

**About Face K9 Academy & Let's Talk Dogs are proud to present**  
**CHRISTINA BUNN, CNWI**  
**K9 Nose Work© Skill Building Workshop**  
**Monday, April 19, 2021 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Lacey, WA**

As you are working with your dog towards the higher levels of Nose Work, getting extra coaching and input can be critical for you and your dog. This day will focus on just that need. Christina will not only be talking about what you can expect in the higher levels of Nose Work competition but will give you input and suggestions for your team. The day will be run like an extended class with plenty of work for everyone.

**About Christina Bunn, CNWI**

Christina Bunn is the owner and master trainer of Puget Sound Detection Dogs. Christina has been training detection dogs for over 21 years and has owned and operated her own facility for over 15 of those years. Christina has evaluated hundreds of canines for work in detection and has trained over 150 for the detection of controlled substances. At one point, Christina had over 50 dogs working throughout Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and the country of Brazil. Among the dogs that worked in Oregon, 11 of those dogs had been with Oregon State Police.



Christina has been an instructor at the Pacific Northwest Police Detection Dog Association's conference for the last 10 years. Christina is a volunteer for Snohomish County Volunteer Search and Rescue and has served in many capacities for 21 years. During her time with SCVSAR Christina has handled two canines. K9 Matty was an area search dog and was also crossed trained to locate human remains. K9 Matty's daughter K9 Springfield was a trailing K9 and was also crossed trained for human remains. Christina and her K9 partners were utilized on hundreds of missions and had multiple successes in live find as well as human remains. She is the trainer for the county's HRD Team and conducts weekly trainings.

Christina trained "Terra" the Eco Dog that currently works for EcoTech LLC in Portland, Oregon. Terra's duties include locating buried, leaking, heating oil tanks, and detecting soil contamination, including aviation crash sites. Christina has registered two canines with Pet Partners and HOPE Animal Assisted Crisis Response. During Christina and K9 Springfield's career together they deployed to the Marysville Pilchuck Highschool murder suicide, the SPU shooting and the HWY 530 Mudslide providing comfort to those involved in these crises.

With over 45 collective years in the working and companion dog realm, Christina has worked with humane societies, boarding kennels, and veterinarian hospitals. She is a Canine Good Citizen/STAR Puppy/AKC Tricks Evaluator, Certified Nosework Instructor and Trial Judge. She teaches 13 sport detection classes a week for all levels from intro to Elite.



Having the great honor of judging at the first National NACSW trial in 2013, Christina is known for saying, "Don't ask your dog to lower herself to your level, you, as a handler, must rise up to your dog's level. You must become a student of your dog."

Christina competes at the Utility level in Competitive Obedience with her Dutch Shepherd, "Dori". Christina and "Dori" also compete in Tracking, Agility, Lure Coursing, FAST, and Dock Diving. They have multiple competitive titles under their belt. They have explored Herding and IPO. Christina is married, the mother of 5 adult children, 2 stepsons, and 11 grandchildren to boot.

## **WORKSHOP DETAILS**

**LOCATION:** [The Canine Co-op, 8450 30th Ave NE, Lacey, WA](#) (Building E)

**SCHEDULE:** Monday, April 19, 2021

Check in opens at 8:30 a.m. Seminar, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Lunch noon-1:00

**Monday, 9:00 a.m. - noon – Teams working on working on NW3 through Elite**

**Monday, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. – Teams working on NW1 through NW2**

### **WHAT TO BRING:**

- ✓ Note taking supplies.
- ✓ Your own reusable beverage holder. We like to be as green as possible.
- ✓ Metal folding chairs and plastic lawn chairs are provided. If you will be uncomfortable in these, we recommend that you bring your own.
- ✓ Weather-appropriate clothing and shoes, bring layers and rain gear, as we may be working outside as well as inside.
- ✓ Working dog teams should also bring plenty of dog rewards, multiple leash options and appropriate weather supplies for your dog.

