



## **PARTICIPANT TIPS**

### **IMPORTANCE OF PRACTICING**

The biggest piece of advice is to practice setting hides in different search areas and tackling them with your dog before submitting any entries to Cyber Scent Work.

Once you are comfortable, design a new search to film for Cyber Scent Work.

### **FILMING REQUIREMENTS**

For online entries, participants must ensure the following is captured for their videos:

- The entirety of the search area, including where the hides are located, must be pointed out in the video, prior to running the search.
  - For Exterior search areas, the boundaries must be clear to the Online Review Official by using cones, soccer dots, surveyor flags and/or painter's tape.
  - For Interior search areas where only a portion of the space is being used (e.g., part of a larger room), the boundaries of the search area must be clear using cones, soccer dots, painter's tape, etc.
- Include the participant and dog approaching the start line, running the search and celebrating afterwards.
- Ensure the video is clear and inclusive; do not make your Online Review Official guess!

### **GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR SEARCHING IN PUBLIC**

For online entries, there are some general rules to keep in mind when designing, filming and running a search in public:

- All search areas must be left better than how handlers found them.
- Do not leave any objects behind.
- Dogs must be cleaned up after.
- Any garbage in the area must be cleaned up and removed.



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- All hides must be counted, accounted for and retrieved.
- Any hide locations should be wiped down with alcohol wipes or dish soap and water after the searches are done.

### **RUNNING THE SEARCH**

Cyber Scent Work assumes all submitted entries were filmed following the required Rules. This includes following the required odor concentration, hide preparation, hide visibility to the handler and the handler's awareness of hide placement prior to running the search.

### **CALLING ALERT AND FINISH**

Participants must say "Alert" or otherwise indicate when their dog has found a hide. Whether participants choose to say "Alert" or raise their hand, it must be clear and obvious.

Once all the hides have been found, participants must call "Finish".