Dogs ACT
SCENT WORK
TRIALLING WORKSHOPS

with Jo Bates

13-14 August 2022 – Novice - Advanced Trialling Skills
2-3 September 2022 – Advanced-Excellent Trialling Skills
4 September 2022 – Master Trialling Skills
(9am to 4.30pm each day)

Additional Information Evenings 6pm–8.30pm
Friday 12 August 2022 & Friday 2 September 2022:

These workshops are for you if:

- You are just about to start or you are already trialling
- You want to understand the skills required to trial successfully at these levels

Please note these are not workshops for fixing problems that you or your dog are having—these workshops are about building your skills and understanding.

DOGS ACT Members Only
Workshops at DOGS ACT (EPIC)
Stirling Ave and Federal Hwy, Mitchell, ACT

Jo Bates
Crazy Canines

Dog Behaviour & Training Consultant
Positive Reinforcement Training
Qualified Behavioral Trainer
K9 Nose Work Instructor
Private Tuition
ANKC Scent Work Judge (Vic)

Jo Bates has been working professionally with dogs for over 10 years.

After initially volunteering at a local shelter, in 2009, she commenced studying a Certificate III in Dog Behaviour and Training which included scent work as an elective subject. This sparked a love of the game and a moment in time to appreciate what a dog's nose can do!

Jo volunteered with the RSPCA from 2010. In 2011, Jo became a paid staff member working in a variety of roles including running the behaviour department and as a specialist in the education team. Jo introduced and applied her knowledge of scent work and the games used to many aspects of shelter life which enriched and enhanced the lives of many long stay dogs. After leaving the RSPCA to focus on her own business and passion in scent work, Jo continued to volunteer at the shelter to build up and develop the shelter dog nose work program at the RSPCA (VIC) in Burwood and their regional centre in Pearcedale.

Jo currently runs her own business, Crazy Canines, which specialises in behaviour and training and K9 Nose Work instruction.

Since 2009, Jo has continued to develop her knowledge and passion for the sport through attending multiple workshops in person with speakers such as Bob Bailey, Fred Helfers and Jill-Marie O'Brien— the co-founder of K9 Nose Work.

In 2018, Jo became a certified nose work instructor (CNWI) for the NACSW (National Association of Canine Scent Work). Jo has continued to pursue further education in the scent work discipline by attending workshops, webinars and online training such as NACSW, Fenzi Dog Sports Academy, Scent Work University, Dogs Of Course and Scentsabilities NoseWork.

In 2021, Jo became a foundation ANKC Scent Work judge in Victoria. She has judged regularly since then including at the ACT Gundog Society's May 2022 Scent Work trials. Jo has been invited to judge for Dogs ACT in September 2022.

Murphy, Jo's Springer Spaniel, has achieved his Scent Work Novice title and is currently working towards his Scent Work Advanced title. Her Papillon, Louis, is in training, but loves to hunt out odour in a variety of scenarios while he learns about the more complex challenges in nose work. Louis will begin trialing in 2023.

Jo runs demo sessions, fun days, workshops and courses in scent work and on behavioural topics for a number of local obedience dog clubs in Victoria (including: Mornington Obedience Dog Club, Mornington Peninsula Community Dog club, Peninsula Obedience Dog Club, Peninsula Positive Paws Dog Club and Berwick Obedience Dog Club).

Jo is always willing to talk further and share knowledge about this amazing sport that we can do with our dogs!

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Trialling Workshops at Dogs ACT

Applications are invited for 20 participant positions

Applicants are also invited to nominate their dog as a possible demonstration dog at the workshop

6-8 dogs will be invited to participate as demonstration dogs

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PRICES:

$250 for the Novice-Advanced two day Workshop

$250 for the Advanced-Excellent two day Workshop

$125 for the Master Workshop

Demo dogs will be selected from attending participants who have nominated their dog for this purpose.

Information Evenings $20.00 per person**

**open to everyone including those not able to attend the Workshops
(numbers capped at 30)

HOW TO APPLY:

• Dogs ACT members are invited to apply to attend the workshops and information evenings by submitting the attached brief questionnaire.

• Organisers will review the applications received to ensure a good mix of skill and experience at the right levels at each workshop.

• Organisers will identify dogs to invite as demonstration dogs.

• Subject to numbers, you will be offered a participant position and for some, a demonstration dog position

If you are accepted as a participant, you will be required confirm and to pay a non-refundable deposit of $50.00 within 72 hours of notification. If you do not respond within this timeframe your position will be reallocated .

