



WAG IT!
GAMES
SNIFF IT
NOVICE LEVEL

Sniff It classes and games are offered by licensed Wag It Games Instructors. Sniff It is packed full of training and FUN based on the dog's sense of smell.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

ELIGIBLE DOGS

- Any dog may take a test.
- Dogs must be registered with Wag It Games for tests to be used to earn titles. The tester will submit results after the test to be recorded.
- The tester may offer up to a week after a test for dogs to be registered so the test can be submitted towards titles.

ELIGIBILITY RESTRICTIONS

- Dogs that exhibit signs of pain, stress or discomfort may not participate.
- Dogs in estrus are eligible at the instructor's discretion.
- **Safety First – Aggressive dogs, reactive dogs and dogs under warning or banned in any venue may only be tested in a private setting and at the discretion of the instructor.**

LEVELS

Wag It Games offers three participation levels.

- Novice Level - Entry level
- Skilled Level - Intermediate level
- Proficient Level - Advanced level

TITLES

Dogs must be registered with Wag It Games to earn titles. The tester will submit successful tests to Wag It Games to be recorded. If the dog is not registered prior to taking a test the tester may offer the handler up to a week to register their dog.

There is no requirement for the Wag 1, 2 and 3 titles to be earned in a specific order. Additional titles may also be earned.

Titles earned are updated in the dog's online record once a month. Upon completion of a title an email notification is sent out and a personalized title certificate will be available to download and print from the dog's online record. Please see the title chart for details.

- Three successful novice tests are required to earn the Wag 1 Title.
- Three successful skilled tests are required to earn the Wag 2 Title.
- Three successful proficient tests are required to earn the Wag 3 Title.

TESTS

- Tests are offered by licensed Wag It Games instructors.
- Test fees are at the discretion of the instructor.
- Ribbons or certificates shall be presented for passed tests.

TEST REQUIREMENTS

- Each test consists of three different games.



GENERAL INFORMATION

LEASHES AND COLLARS

Games may be offered on or off leash per the game description. Off leash games shall be in a secured area.

- Dogs shall wear a collar or harness. Dogs may not wear anti pulling harnesses, head halters or any correction type device.
- Leash length is of the handler's choice. Retractable leashes may not be used.

Leashes must ALWAYS remain loose and never be used to guide or direct the dog.

ALWAYS SUCCESSFUL POLICY

In the event that the handler indicates an incorrect find the game is considered unsuccessful. However, the dog shall always be offered the opportunity to continue and be successful. After the tester indicates an incorrect alert the handler may...

- Cue the dog to continue searching.
- Direct and/or assist the dog.
- Ask the tester to disclose the scent location.

REWARDING

Upon successful indication of a find the handler may offer their dog a food reward.

- Rewards must be concealed within their pockets. Treat pouches are not allowed in the ring.
- Handlers may reach for and offer rewards only after the judge confirms a successful find.
- Rewards must be delivered from the handler's hand and may never touch any item in the search area or floor.
- If rewards are purposely placed onto a container, item or the floor that game will be judged as unsuccessful.

JUDGING

- All tests are judged as pass/fail.
- Teams are judged solely on performance of the game as described and within time allowed.
- The tester will not converse with the working team during a game.

THE TEST PERFORMANCE

PREPARING FOR THE SEARCH

Prior to each search the handler will be provided a sample of the search scent for their dog to sniff. The handler and dog will turn away while the scent item(s) are placed.

THE SEARCH

- The tester will indicate the search area is ready and the team may begin.
- The team shall enter the search area and begin from a designated location.
- The handler may cue their dog to search.
- The handler may move about and verbally encourage their dog throughout the search.
- The handler may not direct or indicate to their dog to search in any specific direction or area.
- When the handler believes their dog has correctly identified a find the handler will raise their hand or verbally announce it.
- The tester will immediately indicate correct/incorrect.



NOVICE LEVEL

NOVICE TEST REQUIREMENTS

- A Test consists of three different games.
- Each Game will require the dog to locate ONE scent.
- During the three games of the test scents from at least TWO different categories must be used.

NOVICE SCENT CATEGORIES

Scents are provided by the tester.

