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| **2nd International K9 Detection Challenge****-Online-2020** |
| **Categorieën -Criteria voor deelname/****Categories -Criteria for participation**Note 1: per category ascending from beginner to professional, the skills have been added in blueNote 2: The source odor which is to be found in this challenge is your own target scent. Note 3: Kong as target scent. Large source: 3x3 cm, medium source: 1x1 cm. Small source: 3x3**mm** |

**Beginners**

Dog is able to:

• **Scents:**

* Find large (pure source) and medium sources (aired materials like cotton pads, pieces of towels etc.)
* Can find multiple medium sized sources in the same space with a reasonable distance between them
* Can continue searching for another source after finding one
* Can find a large source that has been in the room for a minimum of 10 minutes

**• Alert:**

* + Can stay with the source for 1-2 seconds

**• Sorting:**

* + At least 6 identical detection boxes with a large opening with 4 distractions
	+ Distraction smells: domestic items like a plastic cup, spoon or plate
	+ 4 trials in a row with different settings
	+ Alert all 4 times on the correct box

**• Search condition**

* + Can search for a maximum of 7 minutes per search
	+ Can search multiple times for 7 minutes on one day

**• Distractions and independence:**:

* + Can work in spaces without food, strong distractions or “dangerous” substances
	+ Can search without too much instructions and without the handler disturbing the dog too much

Handler is able to

• **Behaviour recognition**

* + Recognize a primary alert (recognition)
	+ Recognize a false alert from the dog
	+ Read the behavior of his/her own dog while the dog performs the exercise as independently as possible

**• Training technical handling:**

* Recognizing primary alert (scent-emotion) and alert by raising his/her hand and say “alert”
* After the alert calmly finish the exercise by rewarding the dog
* Continue after a false alert
* Walk with the dog without searching himself
* During the search the handler is conscious of the amount of independence of the dog and acts accordingly

Dog and handler are able to:

* Effectively search a room, while the handler disturbs the dog as little as possible and the dog searches as independently as possible.

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**Amateur**

Dog is able to:

• **Scents**:

* Find large (pure source) and medium sources (aired materials like cotton pads, pieces of towels etc.) and small sources (aired materials like cotton tips, small stickers etc.)
* Can find multiple medium and small sized sources in the same space with a reasonable distance between them
* Can easily continue searching for another source after finding one
* Can find a large source that has been in the room for a minimum of 1/2 hour
* Can find various aired materials

• **Alert**:

* + Can give a clear alert for 3 seconds, a “layman” should be able to pinpoint the location from the alert of the dog

• **Sorting**:

* + At least 10 different detection boxes of different types with a large opening
	+ Multiple distractions per trial, each trial has new distraction scents

❏ Scent distractions: domestic objects

* + 4 trials in a row with different settings
	+ Alert all 4 times on the correct box

• **Search condition**:

* + Can easily search for a maximum of 7 minutes per search
	+ Can search multiple times for 7 minutes on one day

• **Distractions and independence:**

* + Can work in spaces without food, strong distractions

Handler is able to:

• **Behaviour recognition**:

* + Recognize a primary alert (recognition)
	+ Wait for the 3-second alert
	+ Recognize a false alert from the dog and ignoring this/continue searching

**• Training technical handling:**

* + Before the exercise explain how the dog will alert
	+ Recognizing primary alert and alert by raising his/her hand and say “alert”
	+ After the alert calmly finish the exercise by rewarding the dog
* Recognize and continue after a false alert
* Recognize frustration/fatigue from the dog and deal with this accordingly
* Have some sort of structure in the search so it can be established where the dog has searched already
* The dog can work independently of the handler

Dog and handler are able to:

* Effectively search a room, while the handler disturbs the dog as little as possible and the dog searches as independently as possible.

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**Semi-professional**

Dog is able to:

• **Scent**:

* Find large (pure source) and medium sources (aired materials like cotton pads, pieces of towels etc.) and small sources (aired materials like cotton tips, small stickers etc.)
* Can find multiple small sources close to each other in the same room
* Can easily continue searching for another source after finding one
* Can find medium and small sources that has been in the room for longer than 20 minutes
	+ Can find a large source that has been in the room for one hour
	+ Can find various aired materials

**• Alert:**

* + Can maintain alert for 3 seconds while the handler keeps moving
	+ Can maintain the alert with reasonable distractions at the source(talking people, sound of a walkie-talkie, unexpected sounds, people walking past in the distance etc)

