

## **Michele Ellerston Workshop June 17 & 18, 2023**

**Central Indiana Scentwork is excited to welcome Michele Ellerston to Northern Indiana!**

### **The Dog Driven Container: The Why and The How Seminar – All Boxed up and Possession Games**

**Saturday June 17, 2023 9am-4pm with 30-minute lunch, maximum 15 working teams**

**Trail Creek Dog Training Club, 2045 N 150 E LaPorte, IN 46350**

This container workshop will focus on teaching the dog a dog-driven pattern – a way to for the dog to find success and not frustration in container searches. Dog-Driven patterns give the dog a task to do in the absence of odor. We will add Possession games at the end of the day. Does your dog find odor and walk away? Build value for odor using a variety of games. This workshop is appropriate for all levels. We will run from experienced dogs first down to pairing dogs.

### **ZONES: You've heard of them, what are they?**

**Sunday June 18, 2023 9am-4pm with 30-minute lunch, maximum 12 working teams**

**Red Mill County Park, ECC Building, 0185 S Holmesville Rd LaPorte, IN 46350.**

Struggling to build endurance in your nosework dog? Michele will guide you through a different way of structuring practice searches. ZONE training helps present the dog a more curated experience as opposed to leaving them struggling. It helps identify where they need more work and builds confidence. You will work through problems while moving from exterior and interior, high and low etc. This workshop is appropriate for all levels. We will run experienced dogs first down to pairing dogs.

### **Michele's background:**

Michele Ellertson, CNWI, is the owner, founder, and training director at The Dog's PACE. She has been training dogs professionally for over 20 years. Although she focuses on scent training today, her background is in behavior modification. This gives her a unique perspective on engaging with all kinds of dogs. In 2009, Michele was among the first dog trainings in New England to become involved in the National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW) and the new sport of K9 Nosework. As such, she was instrumental in establishing the foundation necessary to make the sport a success in this region. She currently works with the NACSW as a Certifying Official, trial representative, trial host and competitor. In addition, she has an intense schedule of classes, online classes, private lessons, specialty clinics around the country as well as teaching at National K9NW Camp. Michele maintains her own knowledge by attending as many workshops as possible. Michele has trained in a variety of dog sports, both personally and professionally. However, her primary goals are in the sport of nosework. Her fondness for the sport comes from the tremendous benefits it offers to all dogs, including building confidence, bonding, mental stimulation and pure enjoyment.

- Workshops will start promptly at 9am. Please arrive in time to set up and potty your dog. Grounds will open at 8:30am.
- Dogs will be crated/kept in cars when not searching
- Be prepared for any type of weather
- Bring your own chair, water for dogs, snacks and beverages
- To keep your entry fee low we will offer a potluck each day. Club will provide Taco meat on Saturday and Salad for salad bar on Sunday. Please bring your favorite side/dessert to share. There are fridges onsite at both venues. Plates, napkins and silverware provided. Bottled water available

Saturday: Crating is available inside the club building.

Sunday: Crating is encouraged inside the ECC building. You can drop off your crate at the entrance and take your car to the parking area. There are a few spots by the building but it is tight.

Cost: Working spots are \$150.00 per day  
Auditors (we love auditors) \$40 per day

#### Payment/cancellation

Payment is required to hold a working spot. Full refund if cancellation prior to May 20, 2023. After May 20, 2023 if we can fill your spot from the waitlist full refund. After June 15, 2023 no refunds.

Please return form with payment:

Payment may be by check or PayPal.

Paypal requires an additional \$5.00 fee. (\$155 working, \$45 auditing)

[https://paypal.me/CentralIndianaSW?country.x=US&locale.x=en\\_US](https://paypal.me/CentralIndianaSW?country.x=US&locale.x=en_US)

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Select:

Working Spot Saturday

Auditing Saturday

Working Spot Sunday

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Name:

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Phone Number and email:

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Emergency Contact Name and Phone Number:

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**Working Team Questionnaire:**

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your dog have any behavioral issues (if yes, please give details):

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Are there any health restrictions for your dog (e. g. allergies, arthritis):

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any health restrictions for YOU (e. g. arthritis, can't bend over, etc.):

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

Where are you on your nose work journey with your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your nose work training challenges?

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What do you hope to "take home" from this coaching session?

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Anything else you would like to share?

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