- **Food** - A few bits of food such as meat, cheese, etc.
- **Animal** - Animal hair such as wool, horse, alpaca, rat, cat, dog, feathers and hoof trimmings.
- **Odor** - birch, clove, anis, tea, coffee, spices etc.

FOURTH GAME OPTIONS

In the event one of the three games is failed the tester may offer a fourth game so the team has the opportunity to complete three games and pass the test.

- The fourth game may be a game already played and failed but must utilize a scent from a category not used in any game during the test.
 - Example: The Team has played Line Up using a scent from the Food Category, the Tent Game and Jumble Games using a scent from the Animal Category. The dog was not successful in the Jumble Game. The team may repeat the Jumble Game however a scent from the Odor Category must be used as that scent category has not been used during the test.
- A game not already played may utilize any novice scent.
 - Example: The dog has played the Line Up, Jumble and Tent Games. The dog was not successful in the Jumble Game. The team may play any other than those three with any scent.



NOVICE - LINE UP GAME

TIME ALLOWED - Three minutes.

LEASH REQUIREMENTS - Line Up may be offered on or off leash.

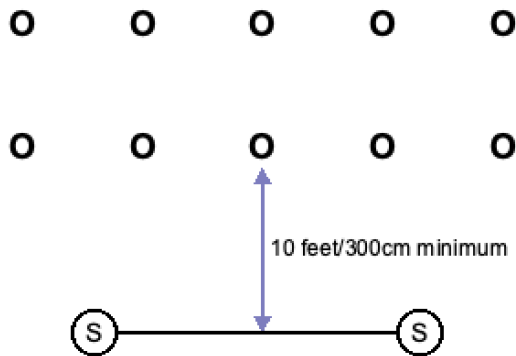
CHALLENGE - Locate and indicate one scent container.

The dog shall search among two rows of five scent containers to identify one container with scent. The dog must identify and the handler indicate the correct scent location.

SET UP

The search area shall consist of 2 rows of 5 identical containers placed 4-6 feet (120-180 cm) apart. One container will contain the scent.

The start line will be indicated a minimum of 10 feet (300cm) from the containers.



CONTAINERS

- Containers shall be identical and opaque, preventing visual identification. Containers shall be approximately 3-6 inches (7-15 cm) in diameter and 3-6 inches (7-15 cm) tall.
- Each container will contain holes to allow for scent to flow through.
- Examples of scent containers (Holes to be drilled through lids)

Suggestions



3" PVC cover and drain cap



Boxes or Plastic



Soap dishes



NOVICE - TENT SEARCH GAME

TIME ALLOWED - Three minutes.

LEASH REQUIREMENTS - Tent Search must be offered off leash.

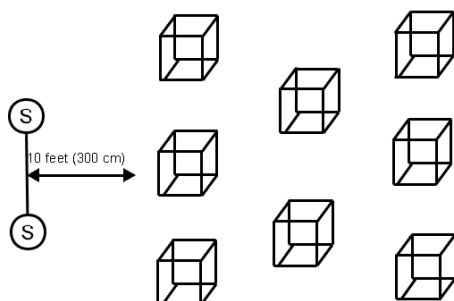
CHALLENGE - Locate and indicate one scent container within tents.

The dog shall search among 8 tents to identify one container with scent.
The dog must identify and the handler indicate the correct scent location.

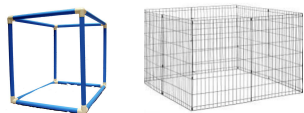
SET UP

The search area shall consist of 3 rows of tents placed 4-6 feet (120-180 cm) apart in the pattern shown below.

Identical scent containers will be located on the floor within each tent. One will contain scent. The start line will be indicated a minimum of 10 feet (300cm) from the containers.



TENT SUGGESTIONS - PVC pipe with 3 way corner fittings can be used to make simple light frames. Frames should be large enough for dogs to comfortably walk into. Frames should be draped with fabric to create cover with openings on one or two sides. Alternatively tables, exercise pens (open on one side) or similar items may be used as frames and draped with fabric covers.



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TIME ALLOWED - Three minutes.

LEASH REQUIREMENTS - Jumble Search may be offered on or off leash.

