

HOW TO COLLECT A SCENT ARTICLE...

**TRACKING
STARTS
WITH
SCENT**



Do you know what we use?



How Tracking Dogs Work

How it works:

Tracking dogs are trained to match a scent article to the dog's trail.

Common scent articles include:

- **Collar/Harness**
- **Blanket**
- **Bed**
- **Coat**

They then follow the freshest scent trail to locate the dog's most recent movement.



The Problem with Multi-Dog Households

Scent items are usually contaminated by other household dogs

If multiple household dogs have been in the lost location or out searching:

- Their scents mix in the environment.
- The tracking dog cannot clearly identify which scent belongs to the missing dog.

This can lead to **false tracks** and **confusion**.



Be Prepared-it takes 2 mins!

Make up scent articles for each dog



Simply put a spare collar on your dog for the day then, wearing gloves, place it in a self seal bag, with the dogs name and date taken on it.

Or, wearing a glove, wipe your dog over with a small cloth, paying attention to areas of most scent such as face and feet. Place this cloth in a self seal bag.

You can also collect an individual dogs hair from grooming.

Either method is effective, just refresh every 4 weeks.



Best Practice

Why this matters:

Tracking dogs need a scent article to work from.

In a single dog household this is not normally an issue but many searches have been turned down where there are multiple dogs and no single scent article.

It takes 2 mins to be prepared, and can make the difference in being able to track your lost dog and the search being declined.

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