Dog Scouts of America

**Activity check-off sheet**

**Advanced Scent Discrimination:**

All behaviors must have been taught or re-taught to the dog, using only positive reward based methods.

\_\_\_ **Dog and handler have earned the Scent Discrimination badge**

\_\_\_ Handler understands that a scent can be anything you want for future work. (dog works

with various scents, i.e. for rescue, drugs, accelerants, nitrates, frogs, turtles, keys, etc.)

\_\_\_ Dog is able to indicate a correct scent to handler using a discrimination alert consistent

with the one used for previous badges responses

\_\_\_ Dog understands the concept of finding what he is scented on

\_\_\_ Handler knows alternative alerts (scratch drills, passive alert) and can get several

responses in a row of the alert behavior chosen for the dog.

\_\_\_ Handler establishes a solid primary alert signal and withholds reinforcement until proper

alert is given after scent article is smelled by the dog.

\_\_\_ Handler knows when and how to add a verbal cue for the “smell it and do the alert”

behavior. The smell becomes the cue for the alert.

\_\_\_ Handler initiates go-outs and adds the "find it" cue (scented object visible & hidden)

**\_\_\_ Handler trusts the dog’s ability to "find it" and can read the dog’s alert to locate**

**the hidden article when the target object has been hidden from view by another**

**person (handler doesn’t know it’s location.)**

**\_\_\_ Dog can find the target scent in a room with multiple hiding spots where the dog has not practiced scent work before**

**\_\_\_ Dog can find a second target scent in another room with multiple hiding spots**

**\_\_\_ Dog can find a target scent on a person and can alert handler to the person who the scent is planted on when two people walk down a trail out of sight and then split to go in different directions.**