CHALLENGE - Locate and indicate one scent.

The dog shall search among a variety of items to locate one scent location. The scent shall be hidden and located low to the ground and not above any participating dog's muzzle height. The dog must identify and the handler indicate the correct scent location.

SET UP

The search area will be 400-600 square feet (1210-1820cm)

The area will contain a jumble of a wide variety of at least ten items for the dog to search around. Items such as chairs, cones, stools, boxes, upside down laundry baskets etc.

The start line will be indicated a minimum of 10 feet (300cm) from the containers.

HIDDEN SCENT SUGGESTIONS Tea bags, small cheesecloth pouches filled with animal scent or cotton balls with a drop of odor are easily hidden within items or taped out of site.



NOVICE - WATER SEARCH GAME

TIME ALLOWED - Three minutes.

LEASH REQUIREMENTS - Water Search may be offered on or off leash.

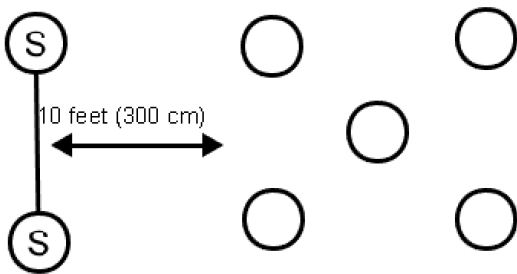
CHALLENGE - Locate and indicate one scent in water.

The dog shall search among five containers with water, one shall also contain scent.
The dog must identify and the handler indicate the correct scent location.

SET UP

The search area shall consist of 5 containers placed 4-6 feet (120-180 cm) apart in the pattern shown below.

The start line will be indicated a minimum of 10 feet (300cm) from the containers. Each container will have 3-4 cups of water in it. One will also contain scent.



SCENT CONTAINER SUGGESTIONS

Each container will have a small opening to allow scent to flow out. Containers must hold a minimum of 3-4 cups of water.



Enamel coffee pots work well for water containers. Pots may be weighted and or placed into a food bowl, or other item to reduce the likelihood of a spill.

Containers must be opaque or presented in such a manner that teams can not identify the scented container.



WAG IT! GAMES SNIFF IT **NOVICE - CLOTHESLINE GAME**

TIME ALLOWED - Three minutes.

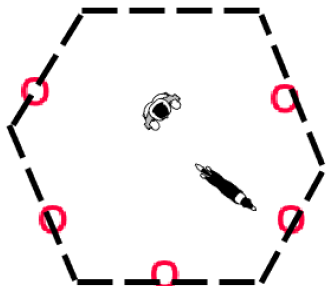
LEASH REQUIREMENTS - Clothesline may be offered on or off leash.

CHALLENGE - Locate and indicate a scent above ground level.

The dog shall search within a confined area with five identical hanging fabric pouches with one containing scent. The handler may be in the pen with their dog.
The dog must identify and the handler indicate the correct scent location.

SET UP

The search area will be a gated area a minimum of 150 square feet (4570 cm) and a maximum of 300 square feet (278700 cm). Five fabric pouches will hang from the gates one will contain scent. Pouches should hang at a height approximately the height of the dog's nose.



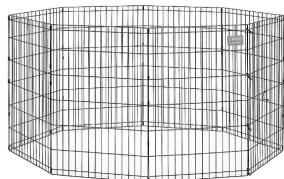
POUCH AND HANGER SUGGESTIONS

Socks, pot holders with pockets, sewn pouches. Hanger suggestions - Binder clips and flexible shower curtain rings



GATE AREA SUGGESTION

Wire dog exercise pens may be joined together to create the search area.





NOVICE - ROOM SEARCH

TIME ALLOWED - Three minutes.

LEASH REQUIREMENTS - Room Search may be offered on or off leash.

CHALLENGE - Locate and indicate a scent location in a room type setting.

ROOM SCENT SEARCH

The dog shall search in a room-like area containing 5 containers, one containing scent. The dog must identify and the handler indicate the correct scent location.

SET UP

The set up should be a room like setting with chairs, couches, ottomans, tables, carpets etc. Five different scent containers shall be located among the furnishings. All containers shall be on the ground and only slightly visible.

