

**K9 Basic: Nose-work**

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An Intensive  
Introduction to K9  
Nose-work for  
Handlers

K9 Training that  
surpasses  
expectations.



## K9 BASIC: NOSE-WORK

When you are focused on creating a long-lasting bond, between your K9 and you, where should you turn? Group Espada's K9 Basic: Nose-work program is a unique, fun, intensive and results oriented K9 program.

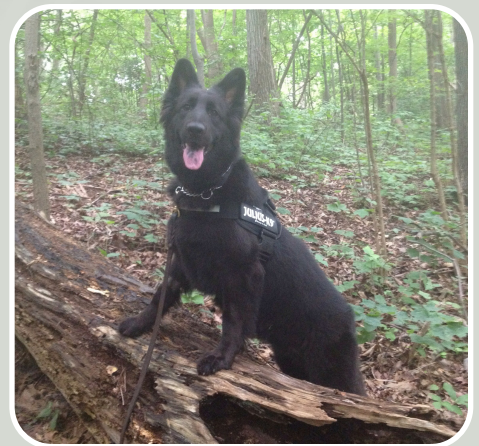
K9 Basic: Nose-work (KBNw) is a comprehensive introduction to nose-work for all Canines. The program is based on the "Clear Signal Training" (CST) method and unlike other training programs, begins with educating *you* to work with your Canine partner in the detection of scents and odors.

Attendees learn the basics of this fun and challenging skill-set, that helps create stronger bonds and relationships between the Canine and their Handler.

KBNw is a foundational program that allows you to take on more advanced nose-work training as you see appropriate.

Over the course of the program attendees will work with and without their Canine partners, helping to assure that all skills are well understood before they are attempted.

The program is fun and intellectually challenging. The program is appropriate for all breeds of dogs.



Unique, Intensive, Foundational Group Espada's K9 Basic: Nose-work program focuses on developing a bond between you and your Canine in a fun and challenging manner.

# ACADEMIC



## Back to School

It all starts with understanding. That is why, unlike other programs, KBNw starts by getting you in the classroom, *without* your Canine companion.

We make sure you become a great Handler by building a foundation of understanding and knowledge that you will build upon, when you start working with your Canine.

## Introduction to CST

Clear Signal Training (CST) is the methodology used to train Military Special Operation Canines. During this module, attendees will learn how CST works, their roles and what is expected of them to help assure they progress through the program.

## The Foundation of Nose-work

Regardless of your goals - Fun, Competition, Police/Security work or Military; this module will help you understand the core mechanics of how-to train your Canine for nose-work. The module introduces you to Canine scent biology, key best practices and much more. Developing this foundation helps to assure greater success during the hands-on training sessions to come.

## Search Dynamics

This module builds upon the foundational work in the previous module by helping you understand the specifics of scent detection. You will learn how-to deal with scent residue, establish a working scent lab and key aspects of scent response by your Canine.

## Core Handler Skills

Understanding how-to properly interact with your Canine during a search is extremely important. This module will help you understand your role and that of your Canine. The module also covers the use of harnesses, special equipment and the proper use of rewards and play as related to Canine Nose-work.



## Nose Engagement

This module reintroduces your Canine to their nose. Through simple and fun exercises you will establish a foundation for more advanced odor detection exercises.

## Order Detection

Transitioning from “reward detection” to specific odors is the goal of this module. You and your Canine will work to identify a variety of odors and create a passion for getting to the source of an odor.

## Focused Recognition

During this module we will be working to shape your Canine’s response once they detect an odor. Focused recognition is key requirement to assure the Canine does not falsely identify odors and that you as the handler can clearly detect they Canine has found the target odor.

## Order Obedience

Once your Canine clearly identifies an odor, we begin working on their obedience to the odor. A subtle but important criteria that you will soon come to understand during training.

## Intermediate Detection Challenges

Various challenges will be presented to you and your Canine that require you both to use all you have learned to be successful.

## Advanced Detection Challenges

The addition of distractions and complexities will be used to help “proof” your dog in this skill.

## Canine Nose-Work Gauntlet

This is your Final Exam, a combination of written and hands-on challenges to make sure you and your Canine have a strong nose-work foundation that you can use for future training and advancement.

