



CLASSES START SEPT. 17, 2022, AT BARRETT DOG SPORTS (CALGARY)

Learn the secrets that have already worked for thousands of students worldwide, since 1999. Your instructor is Dr. Carla Simon is a professional detection trainer with over 20 years of experience training everything from bed bugs to birds, narcotics, medical detection, wildlife, mantrailing, tracking, nosework, lost items and human remains for search and rescue. She's the Chair of the CAPDT Working Dog Committee, presented at the World Detector Dog Conference and wrote peer-reviewed articles for IAABC. She's known for rewards-based errorless learning that makes training fun and reliable. Carla judges scent detection and CGN tests, helped write the rules for CKC scent detection, provides bed bug inspections, and owns [Hunter's Heart Kennels](https://www.barrettofleash.com/).

Register at: <https://www.barrettofleash.com/>

Class Schedule

- Dates: Classes last six weeks, including Saturday, Sept. 17, 24, Oct. 8, 15, 22, and 29. **Note: there is no class on Oct. 1, when Carla is attending a NASDA judge's seminar.**
- Schedule:
 - Tracking and Mantrailing Mixed Levels 12 – 1 pm
 - Canine Good Neighbour4 (CGN) 1:30 – 2:30 pm
 - Beginner Scent Detection & Lost Articles 3 – 4 pm
 - The scent is up to you. By default, we'll train your dog to find a handler-scented piece of rubber placemat. Ask Carla about finding nosework cocktail for sporting detection competition, lost items, wildlife, etc.
 - Intermediate Scent Detection & Lost Articles 4:15 – 5:15 pm
 - Advanced Scent Detection & Lost Articles 5:30 – 6:30 pm





Policies

- Registrants will receive a welcome handout covering what to expect at your first class, basic training theory, class rules, and a map.
- All handlers and participants must sign a waiver at the first class to participate, including all spectators and family members.
- Handlers will be invited to Hunter's Heart's private online Facebook Group for Students and Alumni, where you can get answers to your questions, troubleshoot, make requests, share brags, and discuss training with like-minded dog owners and trainers.
- **All classes are nonrefundable, and there are no makeups.** Classes will run, rain or shine, so please come dressed for the weather.
- Dog-dog interactions and greetings are never allowed at classes or events. Never allow your dog to chase any dog, person, car, or livestock. Dogs must be on a leash and under control at all times. This helps set dogs up for success by routinely ignoring distractions.
- Please note that not all dogs are suitable for group classes, which may have children participating. We have zero tolerance for aggressive behavior, which may be immediately excused from the facility without a refund, entirely at the instructor's discretion. Let's stay safe and have some fun!
- Bitches in season are welcome, provided that they wear panties inside the indoor facility.
- For scent and tracking classes, dogs will be expected to wait for their turn in your car. This is consistent with expectations at most dog sports tests and deployments. Students should provide appropriate shade, water, air conditioning, and open windows for crated dogs in hot weather and heat and bedding during cold weather.
- Sorry, classes do not include tests, e.g., CGN tests, tracking tests, or scent detection odor recognition tests.

Tracking & Mantrailing, Mixed Levels

- Every practice is tailored to the current level of the dog and handler.
- These classes will prepare you to succeed in CKC/AKC tracking tests, mantrailing, Search and Rescue and NASDA Lost Item competition. We'll begin by explaining the differences between the disciplines.
- We'll help you to find the best motivators for your unique dog. Most beginner teams start with food rewards in every footstep. Let Carla know if your dog prefers toys, and we'll work with 3-5 identical toys instead.



- We will set your dog up for success, so they love finding scents because it is fun. We use motivational, rewards-based training. We will not use corrections to keep the dog on track.
- Classes start indoors with article indication training. Then we move outside to find scent pads and tracks.
- ALL dogs must track on a buckle collar or tracking harness. Dogs are not permitted to wear choke, prong, or ecollars during searches (because those outdated tools punish the dog for independently following odor). If tools help you to control your dog on the way to the start line, you can use a head halter or no-pull harness, but switch your leash to the back clip of your tracking harness at the start line.
- We strongly recommend 15-50 ft longlines of biothane, but you may be able to start on a 6-foot leash. Ask us if you'd like to borrow a long line to try it out, and make sure you like it before purchasing.
- Beginners will receive ten tracking flags to get started. We'll work on motivation first, then serpentines and curves. We may gradually increase track length as appropriate for the dog's age and performance.
- Intermediate trackers work on protocols for successfully introducing turns, transitions to different types of ground cover, and common patterns. We'll troubleshoot any challenges you encounter, so you're back on track ASAP. Watching the other teams and debriefings will help you to learn to read tracking dogs better, which you can apply to handling your own dog.
- Advanced trackers work on blind tracks (where the handler does not know where the tracklayer walked). We start with a marked decision point at a flag. From that flag, the track either goes left or right. You'll have to trust your dog's skills and follow them when they've committed to the new direction.
- **Sign up** for Tracking and Mantrailing Mixed Levels 12 – 1 pm at: <https://barrettoffleash.as.me/?appointmentType=36629109>

Beginner Scent Detection & Lost Articles – Find It

No previous experience is required. This class will motivate your dog to find a target odor. Which scent is up to you. By default, we'll train your dog to find a handler-scented article, e.g., rubber matt, from the dollar store. Ask Carla if you'd prefer to train another odor. For example, the second most popular choice is a cocktail of 5 target odors for sporting detection and nosework competition and Carla will provide a cocktail of all beginner odors. Previous teams have also searched for snakeskin, shed antlers, wildlife, teeth (for human remains detection), birds, etc. For those cases, the student is responsible for bringing safe, fully secured hides to class for placing inside the marked box.



