

# International K-9 Search and Rescue Service

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## Cadaver Scent Training

Don't use real cadaver scent from a person in training until later on. It can be too confusing for the search dogs in training.

### *Preparing the Scent Tubes*

1. Clean your scent tubes with boiling water.
2. When they're dry, inject a 4x4 gauze pad sterile with pseudo scent formula one or two.
3. You may also put some unwashed 50 strands of human hair in the scent tube.
4. Place the scent tube on the ground.

Don't bury the scent tube for the first 10 search training missions.

### *Conducting the Scent Training*

1. Introduce each search dog to the item before they have to go search for it. "Valorie this is Debbie, let's go find Debbie."
2. Put your dogs on a down stay
3. Hide the item under some grass or leaves or under a pile of rubble.
4. Allow each dog to make a positive find 10 out of 10 times.
5. Have the dog perform numerous refinds before you give him the reward toy.

After the dog has the idea that he is looking for the scent's origin and not a live human on the surface, he'll be more successful.

In the field, if I don't have a scent article for the missing person, my command for Valorie is "Clear the area." She will then show me everyone who's live, dead, buried, or on the surface. It just takes practice. Watch your wind currents. Make a diagram for each search.

### *Air Scent Training*

1. Have someone hide the scent tube
2. Work your dog on an airscent search pattern by giving your dog the "Go search command."
3. Hang your dog's main reward toy from your side on string.
4. When the dog makes a find of something or someone buried, stop your dog and give her the reward toy.
5. Make her refind the victim.
6. Give her the reward toy for each refind.

She can't get the reward toy until she shows you where the victim is by digging and barking or sitting and barking where she smells the victims.

I use "Clear the area" with my search dog Valorie when I want her to find everyone out there. When she finds someone alive she'll stop and dig and bark. When she finds someone dead, she'll stop and dig and whine and bark. Her tail will be down and she'll physically get upset at the scent of death. Just by watching her body language I know whether the person is alive or dead.

### *How to use psuedo corpse scent formula.*

1. Put on rubber gloves.
2. Inject one capsule of psuedo scent into some cotton or a sterile 4 x 4 gauze pad.
3. Place the scent item into a clean sock or scent tube.
4. Bury it in a rubble pile, or under some dirt about two inches. Then return with your search dog.

