



Dog Scouts of America
Merit Badge Check-Off Sheet

Expert Sniffer - Exteriors

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.

All hides in this badge are outside and blind to both the dog and handler. Hides must be placed for a minimum of at least 10 minutes before dog and handler attempt to find the hides.

- Dog has earned the Advanced Scent Discrimination Badge**
- Handler understands and can explain the concept of wind, temperature, humidity, vegetation, terrain, age, time of day and how it impacts the dog's ability to find the scent source**
- Dog has a *strong* indication behavior (nose or paw touch, stare, etc.)
- Handler knows how to train for multiple scents and has taught the dog at least two scents (different from those used in Expert Sniffers - Interiors) for this badge
- Dog can indicate his/her behavior to 2 or more scents to be used for this badge
- Handler trusts the dog's ability to "find it" and can read the dog's alert to scent and the dog does its known indication 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
- Handler must describe at least 5 applications of scent work that apply outdoors; dog must demonstrate 1 of these**
- Dog must be able to find a hide buried in the ground (sand, grass, or low vegetation) in a tube, where the search area is 72" X 72"**
- Dog must be able to find and indicate the 2 scents hidden on 2 vehicles with not less than 3 vehicles present; hides should not be above the nose level (dog should not put paws up on vehicle); a vehicle is defined as something having at least one wheel (car, golf cart, flatbed trailer, wagon, wheel barrel, etc.)**