This class will build a solid foundation for motivating your dog to search for odor. This class will prepare you to succeed in NASDA, CKC, CWAGS, SDDA, AKC, and UKC Scent Detection competitions, deployments or search and rescue.

- **Sign up** for Beginner Scent Detection & Lost Articles 3 – 4 pm:
<https://barrettoffleash.as.me/?appointmentType=36629186>

Intermediate Scent Detection –Show Me

Maximize indication motivation and teach a bombproof indication that even your grandmother would recognize. The Trained Final Response we generally recommend is to sit or down and freeze and stare at the source with focused attention until released to the reward. Alternatives include barking and pointing (stand and freeze and stare). For this class, you'll need 3-5 identical copies of your dog's favorite toy. If your dog is not interested in toys in the past, it might be that you haven't yet played in a rewarding way, or we can explore using a food stuffed ball, which is highly rewarding for most dogs. This class will prepare you to succeed in deployments, or NASDA, CKC, CWAGS, SDDA, AKC, and UKC Scent Detection competitions. Outdoor exterior and vehicle searches may be included, and class runs rain or shine, so come dressed for the weather.

- Sign up** for Intermediate Scent Detection & Lost Articles 4:15 – 5:15 pm:
<https://barrettoffleash.as.me/?appointmentType=36629209>

Advanced Scent Detection & Pre-trial Test Preparation

This class introduces experienced teams to interior searches, patterning, how to search vehicles properly, and adding challenges like distractions, clear areas, converging odor, etc. This class will prepare you to succeed in deployments and CKC, CWAGS, SDDA, AKC, and UKC Scent Detection competitions. Outdoor exterior and vehicle searches may be included, and class runs rain or shine, so come dressed for the weather.

- You'll practice realistic test scenarios with time pressure, followed by a critique and tips for improving your handling for CKC, CWAGS, SDDA, AKC, UKC, NASDA competition, tests, and deployments.
- Outdoor exterior and vehicle searches may be included, and class runs rain or shine, so come dressed for the weather.



- **Sign up** for Advanced Scent Detection 5:30 – 6:30 pm:
<https://barrettoffleash.as.me/?appointmentType=36629220>

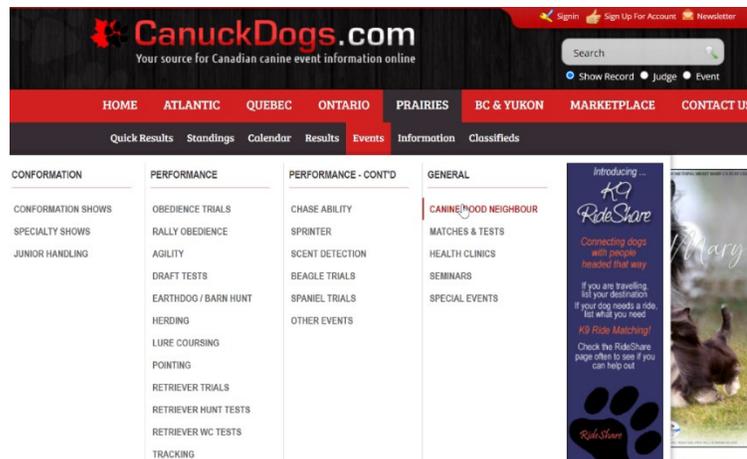
Canine Good Neighbor (CGN) Test Preparation

Do you want a well-mannered dog that's a pleasure to travel with? Are you interested in PALS, assistance dogs? Obedience is needed for all pets and working dogs. This course will improve your skills and prepare you to take the CGN test, which is a prerequisite for many therapy dog organizations, and helpful for both sniffer dogs and service dogs.

Please note that how quickly you advance depends on your dog's history, socialization and temperament, and how much homework you do. If you train for 2 to 5 minutes every day, you'll progress faster than training ineffectively weekly.

This class does not include the CGN test. When you're ready to take the test, the best way to find and enter an upcoming test is to visit <https://www.canuckdogs.com/>, click Prairies (on the top navigation bar), Events > Canine Good Neighbour, as shown in the screenshot below.

Prerequisite: This class assumes your dog already has a preliminary understanding of basic obedience skills and understands sit, down, recall, and loose leash walking. Most students take beginner obedience first, but if you're an experienced trainer who has trained obedience at home, you're certainly welcome.



- **Sign up** for Canine Good Neighbour4 (CGN) 1:30 – 2:30 pm:
<https://barrettoffleash.as.me/?appointmentType=36629159>

Questions?

- Questions about registration or payment? Please contact Barrett Dog Sports at (403) 860-5763 or bookings@barrettoffleash.com (closed weekends).
- Questions about class suitability or requests? Email Carla at webmaster@huntersheart.com. **Sorry, Carla can't provide private**



training by private email. Please ask your questions in class or on the Student/Alumni Facebook group, so everyone in class can learn.
Sorry, Carla cannot answer phone calls while working to give students her full attention but will get back to you if you leave a confidential voicemail at (403) 813-9831.

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Register now at: <https://www.barrettofleash.com/>