog trainer who specializes in professional detection dogs and sport scent work. She is a Judge for NACSW, AKC, and USCSS. She enjoys all aspects of training and behavior across multiple species and disciplines.

Figuring out how to break down any behavior to its base components and molding those components into the behavioral goal she is working for is one of things she enjoys most.

She was raised around working dogs. Her foundational experiences with dogs included multiple police and search & rescue dogs. This gave her early experience with the unique perspective of what working dogs need versus companion dogs, and then figuring out how to train for each dogs needs individually.

Currently she runs Dark Moon Farms and Kennels LLC and Nose Dogs Detection Services, a detection and service dog training facility. Through Nose Dogs Judith offers: trained & prospective detection dogs for sale, detection dog handling courses, workshops, certifications, companion dogs (trained, untrained, and/or titled), and a list of detection services for private individuals and businesses.

Private Sessions

Friday, April 18 Slots Available from 10 AM – 3 PM

Sunday, April 20 Slots Available from 9 AM – Noon

For teams at all levels, this is the ultimate opportunity to focus on your specific needs with expert guidance. Whether you're looking for advice on moving up, insights into improving specific skills, or help troubleshooting challenges, Judith will tailor the session to meet your goals.

These highly hands-on sessions are designed to diagnose challenges, refine your handling, and strengthen your dog's performance. Judith will set targeted challenges for you and your dog, using her expertise to adapt the session in real time based on your performance. You'll also have the chance to ask questions and get personalized ideas from a seasoned judge with expertise in odor theory, dog psychology, and scent work competition.

The result is a fully customized experience that addresses exactly what your team needs to succeed—whether that's building confidence, solving problems, or fine-tuning advanced skills. You'll leave with practical strategies, renewed motivation, and a clear plan to continue your progress.

Friday, April 18 5:00 – 6:30 PM Game Night!

This fun session offers creative scent work challenges to build skills, test problem-solving, and enhance teamwork. Examples of possible games include distance work, stillness, handler-proofing, and timed searches, but the actual games may vary. A variety of challenges will be offered, providing rich learning opportunities for both you and your dog.

Drop in when you can, and stay to watch as many runs as you like. These games, though seemingly simple, are designed to help you identify strengths, pinpoint areas for improvement, and gain new ideas to implement in your training at home. If there's a specific skill you'd like to see incorporated into a game, feel free to make a suggestion—it might be included!

Saturday, April 19 9 AM - Noon

Under Pressure: Handling Unexpected (and Expected) Challenges During Trials

Trials don't always go as planned—unexpected distractions, tough environments, and handling surprises can throw even the best teams off their game. Have you ever lost focus mid-search, struggled with a spooked or distracted dog, or found yourself second-guessing every decision? These moments can be frustrating, but with the right strategies, you can learn to recover quickly and keep your searches on track. This session is the perfect opportunity to break down real challenges you've faced and turn them into learning experiences.

What You'll Do

Judith will set up real-world trial challenges, replicating the types of distractions, environmental stressors, and handling surprises that can derail a search. You and your dog will work through these scenarios with hands-on coaching, learning how to adjust your approach and problem-solve in the moment. You'll have the chance to test different strategies, receive feedback, and refine your handling under trial-like conditions.

What You'll Learn

- How to stay focused and adjust when things don't go as planned
- Ways to support your dog without overhandling
- Strategies to work through unexpected challenges with confidence
- How to build resilience in training to better handle trial stress

By the end of this session, you'll feel more prepared to handle the unpredictable with confidence in your ability to adjust, problem-solve, and help your partner navigate the search—no matter what the trial throws your way. Dogs should be able to source Birch, Anise and Clove.

Saturday, April 19 1 – 3 PM

Building Search Endurance: Keep Your Dog in the Hunt

At lower levels, dogs expect quick success—starting in odor and finding their first hide within seconds. But as you move up, the game changes. Your once-driven dog may start quitting early, looking to you for answers, barking, or giving you false alerts. To succeed at higher levels, your dog must develop search endurance—the ability to stay in the hunt, even when odor isn't immediately available.

