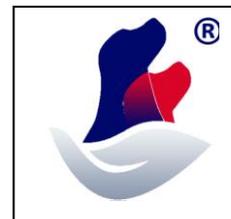


## Instruction when hiding the scent –Home Alone



### Tables & Chairs or Household items

- 1) There should be a minimum of four chairs and one table. If you have difficulty positioning the camera to view all the chairs and table you can arrange the chairs in other ways. (see picture gallery)
- 2) Please see picture gallery showing where the 'scented' article should be hidden under a chair or on the inner side of one of the table legs.
- 3) Plan from which direction you will start the search and set up markers 5ft (1.5m) away from the first item in the search.
- 4) Set up the camera so that you see all the chairs.
- 5) Remove the dog from the search area whilst you make a connection with the judge at your allotted time.
- 6) Let the judge know where you will start the search.
- 7) Let the judge know if the dog is small or elderly.
- 8) Wearing your gloves, walk around the chairs touching each one until the judge tells you to stop. (Make sure the judge can see your hand) Position the scented article underneath this chair or table leg as shown in the picture gallery. Remove your gloves and jar with the 'scented' articles from the search area.
- 9) When you and the judge are ready, bring the dog on a leash, into the search area and stand behind the markers.
- 10) Start the search on the judge's instructions.

### ***Household items***

- 1) Place 10 household items in a room of a minimum size of 9ft x 9ft (3m x 3m).
- 2) Check the camera to see if all the items can be seen.
- 3) Ensure that the larger items are furthest away from the camera otherwise they can 'block' the judge's view.
- 4) The 10 items should be approximately 18" (45cm) apart. (see below for suitable items)
- 5) Remove the dog from the search area whilst you make a connection with the judge at your allotted time.
- 6) Let the judge know where you plan to start the search.
- 7) Let the judge know if the dog is small or elderly.
- 8) The judge may or may not ask you to move some of the items around in case you have been practicing!
- 9) . The judge will either name the item to be scented or ask you to point at all the items and then select one.
- 10) Wearing your gloves, place a scented article in small gaps/holes in the items otherwise use scented Velcro but position so that the dog isn't able to spot it.
- 11) Remove your gloves and the jar with the 'scented' articles from the search area.

- 12) When you and the judge are ready, bring the dog into the search area on a leash and stand behind the markers.
- 13) Start the search on the judge's instructions.

### Kitchen Cabinet Search

- 1) Set up the camera so that you can see all of the cabinets, there should be a minimum of 8 gaps and no more than 12, a door can be included.
- 2) See photo how to hide the 'scented' article. You might have to practice using an 'unscented' article firstly to make sure that it isn't too deep and not visible to the dog.
- 3) Remove the dog from the search area whilst you make a connection with the judge at your allotted time.
- 4) Let the judge know where you plan to start the search from.
- 5) Let the judge know if the dog is small or elderly.
- 6) 'Point at' gaps in draws, cupboards and door if used, until the judge asks you to stop; place the scented article into this gap.
- 7) Remove your gloves and take the jar with the 'scented' articles from the search area.
- 8) When you and the judge are ready bring the dog on a leash and stand behind the markers.
- 9) Start the search on the judge's instructions.

### Exterior

- 1) Place 10 'Exterior' items in an outside area of a minimum size of 9ft x 9ft (3m x 3m).
- 2) Check the camera to see if all the items can be seen.
- 3) Ensure that the larger items are furthest away from the camera otherwise they can 'block' the judge's view.
- 4) The 10 items should be approximately 18" (45cm) apart. (see below for suitable items)
- 5) The items shouldn't be packed with any other material.
- 6) Remove the dog from the search area whilst you make a connection with the judge at your allotted time.
- 7) Let the judge know where you will start the search.
- 8) Let the judge know if the dog is small or elderly.
- 9) The judge may or may not ask you to move some of the items around in case you have been practicing!
- 10) . The judge will either name the item to be scented or ask you to point at all the items and then select one.
- 11) Wearing your gloves, place scented article in small gaps/holes in the items otherwise use scented Velcro but place so the dog isn't able to spot it.
- 12) Remove your gloves and the jar with the 'scented' articles from the search area.
- 13) When you and the judge are ready bring the dog on a leash and stand behind the markers.
- 14) Start the search on the judge's instructions.

## Wall/Fence/Vehicle (see below for vehicle search)

- 1) The wall/fence should be a minimum of 5m in length. If you can't find 8 potential hiding places you can add some 'Exterior items' at the base of the wall or fence.
- 2) Set up the camera stand firstly and check that the whole of the 5m wall or fence is in view.
- 3) Stick 'post it' notes on the wall or fence next to potential hiding places as this will help you and the judge to re-locate hiding places in case they are difficult to find again. **Note:** Blu-tack is better at fastening onto rough brick work.
- 4) Be conscious of the sun as this can cause some shadowing and the judge might not be able to see.
- 5) Remove the dog from the search area whilst you make a connection with the judge at your allotted time.
- 6) Let the judge know where you plan to start the search from.
- 7) Let the judge know if the dog is small or elderly.
- 8) Wearing your gloves, walk along and point at all the 'post it' notes until the judge says 'stop'. Place a 'scented' article (material is best for this) in the hole or gap, pushing it in using tweezers or something similar.
- 9) Remove all the other 'Post it' notes and the 'scent' jar from the search site.
- 10) When you and the judge are ready bring the dog on a leash and stand behind the markers.
- 11) Start the search on the judge's instructions.

## **Vehicle Search**

- 1) Position the camera so that two sides of the vehicle can be seen.
- 2) Be conscious of the sun as this can cause some shadowing and the judge might not be able to see.
- 3) Remove the dog from the search area whilst you make a connection with the judge at your allotted time.
- 4) Let the judge know where you will start the search.
- 5) Let the judge know if the dog is small or elderly.
- 6) Wearing your gloves, walk along and point at suitable hiding places (see picture gallery for suggestions) until the judge says 'stop' and then place a 'scented' article in this spot.
- 7) Remove your gloves and the jar with the 'scented' articles from the search area.
- 8) When you and the judge are ready bring the dog on a leash and stand behind the markers.
- 9) Start the search on the judge's instructions.

## Notes about handling the scent, contamination and safety

Wear gloves when you are handling the scent. When fixing Velcro, the glue can be very sticky so once unpeeled, hold a very small section of the scented velcro in the tip of your fingers, place it on the item and press firmly with the other hand as it is less likely to stick to your gloves! You can always practice using a Velcro pad that hasn't been scented.

Always remove the scent jar from the search area.

If the scented velcro has a paper peel off backing, please put this in your pocket or back into the jar.

It will be your responsibility to keep the dog's safety in mind. Any hot appliances eg ovens, heaters should be used as hiding places. Also be mindful of sharp edges protruding, small gaps where dog could get stuck, items that could fall onto the dog and anything that could constitute a hazard to the dog

At all times common sense must prevail

## Suitable Items for the Household search

Chairs, tables step ladder, pots & pans, house ornaments, lamp shade, boxes, luggage, clothes driers, laundry baskets, dog bowls, plastic containers, vacuum cleaner, brooms, dust pan & brush, clothes drier, waste paper bin.

**Note:** Some dogs rather be over enthusiastic with their search so only use items that aren't likely to break if they are pushed over.

## Suitable items for the 'Exterior Search'

Watering can, hose pipes, Flower pots, children toys, bikes, bicycle pumps, baby gates, Cycle helmets, garden tools, brooms, garden ornaments, plastic boxes, buckets, wellington boots, garden shoes/clogs.