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POWERFUL SNIFFER

Did you know?- Dogs have a sense of smell that's between 10,000 and 100,000 times more powerful than ours! The sport of Scent Work celebrates the joy of sniffing, and lets a dog do what they do best! It turns a dog's favorite activity into a rewarding game. It is a terrific sport for all kinds of dogs!



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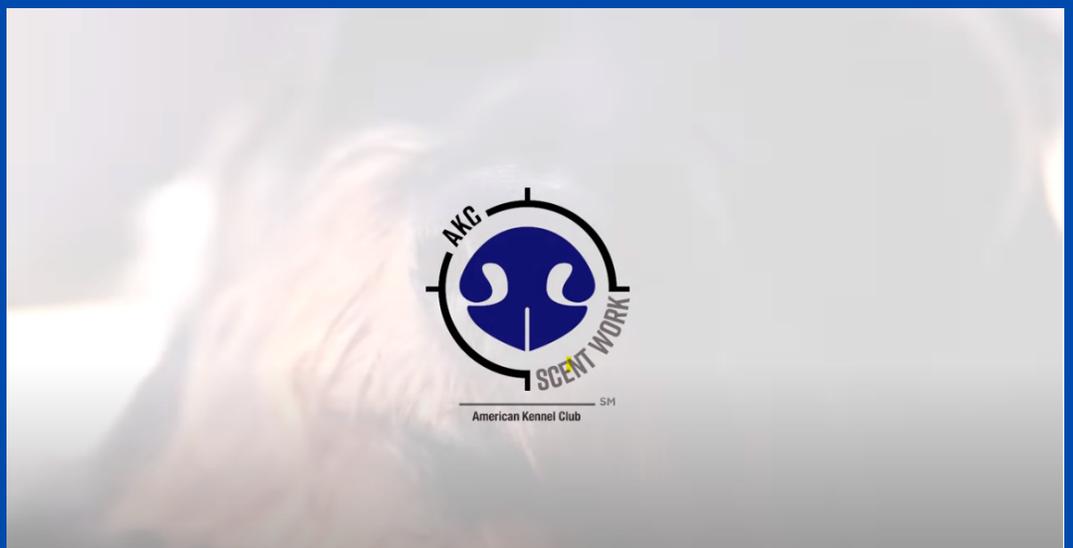
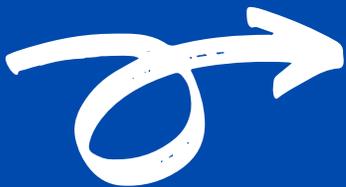
Meet Lisa, a Scent Work judge who competes in the sport with her 5 dogs!



Lisa's Doberman Pinscher, Kelly

"SCENT WORK GIVES OWNERS A CHANCE TO REALLY BOND WITH THEIR DOG, YOU WATCH THEM BECOME AN AMAZING TEAM"

Lisa was introduced to the sport seven years ago and it did not take long for her to become hooked. She learned how much dogs really love to use their noses she enjoyed watching them use their instincts to find the scent. She owns Doberman Pinschers and mixed breeds. It doesn't matter the breed, all dogs can participate in the sport!



Click [here](#) to find out more about the sport of Scent Work!

MEET THE SPITZ BREEDS

Have you ever heard of a dog described as a "Spitz"? Spitz breeds look similar to wolves with their pointy ears, thick fur and fluffy tails. They were bred to live in the cold artic climates and can do lots of different jobs.



The Akita is one of the largest of the Spitz breeds. Bred in Japan, these dogs were hunters and protects for ancient Japanese royalty. They can weigh up to 100 pounds and have a thick double coat.



Samoyeds were bred to work in cold temperatures. They lived with the nomadic people and worked along side them, hunting, pulling sleds and keeping their humans warm.



The Shiba Inu is a fierce little dog who was used a hunter in Japan. They are still one of the most popular breeds in Japan today and gaining popularity in the United States. "Shiba Inu" means red dog in Japanese.



MEET THE SPITZ BREEDS



The Chow Chow is a strong compact dog that is most known for its lion like appearance. Once owned by the Chinese royalty they were guard dogs to their castles. They are known to be the world's oldest dog breeds.



The Siberian Husky is the known as the sled dog. Bred to pull sleds with supplies in freezing temperatures. Many Siberians today still pull sleds in packs of dogs. The driver of these teams is called a musher.



The Swedish Vallhund is known as the dog of the Vikings. They were brought to Sweden by Viking ships and then became farm dogs. They are known for their short legs and thick coats.



WINTER CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES



For you:

Make homemade snowflakes- fold paper into triangles and cut into different shapes. Use paint or markers to make them unique, and hang them all around the house.

Stem activity- Make your own crystal candy canes- Check it out [here](#)



For you and your dog:

Get out with your dog and play in the snow. Go for a hike, or bury their favorite treats in the snow. Just remember that dogs get cold like humans, and they need to come inside to rest.

Teach your dog a new trick. If you are stuck inside try teaching your dog a new trick like "paw" or "spin". Check out [this video](#) to learn how to teach your dog to spin in a circle.





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AKC Book Studies:

American Kennel Club has partnered with book authors in order to provide educators with unique lesson plans and activities aligned with popular books.

Book Study Highlight: "Soaring Soren"



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