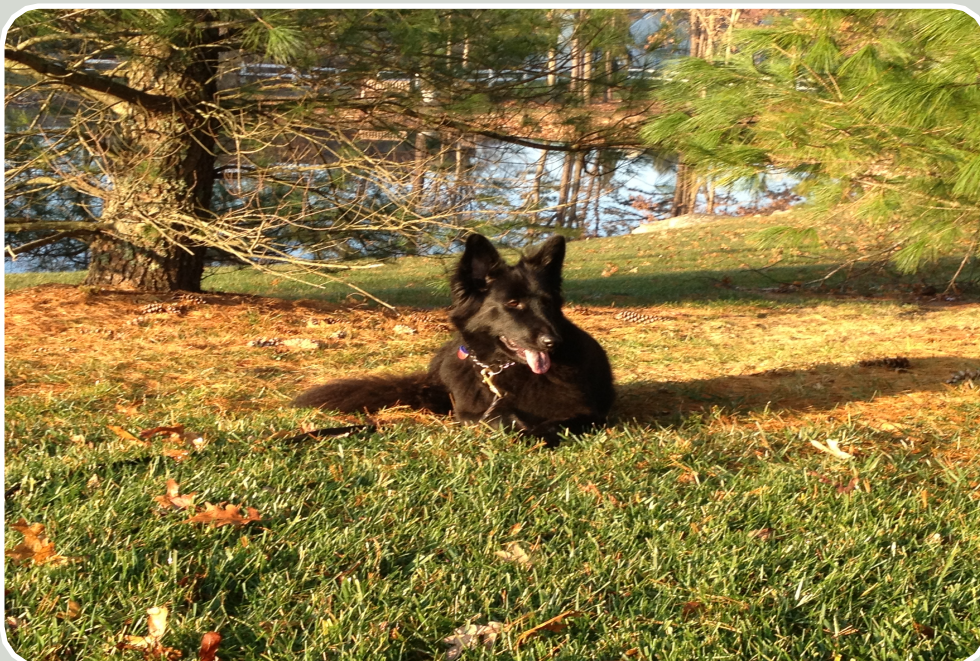
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## Hands-On

Although the Academic training doesn't stop - this phase of training focuses on you and your Canine working together as a single team.

You will apply all you learned from the Academic portion of the program and continue to refine your skills to help your Canine evolve with you.



# PROGRAM STRUCTURE

## Things to Know and Consider

### Length

Although an exact amount of time is not set for this program, typical classes take twelve hours to complete. This is performed over a series of days and weeks.

### Group or Private

We provide both Group (limited to ten Handler/Canine teams) and Private one-on-one programs.

### Training

Our training programs are a mix of classroom and hands-on skill development. You will work with your Canine as well as without, in order to assure you fully understand the skills required to be an effective Handler.

### We Train You

We are not here to train your Canine, rather we train you, to train your Canine. We have found that this is a much more effective approach and provides you with a foundation of skills

that you can use as you continue on your path together.

### Unique. Intensive.

This program is unique and intensive. The training framework is not like any other Civilian program we know of and we maintain very high quality standards.

### Equipment

You will need a 6' and 30' leather Leash, Collar, Harness, 2 Toys (exactly the same), Snacks, Notebook, Water and an open Mind as well as a desire to work hard.

### Are you getting it?

Yes there is Homework throughout the program. There are also Quizzes to measure your understanding and progress. We take our role seriously and want to make sure you truly do progress.



### The Fine Print

### Odd Couples

We work very hard to make you successful. That said, not all Handlers are right for all Canines or visa-versa. It is critical that you and your Canine are a great fit.

No Trainer is 100% effective and we believe in total transparency. If we determine that, you or your Canine are not right for this Program, or we are not the right Trainers for you - we will let you know. If you are not able to complete the Program, we will pro-rate the Fees and refund any outstanding monies for the remaining modules not yet started.

## We are different!

Group Espada is not a typical K9 Training organization. We combine leading edge instructional techniques with practical and real-world training.

Our goal is to assure our Students retain what they learn and can immediately apply the content. We pride ourselves in providing high-quality programs.

## Things to Know

- Our Training Programs are challenging.
- We continually update our Programs to keep pace with the latest information.
- We combine the "how" and the "why" to help you succeed.

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