### **DOG POLICIES:**

#### ***Requirements for working dog/handler teams***

- Working teams are limited to 6 per session. You may audit the session you are not working for an additional \$30 but each handler will only have one working spot for the day.
- Working spaces will be given on a first come basis as long as the dog meets the requirements below.
- Only one dog/handler team per household will be accepted but you may submit more than one of your dogs for consideration or in the case of extra space or cancellation. If you want to be considered for a additional working space, please fill out a registration form for each dog.
- All working dogs should be proficient working on birch, anise and clove.
- NW3-Elite working teams should at least have the dog's NW2 title.
- NW1 & NW2 working teams should at least have the dog's ORT title.
- All teams must be very comfortable working in front of a crowd and in smaller spaces with spectators. This workshop would not be appropriate for dogs with any reactivity toward people – the presence of many observers would likely be overly stressful.
- *Mild* reactivity towards other dogs (not people) is acceptable.
- Dogs with environmental sensitivities should not sign up for this workshop due to its intensity and closeness of spectators.
- Dogs must be able to stay quietly in their vehicles out of sight from their handlers. Handler will need to bring bedding, cool covers, pop-ups, fans or whatever your dog needs to be made comfortable and cool/warm enough the car between working exercises. There is no shade available.

### **FOOD:**

We will provide water and light snacks. You are responsible for your own lunch.

### **VIDEO AND AUDIO TAPING:**

Audio and/or videotaping of coaching and other working teams is not permitted. Working teams may video have their own runs videoed but must provide someone to help in this capacity. Videos may not be shared to social media without permission of the instructor.

## **REGISTRATION INFO & FEES**

Please fill out the registration form and sign the cancellation policy and liability waiver. You will receive an email confirmation with a copy of your registration info. Within a week you will also receive an email with payment information and confirmation of a working space (if you signed up for one).

**\$150 – Working spot**

**\$180—Working spot and audit alternate session**

**\$75 —Audit all day**

**PRE-PAYMENT IS REQUIRED IN FULL.** Payment will be made via PayPal.

**Registration ends 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 22 and ends Monday, April 12 or when full.**

## **CANCELLATION POLICY**

All cancellations must be in writing via email and will be confirmed by return email. Your cancellation will not be valid without a written confirmation of receipt from Let's Talk Dogs, LLC.

- Cancellations before April 5, 2021 full refund minus \$25.00 administrative fee.
- No refunds for cancellations after April 5, 2021.
- No refund for no-shows.

## **COVID-19 special event details**

- ✓ All attendees must adhere to social distancing - maintaining 6' of distance. Social Distancing requirements are MANDATORY. There is *no option* to mutually consent to be closer together than 6'. Please be respectful that your proximity or request for proximity may make others uncomfortable.
- ✓ All attendees are from WA state and have not been out of state 14 days prior to their ORT date. If you are from out of state, current guidelines requires that you quarantine for 14 days before the ORT. At this time there is no exceptions for vaccinations.
- ✓ All attendees will be required to wear a face mask that covers their nose and mouth at all times when they are outside of their vehicle. This includes but is not limited to using the bathroom, passing through a building and during all searches.
- ✓ No congregating in the parking lot of any type will be allowed. There is no exception for mutual consent.
- ✓ Everyone at the event must sign a waiver with the following info:
  - I represent and affirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief: (1) I do not have COVID-19 nor am I waiting for test results; (2) I have not been tested and found positive for COVID-19 or if I have tested positive for COVID-19, I certify that I have been released by government officials and/or health care providers to resume normal activity without limit; (3) I have not during the past 14 days experienced symptoms associated with COVID-19 including fever, coughing, or shortness of breath; and (4) I have not within the past 14 days, to the best of my knowledge and belief, been in contact with or exposed to any known carrier of COVID-19. I agree to follow any specific event guidelines, precautions and requirements to mitigate the possibility of event participants or attendees contracting or spreading COVID-19. I understand the risks of contracting or being exposed to COVID-19 associated with my attendance at this event, and I knowingly accept those risks.
- ✓ When possible, doors will be propped open.
- ✓ Attendees are asked to bring their own hand sanitizer, masks and disinfecting wipes.

When you register, you will be asked to electronically sign the Cancellation policy and Liability and COVID-19 waiver.

Please contact Dorothy at [letstalkdogs1@gmail.com](mailto:letstalkdogs1@gmail.com) or Rachele Bailey-Austin at 360-493-0220 if you have any questions.

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