What You'll Do

- Run Longer, Back-to-Back Searches – Designed to build confidence, focus, and search stamina
- Learn Key Factors in Endurance – Understand what influences your dog's ability to hunt longer
- See Real-Time Improvement – Watch how your dog reacts to hide placements
- Build Resilience – Train your dog to confidently push through longer searches
- Foster Joy in the Hunt – Help your dog love searching even when hides aren't immediately found
- Reduce Frustration & Strengthen Drive – Prevent quitting, false alerts, or unnecessary handler reliance while reinforcing confidence

This session is ideal for dogs who have good odor obedience, are competing at advanced or higher levels, and are ready to build search stamina. If you're unsure whether your dog is ready, contact Tracy (Tracy@4PawsDogWorks.com) or register for an Audit spot to prepare for when they are.

Sunday, April 20, 1 – 3 PM

Productive Search Areas: Where to Search and Why

If someone asked, “Did you cover all the productive areas?”—would you confidently say yes, or would you be left wondering, Wait... what exactly are those?

In scent work, success isn't just about searching everywhere—it's about searching the right places. Every search area has productive locations—spots where odor is most likely to collect and lead your dog to source. But do you know how to identify them? As you advance in levels, getting to productive areas quickly becomes a critical skill.

What You'll Learn

- What makes an area productive—how airflow, objects, and environmental conditions influence odor collection
- How to identify productive areas during a search briefing
- How to move efficiently through a search area and guide your dog into key locations
- How to recognize when your dog is in an unproductive area and get them back on track
- How to feel confident calling "Finish" knowing you've covered all the right spots
- Hands-on Learning with Odor – you'll be guided real searches so you can see productive locations in action
- Watch How Odor Behaves– Learn to read the search environment and predict where odor is likely to be
- Refine Your Search Strategy– Practice leading your dog with intention instead of just following them

This session is designed for all levels, but it becomes essential as you move into higher levels where searches are more complex and time is limited. If you've ever finished a search and wondered whether you covered all the right spots, this session will give you the skills and confidence to know you did.

Registration: To register, complete the attached form and mail with payment.



REGISTRATION FORM Judith's NoseWork Workshops

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Check Desired Workshop(s)

- Friday Game Night Dog Name: _____ \$50 per team
- Saturday AM Under Pressure (4/19) Dog Name: _____ \$175 per team
- Saturday PM Endurance (4/19) Dog Name: _____ \$175 per team
- Sunday PM Productive (4/20) Dog Name: _____ \$175 per team

Audit Spot (non working spot) Pressure Endurance Productive \$50 per session

Private Lessons – we'll contact you about time slots when we receive your form! **Semi private also available**

- Friday 4/18 30 minutes Dog Name: _____ \$100 per team
- Friday 4/18 60 minutes Dog Name: _____ \$175 per team
- Sunday 4/20 30 minutes Dog Name: _____ \$100 per team
- Sunday 4/20 60 minutes Dog Name: _____ \$175 per team

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

NOTES: Working spots are not considered secure without payment

Wait lists will be taken on a 1st come, 1st served basis

Mail this form and check (payable to 4 Paws DogWorks) to

4 Paws DogWorks ATTN: Judith Workshops
PO Box 4514 West Richland, WA 99353

Waiver

4 Paws DogWorks, LLC will endeavor to create as safe an environment as possible for the training of my dog and will endeavor to offer only sound, safe, and responsible training and training instructions. I am and will remain responsible for the actions of my dog at all times. I understand that attendance in dog training classes is not without risk to myself, members of my family, guests who may attend, or to my dog. I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless 4 Paws DogWorks, LLC, its instructors, agents, employees and/or representatives of any and all claims, or claims by any member of my family, or accompanying guests of mine of injury, expense, costs or damages to myself, my dog or any handler sponsored by me both in class and out of class. In addition, I agree that I will indemnify 4 Paws DogWorks, LLC for any injury, expense, costs or damages to any dog handlers or dogs or to third parties arising out of my own actions or the actions of my dog. I have read the above-stated provisions, and agree to accept those responsibilities.

Signature: _____ Date: _____