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## Introduction to Scentwork Seminar

This introduction to scent detection will cover the first steps in teaching your dog to find a target scent and communicate where it is to you. Learn how to work with your dog's scent superpower for fun at home or to enter competitions to test your abilities as a team.

Scent as an activity is easy to teach because for the dog it is a natural behaviour and requires very little equipment. Something to find, something to motivate your dog to find it and a desire to have fun with your dog is all that is needed. Every dog has the equipment to be successful and most get great benefits from scent work - building confidence, engaging their brain or just as an activity to build a more positive working relationship with you.

This workshop will show the basics of getting your dog to hunt out the odour of the Cedarwood essential oil used in DogsNZ scent competitions, but the same principles apply to any odour you want to use.

There are no audit spots or working spots like some seminars. Each attendee is equal to ask questions and participate. Many working spot seminars don't work out well for the dog handlers as they may miss out on the chance to move around and observe more dogs.

Although it is not necessary to bring your dog - you can attend without a dog and train at home - we will need a limited number of dogs to help demonstrate some exercises on the day. You can indicate on the registration form whether you would like your dog to be considered as a demonstrator on the day. If we have more dogs registered than we need on the day, we will select a variety of breeds and types from the registrations. The choice of dogs will be made to try to get a mix of sizes and breed types than rather just one type of dog on a first come basis first served basis.

Date: Sunday November 24, 2024

Time: 9am-2pm

Location: Akarana Dog Training Club, Phyllis Reserve, Mt Albert

Cost: \$40 (+ \$10 optional purchase of scent detection starter kit)



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Dogs attending must;

- Have good basic obedience (be able to focus on their handler and follow directions)
- Be able to cope with being on lead near other dogs
- Be comfortable crated or tethered during the lecture segments and while other dogs are working nearby
- Have something they will work to get – a toy or food is fine but both is best. We will encourage using food in early stages for various reasons so try to find something tasty they will want but not lose their minds over.

### Registration

To register, please complete the form by [following this link](#) before 20 November 2024.

You can indicate on the form whether you would like to bring a dog or not, but as we can only use a few dogs on the day, expect not to bring one. Sometimes you will get more from a workshop observing and asking questions, rather than focusing on wrangling your dog.

### About The Organisers

#### Gary Martin

Scent competition is not my primary dog activity, so I do not compete compulsively but am active with 2 dogs currently in DogsNZ competitions – Luna CDX UDX WDX TD TT2 AD NIS NVS NCS NES SN and Kizmet TT1. I started an interest in 2017 and have spent the years in between absorbing many different approaches to this fascinating topic. I have done online courses such as the Scent for Six course, Road to Detection and several from the Fenzi School. Many many webinars and books have also distracted me from more useful pursuits. In New Zealand I have attended relevant seminars from Steve White, Steve Austin, Angelika Cawte and Cameron Ford. The compulsion to find out more lead me to travel to Australia and Sweden specifically for scent related courses from world leading trainers Mike Suttle (USA) and Jens Frank (Sweden).

#### Anita Simpson

Anita runs Obedience classes at Akarana Dog Training Club, where she also holds private puppy classes. Anita's company Wolf Walks provides pet dog training, pack walks, homestays and board and train services. For more information on any of these services go to [www.wolfwalks.co.nz](http://www.wolfwalks.co.nz)