



The aims of Scentwork UK Online Trials are to widen the reach of scentwork as a dog sport, to encourage more handlers and dogs to get involved, and to promote training thereby improving standards.

Being online, the trials have the advantage of being open to everyone and can be held in the comfort of your own home.

The trials are run as closely as possible to Scentwork UK Rules and Regulations for face to face trials but have their own separate Online League.

In order to further the aims above, Scentwork UK has developed a basic level **Foundation Award** so that you can feel confident with both the practical and technological side of online trialling. The Foundation Award can be delivered at whichever Level you are currently working.

THE ONLINE TRIALS FOUNDATION AWARD

How it works.....

- You will have the opportunity to experience a 'taste' of an online trial without the pressure of a competition.
- You can practice setting up their searches in your own home (at your own Level) and practice setting up your chosen technology platform (Zoom, Messenger or WhatsApp).
- You then video yourself working your dog through all of the online searches and submit them to your trainer. This can be done all at once or one search at a time.
- The trainer will assess the videos and either approve or ask for resubmissions.
- You may resubmit as many times as you like.
- You will then be asked 3 questions by your trainer via the video messaging of your choice to test your knowledge of the Scentwork UK Online Trials rules. The questions must be answered correctly in order to pass.
- This process completes the **Foundation Award**.
- The trainer then sends your details to one of the **Foundation Award Co-Ordinators** who will forward a certificate to you via email.
- You will have the opportunity to purchase a rosette to celebrate your achievement.
- Your trainer can also submit one of your search videos of their choice to be entered into the **Search of the Month** Competition (see below), provided they have your permission to do so.

SEARCH OF THE MONTH COMPETITION

How it works...

- The **Search of the Month** competition is open to all those who pass the **Foundation Award** in any particular month.
- Trainers will send one search per student (see above) to one of the the **Foundation Award Co-Ordinators** who will have selected an independent judge for that month
- The winning search will receive a **Best Search of the Month** rosette.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

- The test fee is £5.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

- Contact your trainer, in the first instance, who should be able to take you through the process.
- Join in at a mutually agreeable time.
- If your trainer is not currently offering the Foundation Award or you are working without a trainer, please contact one of the Foundation Co-Ordinators who will be happy to take you through the process.

Please contact one of our Foundation Level Co-Ordinators for any further details.

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