

SCENT DETECTION with Doug Teeft of St Croix, Nova Scotia

Doug Teeft is extremely knowledgeable in many aspects of dog training and has worked extensively with scent detection dogs as well as search and rescue. The sport of Scent Detection has become very popular across Canada with Sporting Detection Dogs leading the way. Doug is currently a judge with SDDA and will also be a judge for CKC when they unveil this sport in 2019.

Doug grew up in a K9 training facility as his father was a chief RCMP dog instructor. Since then he has been instructing obedience classes and has worked with behavioral modification dealing with difficult dogs in his private K9 centre. Since his first tracking dog over 30 years ago he has also worked with many other dogs in various fields -agility, show, field, patrol, and detection. In detection he has trained dogs to find single or multi scent profiles - narcotics, natural gas, explosives, human remains in water or any land location.

What makes Doug unique is his involvement with an impressive number of agencies working as a consultant, advisor, instructor, coordinator, handler, and also as a witness for the NS Justice system. He has trained with and now has over ten years as a consultant with the FBI in use of canines in searching for human remains. Doug is involved with search and rescue in Canada and the USA and is an instructor, evaluator and leader for urban and wilderness search and rescue. He has trained and lectured numerous police forces in Canada and the USA. He is an advisor, handler and consultant in use of detecting natural gas leaks in pipelines. He provides training and testing standards, nutritional education, teaches Scent detection as well as search and rescue.

HCKOC is PLEASED TO OFFER A SEMINAR with DOUG TEEFT on June 22 & 23 - Friday evening and all day Saturday. Doug will review search strategy, explain the most common mistakes made by handlers, teach us how to develop drive and to improve the communication with our K9 partners. He will talk about air movement, how to work with it and how to conduct outdoor searches. He will observe each handler as they work their dog on a one on one basis and make suggestions as to how to improve any weak spots.

Doug structures the day based on what the participants want. This is a individualized seminar with an open forum at the beginning. Working participants will be asked to list two questions that they are curious about or something that might be creating a problem for them. Input is important. Working spots are \$100. Full seminar audit is \$50 or Friday night only audit is \$25.

On Sunday June 24, HCKOC and Cheryl Partridge of EncoreDogSports in Regina are hosting a SDDA sanctioned trial here as well.