



Veterinary Release Form for Nosework

This form is to provide documentation and veterinary release for trialling in a Scent Sports Association of New Zealand trial.

About Nosework - Information for the Veterinarian

Nosework is a sport designed for a dog and handler teams to search in a number of elements for a target odour contained within a small out-of-sight vessel. The target odour is a very low-strength essential oil that the dog cannot directly access.

A nosework trial consists of searches across four different elements: interior, exterior, containers, and vehicle(s). Searches can be for varying lengths of time, typically between 3 and 6 minutes and the total area searched can vary depending on the class – up to 400 square metres. Generally the dog will search in a harness with a long line attached to the back clip of the harness. Some searches may be performed off lead.

Physical challenges during nosework include:

- Physical exertion
- Pressure on the neck, chest, and shoulders from pulling on the harness and lead
- Change in respiratory patterns: increase in breathing rate and potential increase of respiration through the mouth
- A low or high head position
- Rapid changes of direction
- Slippery floors, uneven changing surfaces, stairs, obstacles to go over or around

<https://www.scentsports.org.nz/nosework>



Owner Information
Full name:
Phone number:
Email address:
Other contact information:

Treating Professionals
Main veterinarian:
Any other relevant healthcare professionals:

Dog Information
Dog's name:
Birthdate:
Breed:
Sex:
Description e.g. coat colour:
Diagnosed medical and/or orthopedic conditions:
Medications:
Any other relevant information:



Veterinary Release for Training and Competition

Veterinarian name:

Veterinary clinic:

Contact Email:

To the best of my ability I understand the requirements for a dog to train and compete in Nosework.

In my opinion _____ (name of dog) is able to safely participate in training and trials without great risk of harm or further degradation of the medical and/or orthopedic condition(s).

Are there any specific recommendations suggested for this dog? (*e.g. on lead only, wear booties, wear a supportive device...*)

Signature:

Date:

Owner Liability and Acknowledgement of Risk

I understand that Nosework, like any canine sport, carries risks.

Because _____ (name of dog) has medical and/or orthopedic concerns I understand that he/she may be at increased risk of injury or medical deterioration.

I understand that ultimately it is my decision to trial and in doing so I take responsibility for all risks.

Full name:

Signature:

Date