



# Michele Ellertson

## Nose Work Lecture and Workshop

Sunday • August 5, 2018 • Fryeburg, Maine

### EVENT DESCRIPTION

#### 10am–12pm Lecture: Setting Hides from an Official's Perspective

What goes into hide placement is much more intricate than it first appears. How do we know odor is going to work the way we expect it to? Is there a difference between “Trial Hides” and “Training Hides?” What containers and adhesives lend themselves best to different types of environments? We will investigate all these questions and more in this mini odor theory workshop.

#### 1pm–4pm Workshop: Foundation Principles and Odor Obedience; limited to 8 working spots

How do I train my dog to the ELITE Level? Foundation, Foundation, Foundation! Getting foundation right from the start can mean the difference between struggle and success at the later levels. While it can be tempting to make hides harder and require more this can chip away at the dogs confidence over time. Having a solid foundation can balance out our training efforts and build the most confident partner.

### PRESENTER BIO

Michele Ellertson CNWI has worked as a Professional Dog Trainer for over a decade. Prior to being swept up in the Nosework craze, she worked mostly in behavior modification. In 2009, Michele

was among the first dog trainers in New England to become involved in the National Association of Canine Scent work's (NACSW) sport of K9 Nosework, and she was instrumental in establishing the foundation necessary to make the sport a success in this region of the country. She currently works with the NACSW as a Certifying Official, Trial Representative, and has hosted numerous trials in the New England area. It's no secret the sport has skyrocketed, and Michele's intense schedule of regular weekly classes, private lessons, and specialty clinics throughout the country show it. In addition to having the honor of teaching at the National K9NW Camps, she owns “The Dog's PACE” out of Massachusetts, a school dedicated to excellence in scent work.

Personally, Michele is owned and loved by four dogs. Three she rescued, a poodle mix named Harley, and a Chihuahua/Terrier mix named Hemi, and one of her two young German shepherd's, Hannah. Chaser, a 3 year old German Shepherd, has passed all 3 ORT Tests and they have been having fun exploring training and foundation concepts. Harley has recently earned his NW3 Elite title placing in many of those efforts, and received the Harry Award, which is given to the most outstanding rescue dog that demonstrates extraordinary ability and spirit in nose work at the NW1 level. Hannah, a 7 year old German Shepherd is also a recipient of this award, along with her NW1 Pronounced title. Hannah is one NW3

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