

Instruction for 'Scent' hider.



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) Ask the competitor where they start the search from.
- 4) Ask the competitor to leave the room.
- 5) Let the judge know if the dog is small or elderly.
- 6) Set up the camera so that you see all the chairs.
- 7) Let the judge know where the competitor will start.
- 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, ask the competitor to come into the search area and wait by the designated starting point.
- 10) Ask the competitor to start on the judge's instructions.
- 11) Please keep quiet and stand still, preferably with your back turned as we don't want you to give it away! If some judge's ask you to leave please don't be offended.

Household items

- 1) Place 10 household items in a room of a minimum size of 9ft x 9ft (3m x 3m).
- 2) Ask the competitor where they plan to start the search from before they leave the room.
- 3) Check the camera to see if all the items can be seen.
- 4) Ensure that the larger items are furthest away from the camera otherwise they can 'block' the judge's view.
- 5) The 10 items should be approximately 18" (45cm) apart. (see below for suitable items)
- 6) Let the judge know where the competitor will start.
- 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 the competitor has 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 or use scented velcro making sure that the competitor can't see it as they might want to walk around the search area.
- 11) Remove your gloves and jar with the 'scented' articles from the search area.

- 12) When you and the judge are ready, ask the competitor to come into the search area and wait by the designated starting point.
- 13) Ask the competitor to start on the judge's instructions.
- 14) Please keep quiet and stand still, preferably with your back turned as we don't want you to give it away! If some judge's ask you to leave please don't be offended.

Cabinet Search

- 1) See photo how to fasten 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.
- 2) There should be a minimum of 8 gaps and no more than 12 a door can be included.
- 3) Ask the competitor to leave the room making sure they have let you know where they will start the search.
- 4) Let the judge know if the dog is small or elderly.
- 5) Set up the camera so that you can see all of the cabinet and door. .
- 6) Let the judge know where the competitor will start.
- 7) Wearing gloves, point at gaps in draws, cupboards and door if included, until the judge asks you to stop; place the scented article into this gap.
- 8) Remove your gloves and jar with the 'scented' articles from the search area.
- 9) When you and the judge are ready, ask the competitor to come into the search area and wait by the designated starting point.
- 10) Ask the competitor to start on the judge's instructions.
- 11) Please keep quiet and stand still, preferably with your back turned as we don't want you to give it away! If some judge's ask you to leave please don't be offended.

Exterior

- 1) Ask the competitor where they plan to start the search from before they leave the room.
- 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 suitable items)
- 5) The items shouldn't be packed with any other material.
- 6) Let the judge know where the competitor will start.
- 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 the competitor has 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) Make sure that the 'scented' article can't be seen by the competitor as they might want to walk around the search area. Wearing gloves, look for small gaps/holes in the items but velcro can be placed under pots, cycle helmets etc.
- 11) Remove your gloves and jar with the 'scented' articles from the search area.

- 12) When you and the judge are ready, ask the competitor to come into the search area and wait by the designated starting point.
- 13) Ask the competitor to start on the judge's instructions.
- 14) Please keep quiet and stand still, preferably with your back turned as we don't want you to give it away! If some judge's ask you to leave please don't be offended.

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) Let the judge know if the dog is small or elderly.
- 6) Wearing 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 and push in using tweezers or something similar.
- 7) Remove all the other 'Post it' notes and the 'scent' jar from the search site.
- 8) When you and the judge are ready, ask the competitor to come into the search area and wait by the designated starting point.
- 9) Ask the competitor to start on the judge's instructions.
- 10) Please keep quiet and stand still, preferably with your back turned as we don't want you to give it away! If some judge's ask you to leave please don't be offended.

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. Let the judge know if the dog is small or elderly.
4. Wearing your gloves, point at potential hiding places (see picture gallery) until the judge says 'stop'. Place a 'scented' article (material is best for this) in the hole or gap and push in using tweezers or something similar.
5. Remove your gloves and jar with the 'scented' articles from the search area.
6. When you and the judge are ready, ask the competitor to come into the search area and wait by the designated starting point.
7. Ask the competitor to start on the judge's instructions.
8. Please keep quiet and stand still, preferably with your back turned as we don't want you to give it away! If some judge's ask you to leave please don't be offended.

Notes about handling the scent and contamination

Wear gloves when you are handling the scent otherwise please remove the gloves. If using velcro the glue can be very sticky so once unpeeled, hold a very small section of the scented article in one hand, 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.

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

Suitable Items for the Household search

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