Who: Peggy Beagle will be offering a unique class to kick off the Scent Work Events sponsored by TVKC! Please join us to get started on Peggy's Snout Work Classes.

What: Snout Work Classes will teach your dog to identify a scent, and search for it. The cost for each class will be $20.00 each week for members, and $22.00 for non-members. Payment will be made at each class as it is held. Membership is encouraged!

Please bring proof of **Rabies**. Good to have a photo of your dog's certificate on your phone to view & send me in email or text. This AKC requirement keeps us all in-line for insurance purposes & liability.

Please bring & be prepared to wear a FACE MASK. Peggy will have a box of masks and hand sanitizer if needed.

When: This coming Tuesday (8 September 2020) TUESDAYS at two p.m. Location to be announced weekly. Please email (peggybeagle54@gmail.com) for location updates. Let's talk if this time frame will really not work for you.

Where: This training is outdoors until weather does not permit, then we punt. The first class will meet at Pioneer Park, front parking lot, main entrance as if going to the Centennial "Pickle Barrel" Building.

Why: To enjoy an activity with your dog in a gentle manner. Your dog will love the opportunity to engage their brain in solving the puzzles of how to find your things, using their snouts! Also, for handlers to learn more about creating drive and better training skills.

How: Peggy will have an envelope for you to write your name on & insert the remittance. This is a TVKC class, so you will need a waiver form completed (only once per year) for the file. Please have your own pen/marker, but I will have extras. A marker & paper in your pocket can be very handy.

Depending on the dog team, tracks need aging 30 mins.to three hours. The aging aspect of the track becomes very different depending on ambient conditions, especially precipitation. Generally, dogs get started after 30 mins. More advanced dogs may work older tracks. And Yes!, this can be a time-consuming discipline.

Practical Stuff: (continued to page 2, read it all!)

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1. Bring a hungry, energetic dog. We will always be discussing ways to increase dogs' DRIVE. Good training & guidance will help us move toward goals.

2. Bring moist, yummy treats that your dog loves. Peggy will have single, individually-wrapped Spam if you need bait. Also, bring your dog's favorite toy.

3. Bring four (4) personal articles:: Cloth, Plastic, Metal, & Leather, plus the dog's favorite toy. Have them (DRY) stored in a gallon zip-loc bag along with your hair brush or used face mask for your own scent source. Please write your name on the bag. Also, good to have a Kleenex/paper towel in your pocket at all times.

4. Bring a comfortable Harness & 20' line (approx.). Longer is O.K. so no need to cut a good line. Use a line appropriate for your own dog's size & situation.

5. Bring H20 for you and your dog. H20 offered to a dog at the end of a track/nose work is a wonderful habit.

6. Bring your camera for great documentation & fun! If this class is not a little FUN, then the dogs will let us know that it is not worth doing.

7. Bring Poop Bags, and a roll in your pocket is always appropriate. You may need to pick up an article using the normal "inside-out" method.

8. Please leave your dogs in your vehicles until it is their turn to work. We never leave our dogs in a hot automobile, and hopefully not too cold either at this time of year.

9. Please turn off your car engines, as fumes interfere with K9 Snout work. Also, a coooool car is better for automobile searches. Plus, an old-beater car is hopefully OK for dog scratches – so don't bring your Lamborghini!

Please email (peggybeagle54@gmail.com) anytime. See you Tuesday, the 8th.

DON"T FORGET: ABC = **A**rticles, **B**ait, & **C**amera and all those numbered items = to be the most successful with the training!!