



Newfoundland Schutzhund Club
Excellence is Ultimate Control



TRACKING TRAINING PROGRAM - SCHUTZHUND 1

PHASE 1

DOG'S NAME - Gildo vom Fuerstentum Kaunitz - Prinz

HANDLER - Rhonda Guay COACH - Jack Parsons



What is a Scent Pad?
 An area in a grassy field where when trampled a noticeable imprint is left.

In the early stages the Scent Pads are usually 1 meter by 1 meter.
 In the latter stages the Scent Pads are usually ½ meter by ½ meter.

Training musts:

Play with your dog for at least five (5) minutes before approaching the first scent pad, using a ball is best.

While tracking in the scent pad keep the enthusiasm between you and your dog at a very high level. Remember to encourage your dog, track with your dog, praise your dog, you're a team.

After your dog finds the second last piece of food, double praise your dog and leave the scent pad area and play with your dog, play ball with your dog, change his focus, get really excited, both of you did good.

Wait 2-3 minutes before proceeding to the next scent pad.

PHASE 1

Phase 1 entails laying 3 scent pads 3 times a day for 10 days.

Day 1 - am

Lay 3 scent pads with >10 pieces of food in each, wait for 15-20 minutes.

Bring your dog to the first scent pad with some excitement and using food as an enticement give the command to track (German - such), work with your dog, you're a team.

When your dog goes outside the boundary, give your dog a correction command (pfui) and a gentle tug to get him back in the scent pad and continue tracking. Every now and then let him find his own way back, this starts the process of problem solving.

After your dog finds the second last piece of food or thereabouts, double praise your dog and leave the scent pad area and play with your dog, change his focus, get really excited, both of you did good.

After about ½ minute or so proceed to the next scent pad.

Do the second and third pads the same as the first pad.

Day 1 - Early Evening

Lay 3 scent pads with 10 pieces of food in each, wait for 15-20 minutes.

Same procedure as you did in the am.

Day 1 - Late Evening

Lay 3 scent pads with 10 pieces of food in each, wait for 15-20 minutes.

Same procedure as you did in the am.

Day 2, 3, 4 and 5

Same as Day 1.

TIPS

Remember to keep your enthusiasm very high. This will spill over to your dog.

Remember you're a team, and you are the encourager, the cheerleader.

Remember that lots of praise from you will bring lots of joy to you.

Day 6, 7 and 8

Same as Day 1 except for the number of pieces of food, reduce them to 7.

Day 9 and 10

Same as Day 1 except for the number of pieces of food, reduce them to 5.