• **Sorting**:

* + At least 15 different detection boxes (prepared) with distractions
	+ Multiple distractions per trial
	+ Two sources per trial, set apart at a reasonable distance
	+ Scent distractions include food-related scents of foods the dog enjoys to eat
	+ 4 trials in a row with different settings
	+ Alert all 4 times on the correct box

• **Search condition**:

* + Can search for a maximum of 7 minutes per search
	+ Can search multiple times for 7 minutes on one day
	+ Can easily finish 8 exercises in 2 days

• **Distractions and independence:**

* + Can work in spaces with food, strong distractions or “dangerous” substances
	+ Can work with distracting sounds, like loud music
	+ Can work in tight spaces

Handler is able to:

• **Behaviour recognition**:

* + Recognize a primary alert (recognition)
	+ Wait for the 3-second alert
	+ Recognize a false alert from the dog and ignore this/continue working

• **Training technical handling**:

* Before the exercise explain how the dog will alert
* Recognizing primary alert (scent-recognition) and alert by raising his/her hand and say “alert”
	+ Recognize/ignore and continue after a false alert
	+ After the alert calmly finish the exercise by rewarding the dog and possibly returning to the source for a second alert
* Recognize frustration/fatigue from the dog and deal with this accordingly
* Create and deploy a search strategy
	+ During the search the handler lets the dog search independently
	+ Search consciously, because of the searching and not because of the finding
	+ Find balance between structuring the search and letting the dog search independent of the handler.

Dog and handler are able to:

* Effectively search a room, while the handler disturbs the dog as little as possible and the dog searches as independently as possible.

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**Professional**

Dog is able to:

**• Scent:**

* Find large (pure source), medium sources (aired materials like cotton pads, pieces of towels etc.) and small sources (aired materials like cotton tips, small stickers etc.)
* Can find multiple small sources at reasonable distance to each other in the same room
* Can easily find a large source that has been in a room for a minimum of one hour
* Can easily continue searching for another source after finding one
* Can find medium and small sources that has been in the room for a maximum of 10 minutes (detailed search)
* Can find a large source that has been placed for a minimum of one hour
* Can find scented articles of various shapes and sizes
* Does not alert to residues of scent

**• Alert:**

* + Can maintain alert for 3 seconds while the handler keeps moving
	+ Can maintain the alert with heavy distractions (Something dropping on the ground, pulling on leash).

• **Sorting**:

* + At least 15 different detection boxes (prepared) with distractions
	+ Multiple distractions per trial
	+ Unknown (0-3) sources per trial, at reasonable distance from each other
	+ Scent distractions include food-related scents of foods the dog enjoys to eat
	+ 4 trials in a row with different settings
	+ Alert all 4 times on the correct box
	+ 1 trial is walking once back and forth

• **Search condition**:

* + Can easily search for a maximum of 7 minutes per search
	+ Can search multiple times for 7 minutes on one day
	+ Can easily finish 8 exercises in 2 days

• **Distractions**:

* + Can work in spaces with food, strong distractions or “dangerous” substances
	+ Can work with distracting sounds, like loud music
	+ Can work in tight spaces
	+ During the exercise there may be surprising distractions in various forms

Handler is able to:

• **Behaviour recognition**:

* + Recognize a primary alert (scent recognition)
	+ Wait for the 3-second alert
	+ Recognize a false alert from the dog
	+ Recognize “signing” residues and being able to tell if the dog is locating a small, medium or large source based on the dog’s behavior before the alert

• **Training technical handling**:

* Before the exercise explain how the dog will alert
	+ Recognizing primary alert (scent-emotion) and alert by raising his/her hand and say “alert”
	+ After the alert calmly finish the exercise by rewarding the dog
* Recognize/ignore and continue after a false alert
* Recognize frustration/fatigue from the dog and deal with this accordingly
* Create and deploy a search strategy
* During the search the handler lets the dog search independently
* Search consciously, because of the searching and not because of the finding
* Find balance between structuring the search and letting the dog search independent of the handler
	+ Able to anticipate and work though unforeseen circumstances during the search, and taking the dog in account at all times

Dog and handler are able to:

* Effectively search a room, while the handler disturbs the dog as little as possible and the dog searches as independently as possible.
* Form a harmonious team, which shows they have been working together for a longer period of time and are therefore attuned to each other

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**Operational**

Dog and Handler must comply with:

* all criteria that apply to the 'Professional' category.