



# USCA RH SEMINAR

Featuring:

**Stephanie Dunion**

Hosted By:

**Snohomish Schutzhund Club**



## Stephanie Dunion

- USCA / WUSV Liason
- Licensed SV / USCA RH Training Director
- RH1 and RH2 Judge
- Translator for USCA / IRO

Full biography located on the reverse side of this flyer.



## This Event Will Be Held On:

Saturday October 28th -  
Sunday October 29th, 2023  
18622 Ok Mill Rd,  
Snohomish, WA 98290

**Rubble work will be hosted off-site**

## Available Spots / Cost:

Limited working spots for dog/handler teams available ((\$100 / weekend)  
No limit to individuals wishing to audit / observe (\$50/weekend).  
ENTERIES ARE NON REFUNDABLE

## Contact Information

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**Lunch available to purchase both days.  
Cash only.**



# What is the RH?

The RH program is a search and rescue sport and works under the rules developed by the International Rescue Dog Organization (IRO) and the Federation Cynologique Internationale (FCI). This program was adopted by the USCA in 2002.

The RH program is comprised of an obedience/dexterity phase and a scent-work phase. The obedience phase is similar to that of IGP, however there are additional obstacles/skills including tunnels, traversing elevated surfaces and unpleasant surfaces, as well as carrying of the dog.

Unlike IGP, teams may compete in any of the following scent-work portions: tracking, area search, rubble, avalanche, or water - with the primary goal being locating a missing victim.

RH is open to most breeds, even small breed dogs. The RH program provides a unique training and bonding experience for dogs and their handlers as well as opportunities for new titles and options to compete with your dog.

## Dog Friendly Lodging

- Inn at Snohomish ([snohomishinn.com](http://snohomishinn.com)), Snohomish, WA 360-568-2208 or 1-800-548-9993 323 – 2nd St, Snohomish, WA 98290
- Best Western Sky Valley Inn ([bestwestern.com](http://bestwestern.com)), Monroe, WA 360-794-3111 or 1-877-794-3111 19233 Highway (SR) 2, Monroe, WA 98272 call for rates and any additional restrictions
- Evergreen Inn & Suites Monroe ([hotelinmonroewa.com](http://hotelinmonroewa.com)), Monroe, WA 360-863-1900 19103 Highway (SR) 2, Monroe, WA 98272 call for rates and any additional restrictions
- Best Western Navigator Inn & Suites ([bestwestern.com](http://bestwestern.com)), Everett, WA 425-347-2555 or 1-877-488-0510 10210 Evergreen Way, Everett, WA 98204 call for rates and any additional restrictions
- Camping w/ no RV-hookups is available on an RSVP first basis with Cindy Schneider ([cindykschneider@gmail.com](mailto:cindykschneider@gmail.com)) at their property in the parking areas usually used during events (no power, no water, 2 club portable toilets only)

### Helpful Information:

- <https://www.iro-dogs.org/en/>
- <https://www.germanshepherddog.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/RH-Explained.pdf>
- <https://www.germanshepherddog.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/RH-1-Rulebook-IRO.SV-edit-for-USCA-final-8.2016.pdf>
- <http://www.snohomishschutzhundclub.com/events/events.htm>

# Stephanie Dunion

## Introduction:

"My career started at British Airways in Frankfurt, Germany back in 1968 working in both passenger service and flight operations. I went on to study at the Sorbonne University in Paris to study French. After 4 years, I returned home, and was immediately hired by Lufthansa German Airlines in Philadelphia. After 22 years working in all departments, I was transferred to Boston as ticket office manager and subsequently then went on to work on Long Island, NY in Customer Relations and the Legal Department. As Lufthansa began outsourcing departments, I was finally transferred to Lufthansa Cargo back in Philadelphia Airport and closed out my career as Supervisor in the Quality Control Center. During my time with Lufthansa, I handled all international flight bookings for our USCA members and SV judges and assisted with the teams competing in Europe."

## Search and Rescue:


In 2006 Stephanie was asked by the SV to translate the 2006 IRO film pertaining to the RH program. Subsequently translated the official rules for over 120 IRO member organizations around the world as well as numerous FCI and IRO meeting.

Stephanie attended the FUNSAR training at the Connecticut Fire Academy and took the 3 required FEMA ISO courses, took mapping and orienting courses, as well as canine and human CPR, and attended the SV Academy to become licensed as the certified trainer for the US. Stephanie has completed all levels in all disciplines (tracking/area search/rubble/avalanche/Man-Trailing).

Stephanie has also worked with a local search and rescue group, "in order to gain a greater insight into SAR work in general".

## K9 Background:

- Anka von Donnerwetter -CD/CDX/SchH1
- Lori von Donnerwetter - CD/CDX
- Nikki von der Eichenburg -VBH/V2/SchH3/FH
- Otti von der Murrtaulaue - BH/V1 at the Sieger Show/SchH1/KKL1
- Kiki von Stefanopeler Tal (Taika) - BH/ V2/RH1-F/RH2-FL-B/RH2-T-A/RH2-L
- Kumiko vom Suentelstein - In RH Training



***"My vision is to continue to promote the RH platform for USCA and to display our accomplishments on the world stage."***

## RH K9 Rangers Club

"In 2017 a group of 5 people formed the RH K9 Rangers club to facilitate promoting the RH program under the sport platform for USCA. Many of our members never titled a dog, yet came to see the incredible versatility of our working dogs. The program expanded from NH-NY-NJ-VA-NC-TX-AZ-CA-ID-WI with more States following by hosting workshops, so I can share with them the incredible abilities our dogs have to be both independent and under control at the same time. It is an honor to be both the President of our club as well as the training director."