

Partnership!

The Sport of Scent Detection

Sporting Detection is the fun and competitive version of scent detection such as for narcotics, termites or explosives. However, our competitions use legal scents that are easily purchased and stored by the average person. The dog must locate a hidden target scent within an area and alert the handler to its location. It is a true partnership sport in which both partners must rely on one another.



The latest in canine sport!

Our Mission

To encourage all dogs, purebred and mixed, pets, companion, working or show dogs to participate in the sport of scent detection.

To encourage all handlers, experienced or inexperienced, and of any background to enjoy competing with their dog.

To provide a venue for dogs to earn titles in Sporting Scent Detection in Canada.

To maintain a registry of dogs competing.

To qualify and certify judges so that more trials can be held.

To maintain a registry of trial results and titles achieved.

To establish a database of classes, clinics and trials.

To encourage the humane training of dogs and good sportsmanship.

To develop this sport in Canada and establish new levels of competition.

To encourage appreciation for the dog's incredible scenting abilities.

Sporting Detection Dogs Association

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All dogs can play!

Whether practiced for sport or for fun, sport detection is suited to all types of dogs and handlers.

All breeds, ages, sizes and ability of dogs are welcome. Classes and trials are run so that each search is done by one dog and handler team alone, allowing dogs with space issues to focus and learn. Working individually and without social stressors allows the dog to channel its energy on the task.

No obedience is needed as a prerequisite and boisterous behaviours such as barking and pulling can be part of the game. Unruliness can be curbed by using the dog's natural desire to "hunt" to develop focus and self-control.

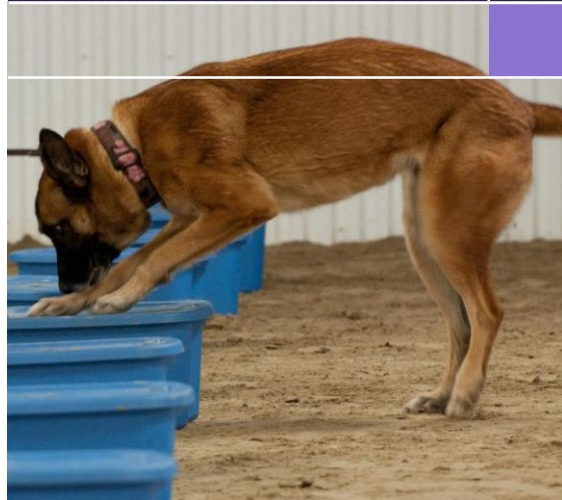


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"Engage the dog's nose with a game...and the dog shall give its all."

~ Teresa Lewin

If you want to have fun with your dog, by letting him use his natural gifts, you should try sport detection and watch his instincts blossom.

If you want to know more about how to read canine body language, you will become a keen observer doing sport detection.

If you are fascinated by the incredible talent of the dog's nose and why they are still the gold standard in military, law enforcement and private detection functions, you will love sport detection.

If you need to build up your dog's confidence (while not having to worry about your own) or give an elderly or retired dog a new lease on life, you should try sport detection. Even reactive dogs with space issues are welcome. Each dog works by itself and they can do something enjoyable with their people and have a successful, stress-free

experience outside of their yards.

And even if cash is limited or you don't like to miss too much TV, you can take an online class or go to a teaching workshop and come home with enough knowledge so that you can do the training on your own schedule in your own living room. Is your timing less than perfect or do you frequently drop your leash or get tangled in it? Even you can do this! Introductory classes and workshops set up the training scenario so that the handler has to do only two things: keep the leash from dragging or tangling and reward the dog when prompted by the instructor. Your dog does most of the work and you get to cheer him on!

Give sport detection a try today by contacting the Sporting Detection Dogs Association to find a trainer or event near you.