



Items **bolded** below are requirements that must be demonstrated to the Evaluator. Non-bolded items are training steps that may be introduced in class and are helpful for achieving the requirements. All behaviors must have been taught or re-taught to the dog (preferably using a new cue), using only positive reward-based methods.

- Dog has earned the Scent Discrimination badge**
- Dog is able to indicate a hidden scent to the handler using a discrimination alert consistent with the one used for other scent badges
- Handler has established a solid primary alert signal and withholds reinforcement until the signal is given by the dog in response to finding a hidden scent
- Handler has established a routine for beginning a search including a verbal cue for the “take scent” behavior
- Handler trusts the dog’s ability to “find it” and can read the dog’s alert to identify the location of the target object when it has been hidden from view by another person and the handler does not know its location**
- Dog demonstrates finding the target scent in 2 different rooms where the dog has not previously practiced scent work; the rooms used must have multiple hiding spots with one hide below the level of the dog’s nose and the other above**
- Dog demonstrates finding a target scent on a person and alerts the handler to the specific location of the scent on the person where ALL of the following criteria are met**
 - Test is performed outdoors where 2 people walk down a trail out of sight of the handler and dog; handler and dog do not watch the people leave the set up location**
 - People walk down a trail together and then split and walk to opposite sides of the trail with approximately 20 feet between the people when they reach their final locations; people remain within side of the trail**
 - Once in place, people remain still with arms crossed in front or hands clasped behind**
 - Scent must be hidden below the waist and may not be held in a hand**
 - There may not be any hot area on either person, where either scent or treats was previously located; no food of any kind may be on either person**
 - If the dog fails the test, the “hot” person may not be used for any subsequent search prior to the person showering and completely changing clothes**