

Adopt a Position -worked off lead.

Adopt a Position will have a square with lines of items forming the outside edges of the square. This is not a distance challenge, and the items should be within 4m distance from the centre. The handler will work from the centre of the square and will need to work the dog whilst the handler is doing 4 different actions, as explained by the scorer and in the order set by the scorer.

The handler can call any find anywhere i.e., the hides do not need to be called in any order. There will be one target odour per side.

The game will be completed when all 4 hides are found, or the allocated time has elapsed.

As dogs will be worked off lead with the handler unable to closely supervise, this game must be done in a safe and secure area.

The clock will start when the handler tells the scorer they are ready and sends the dog to search.

The clock will stop on a correctly called find and the scorer will remove the item.

It will restart when the handler and the scorer are ready.

During removal of the found items the handler should move to the centre and keep their dog under control.

If the dog is struggling or not understanding the search due to any action, the handler can choose to skip and move to the next action. In this instance the scorer will stop the clock and out of the handler's sight remove a target item.

Handlers will know how many hides.

Hides will not be higher than the smallest dogs nose height whilst front feet are on the floor (scorers best guess).

An indication anywhere on the item that has target odour and is correctly called by the handler as a find will be awarded full points.

Level 1

Target odours should not be within 80cms of each other.

Maximum 6 items per side.

Hides Surface or just below surface.

Items should be straightforward and obvious to most dogs.

No distraction odours

Station – handler seated but can swivel their bottom on the chair.

Station - handler stood on spot (usually marked by cones or hoop)

Station - handler keeps hands behind back but can go where they wish.

Station - scorers choice

Level 2

Target odours should not be within 80cms of each other.

Maximum 8 items per side.

Hides Surface or just below surface.

Items should be straightforward and obvious to most dogs.

No distraction odours

Station – handler seated but can swivel their bottom on the chair.

Station - handler stood on spot (usually marked by cones or hoop)

Station - handler keeps hands behind back but can go where they wish.

Station - scorers choice

Level 3

Target odours should not be within 80cms of each other.

Maximum 8 items per side.

Hides Surface or just below surface.

No distraction odours.

Items should be straightforward and obvious to most dogs.

Hides removed once found - clock stops.

Station – handler seated. Handler must keep their hands on the side of the chair after the initial tasking.

Station - handler stood on spot (usually marked by cones or hoop)

Station - scorers choice x 2

Level 4

Maximum 8 items per side.

Hides Surface or just below surface.

Items should be straightforward and obvious to most dogs.

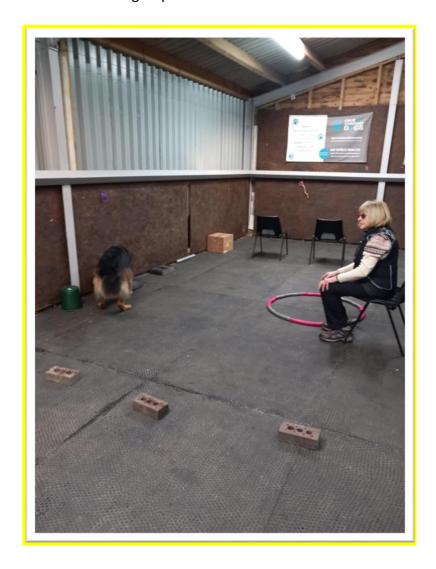
Station – handler seated. Handler must keep their hands on the side of the chair after the initial tasking.

Station - handler stood on spot.

Station - scorers choice x 2

Distraction and/or target odours should not be within 80cms of each other.

1 distraction odour from either group 1 or 2 will be used.



Level 5

Maximum 10 items per side.

Hides Surface or just below surface.

Items should be straightforward and obvious to most dogs.

Station – handler seated. Handler must keep their hands on the side of the chair after the initial tasking.

Station - scorers choice x 3

1 distraction odour from either group 1 or 2 will be used.

Distraction and target odour/s must be on different items.

Level 6

Hides Surface or just below surface.

Items should be straightforward and obvious to most dogs.

Station – handler seated. Handler must keep their hands on the side of the chair after the initial tasking.

Station - scorers choice x 3

2 distraction odours from either group 1, 2 or 3 will be used.

Distraction and target odour/s must be on different items.

Level 7

Hides Surface or just below surface.

Items should be straightforward and obvious to most dogs.

Station - scorers choice x 4

2 distraction odours from either group 1, 2, 3, or 4 will be used.

Distraction and target odour/s must be on different items.

Level 8

Hides Surface, just below surface or deep.

Items should be straightforward and obvious to most dogs.

Station - scorers choice x 4

2 distraction odours from any group will be used.

Distraction and target odour/s must be on different items.