

AKC SCENT WORK AT A GLANCE

LEVEL	NOVICE	ADVANCED	EXCELLENT	MASTER
Target Odor	Birch	Birch and/or Anise	Birch, Anise and/or Clove	Birch and/or Anise and/or Clove and/or Cypress

INTERIOR

Search Area Size	100-200 sq ft	200-400 sq ft	2 areas (400-800 sq ft total)	3 areas (600-1000 sq ft total)
# of Hides	1 (Known)	2 (Known)	3 (Known)	0-3 per area; 2-6 per class (Unknown)
Blank Area	None	None	None	Maximum 1
Max Time	1-3 Min	1-3 Min	1-3 Min. per search area	1-3 Min. per area. No 30-sec warning.
Distractions	None	1 (Non-food)	2 (Non-food, food, auditory, or visual)	3 (Non-food, food, auditory, visual, human or mimic)
Required	Alert only	2 Alerts and Finish	3 Alerts and Finish	Alert calls; Finish for Each Area
Max Height	2 Ft (Acessible only)	3 Ft (Accessible only)	4 Ft (1 may be inaccessible)	5 ft (All hides may be inaccessible)

EXTERIOR

Search Area Size	200-400 sq ft	400-800 sq ft	800-1500 sq ft	1500-2000 sq ft
# of Hides	1 (Known)	2 (Known)	3 (Known)	1-4 (Unknown)
Max Time (Judge sets)	2-4 Min	2-4 Min	3-5 Min	3-5 Min, no 30-sec warning
Distractions	None	1 (Non-food)	2 (Non-food, food, auditory, or visual)	3 (Non-food, food, auditory, visual, human or mimic)
Required	Alert	2 Alerts and Finish	3 Alerts and Finish	Alert (s), 1 Finish
Max Height	24" (accessible only)	36" (accessible only)	48" (1 may be inaccessible)	60" (all may be inaccessible)

BURIED

Search Area Size	150-200 sq ft	200-400 sq ft	300-400 sq ft	400-500 sq ft
# of Hides	1 (Known)	2 (Known)	3 (Known)	1-4 (Unknown)
# of Containers	6 (Sand)	8 (Water)	12 (6 sand, 6 water)	16 (8 sand, 8 water)
Arrangement	2 rows of 3	Any	Any	Any
Time Limit	2 Min	3 Min	4 Min	5 Min, no 30-sec warning.
Buried Depth	4"			
Distance Between	Minimum of 36"			
Distractions	None	1 - Not buried or submerged	2 (Non-food, food, auditory, or visual) Not buried or submerged	3 (Non-food, food, auditory, visual, human or mimic) Not buried or submerged.
Required	Alert	2 Alerts and Finish	3 Alerts and Finish	Alert (s) and Finish

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CONTAINERS

Search Area Size	250-400 sq ft	400-600 sq ft	600-800 sq ft	600-800 sq ft
# of Containers	10	15	20	20
# of Hides	1 (Known)	2 (Known)	3 (Known)	1-3 (Unknown)
Type of Containers	Identical Cardboard Boxes	Various Size & Type	Various Size and Type	Various Size and Type
Arrangement	2 rows of 5	3 rows of 5 - circle or "U"	4 rows of 5 - circle or "U"	4 rows of 5 - circle or "U"
Min Distance b/w Cont.	12" in all directions 36" between rows	12" all directions; if rows are used 36" between rows	12" all directions; if rows are used 36" between rows	12" all directions; if rows are used 36" between rows
Time Limit	2 Min	2 Min	3 Min	4 Min; No 30-sec warning
Distractions	None	1 (non-food)	2 (Non-food, food, auditory, or visual)	3 (Non-food, food, auditory, visual, human or mimic)
Required	Alert Only	2 Alert and 1 Finish	3 Alert and 1 Finish	Alert(s) and 1 Finish

HANDLER DISCRIMINATION

	NOVICE	ADVANCED	EXCELLENT	MASTER
Search Area Size	250-400 sq ft	150-400 sq ft	400-600 sq ft	2 areas - 300-800 sq ft total
Search Environment	Container (Cardboard Box)	Interior	Exterior	At least 2 different (container, interior, or exterior)
# of Hides	1	1	1	3
Article	Cotton glove or cotton sock	Cotton balls or swabs	Cotton balls or swabs	Cotton balls or swabs
Number of Scents	1 Handler - 1 Judge	1 Handler - 1 Judge	1 Handler - 1 Judge	3 Handler - 1 Judge - 1 Steward
Max Height	On ground	24"	24"	24"
Time Limit (Judge sets)	2 Min	2-5 Min	3-6 Min	2-3 Min. per area. No 30-sec warning.
Distractions	None	None	1 (non-food)	1-2 (Non-food, food, visual, auditory, human or mimic)
Required	Alert Only	Alert Only	Alert Only	3 Alerts and 2 Finish

DETECTIVE

Scents	Birch and/or Anise and/or Clove and/or Cypress
Search Area Size	2,000-5,000 sq ft total
Search Environment	Any
# of Hides	5-10 - All hides may be inaccessible.
Distractions	4-6 - Any type discussed in regulations
Max Height	No maximum
Time Limit	7-15 minutes; set by judge. No 30-second warning.
Required	Alerts and 1 Finish