

Scentwork training

	Start with 1 box or container about 4x4x2h with an odor cocktail attached to the side. Drop treats in rhythmically fast enough to keep pup's interest, slow enough to see if he will offer nose in the box (mark/reward that)
	When pup understands that nose in box will get marked/paid, make a line of 5 identical boxes, each with an odor cocktail in them. Use start cue before each trip down the line and "finish" at the end of the line with a treat party. Mark his nose in the box with zero delay and pay with several treats, one at a time to build duration. Then stop paying the current box and use a "find more" cue and your body movement/leash to get the dog to move to the next box. When pup understands how to stay at a box until I say "find more" and then go to the next box to get paid, I can move on.
	Add a cold box between 2 hot boxes before each new trip down the line until each hot box has a cold box in between. Still mark each hot box immediately (nose over/in the box). When pup isn't bothered by the cold boxes and immediately moves on, continue:
	Add an additional cold box between each hot before each new trip down the line until each hot box has 2 cold boxes in between. Still mark each hot box immediately. When pup is confident with that, move on:
	Change the pattern to a U shape, handler on the inside. Work both directions. Should still do start/end cues and immediately mark/pay each hot box several times before saying 'find more'. When pup has a change of behavior at hot boxes and confidently moves past cold boxes, continue:
	Make the boxes into a random scattered pattern- still 2 colds for each hot. Still mark each hot as soon as the pup gets to it.
	ALERT BEHAVIOR TRAINING: Separate from any searching/patterns, work with 1 hot box and try to gradually build the duration of 'nose in box'. Might help to teach a chin rest with duration separately and practice that a few times before starting the scentwork alert practice
	When alert is well established, hold the container on it's side and work on elevation of the hide with the alert behavior.
	Gradually cut down the sides of the container to get the alert on a flat surface.
	Once an alert duration is well established, work with the random pattern on 'no lying'. Only hot boxes pay out. Use start and end cues as well as "find more".
	Do hides indoors and outside (not in a box). Use start and end cues as well as "find more". Be sure dog isn't following my scent to the hide.
	Do precision drills to get nose directly on source
	Work on converging odor puzzles
	Work elevated hides
	Work different strength/age of odor
	Work through pooling odor