The balance must be paid two weeks prior to your respective workshop.

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Restricted Trialling Workshops

About the Workshops:

- There will be a half day on each element and the challenges for handler/dog including handling skills and approach to a search area.
- The workshops will provide practical training skills and exercises to enable handlers and dogs to successfully move to the next trialling level.
- The attached table highlights the proposed outcomes from the workshops.
- The workshops are targeted to specific levels and experience to ensure participants get the most out of the sessions.
- For example, those new to trialling, currently in Novice, or new to Advanced, are encouraged to apply for the Novice-Advanced workshop to ensure they are developing a sound training skill set for the trialing environment. Advanced-Excellent triallers are encouraged to apply for the Advanced-Excellent and Master workshops which will focus on the more complex training needs and problem solving skills required at these levels.
- It is hoped that those seeking to attend the one day Master workshop will also attend the Advanced-Excellent workshop as the skills will naturally build on to each other.
- These workshops are not a 'my dog has this problem, how do I fix that?'

Demonstration dogs

- Jo will use demonstration dogs to demonstrate particular exercises and how to grow them, or how to apply them to different types of dogs.
- Some participants will be invited to bring their dogs along as 'demonstration dogs' ie Jo will select particular dogs to demonstrate different training exercises eg elevation – a small dog and a large dog to show the different approaches, challenges and training techniques (for Advanced-Excellent eg inaccessible hides – same reason)
- Dogs will need to be crated and kept in the car when not working.
- You are invited to nominate your dog for a demonstration position on your Expression of Interest (Attached) *Link*.

Information and discussion evenings

- Information and discussion evenings will be offered on the night before the workshops and will focus on an overview of the Scent Work Rules, what the trialling requirements are at each level and what the judge is looking for, what skills a trialling team should be working on and the do's and the don'ts and the penalties that can be applied and for what. Numbers will be capped at 30.

Catering

- Tea/ coffee will be available. BYO Lunch as the workshop will not be catered.

Date/Time	What	Target Audience	Content
Friday 12 Aug 6.30pm-9pm	Information and discussion evening. NOVICE and ADVANCED	All Trialers	A great information evening to discuss Scent Work Rules, Novice and Advanced Trialling requirements, across the four elements, and what the judges are looking for. We will go into what skills a trialling team should be working on and the do's and don'ts at a trial and associated penalties.
Saturday/ Sunday 13-14 Aug 9.00am-4.30pm	Workshop 1 Moving up to Advanced Trialling from Novice *"moving on from basic search criteria"*	Novice-Advanced trialers	**Four Elements** – half day on each element and the challenges for handler/dog including handling skills and approach to a search area including understanding airflow within a search, building commitment to source or your dogs obedience to odour, and reading the dog on a scent cone **Preparing beyond the Rules,** including distractions, multiple hides and search duration. **Building Teamwork:** Working together in a search – when is it important and how to support your dog; how to prevent frustration in a search and reducing the destructive indicators (digging, smashing, chewing, biting, retrieving)
Friday 2 Sept 6.30pm-9pm	Information and discussion evening ADVANCED, EXCELLENT AND MASTERS	All Trialers	A great information evening to discuss Scent Work Rules as we move up to Advanced, Excellent and Masters trialling requirements and what the judge is looking for across the four elements. We will go into what skills a trialling team should be working on and the do's and don'ts at a trial and associated penalties.
Friday/ Saturday 2-3 Sept 9am-4.30pm	Workshop 2 Trialing in Advanced/ Excellent *"let's talk complex searching"*	Advanced-Excellent trialers	**Four Elements** – half day on each element and the challenges for handler/dog including handling skills and approach to a search area at the higher levels eg multiple and channelling hides, convergence, and pooling odour. This workshop will cover: • **Training beyond the rules** **Training for the inaccessible puzzle –** When big dogs don't fit, or small dogs can't reach. • **Elevation – for big and small dogs** (Working up to 120cm) • **Distractions food, non-food** – Working past the temptation and learning how to respond if your dog 'notices' a distractor – What to do, how to respond, how to support your dog • Supporting your dog when required through more complex searches • Learning to trust your dog when they move through a search area.
Sunday 4 Sept 9am-4.30pm	Workshop 3 Trialing in Masters *"welcome to the big league"*	Excellent trialers	Practical sessions across the four elements focussed on training or building the skills required to address the challenges for handlers and dogs at the Masters level .