

Instructing Novice Container Search Evaluation

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1. Glove up using latex or nitrile gloves.
2. Place cotton wool bud/ball/gauze pad in appropriate scent aid container.
3. Place one eye drop of oil on the cotton wool bud/ball/gauze pad.
4. Seal scent aid container with appropriate prepared top.
5. Identify/mark a 5-litre scent container in which to place the scent aid and secure.

The scent aid must **NEVER** be placed in a random container, and containers in which a scent aid has been placed must **NEVER** be used as a neutral container.

6. Leaving the containers unsealed, three containers placed in a straight line, with the first containing the scent aid.
7. Dog led to first container and rewarded when it shows any interest in it.
8. (7) repeated three to six times to establish interest by dog in exchange for reward.
9. Once affirmed that the dog identifies a scent in the first container and expecting to be rewarded, first container is swapped with next container in the line.
10. Dog brought to first container and allowed to think about the change of situation. If it goes to the next container (which is the scent aid), dog is rewarded. If dog does not move toward the second container, dog is coaxed to the next container and rewarded.
11. (10) is repeated a few more times.
12. Once dog consistently checks first container and identifies second container as containing the scent aid, swap the first two containers in the line again (so the first container again has the scent aid).
13. A short break is taken.
14. After the break, if successful with the scent aid in the first container, swap first container with the third in the line of three and repeat 10 & 11. Continue until dog consistently checks all the containers.
15. Finish training with the scent aid in the first container of the line.

16. Repeat the training steps 7 – 13 at least twice before slowly increasing the number of containers up to a maximum of twelve in either a straight line or two rows of six.
17. Once the dog is able to identify which container has the scent aid in it, seal the containers with a lid that has 8 – 10 holes of 5mm diameter, and repeat as required for training.

Remember, it is imperative that you DO NOT prepare or handle the scent aid or its container without wearing latex or nitrile gloves. Neither do you handle any other container while still wearing the gloves used in preparing the scent aid or its container.

Signed:

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