



HOSTING AN AKC SCENT WORK SEMINAR

Scent Work seminars provide eight education points for prospective judges and are required for all judges within 18 months of provisional approval. Judges must attend the entire day to meet the AKC Scent Work seminar requirements.

The seminars, presented by the Scent Work team, are offered on a limited basis in select geographical areas. Seminars are scheduled approximately 6-12 months in advance.

Seminar Fees

The fee to hold a Scent Work seminar is \$1,500, partially covering the cost of seminar materials and travel expenses. Payment is required at least **35** days before the seminar. Checks must be payable to the **American Kennel Club**, Attn: Performance Judges, 8051 Arco Corporate Dr #100, Raleigh, NC 27617.

Seminar Attendance

A maximum of 20 working spots will be available for attendees seeking judging credits. Working spots provide hands-on experience. There is no limit to the number of spots available for attendees wishing to observe.

The AKC recommends at least 15 working spots and reserves the right to cancel or reschedule the seminar because of low attendance.

Club Responsibilities

The club must host the seminar in a meeting room with the following provisions:

- Adequate spacing & lighting
- Tables and chairs set up in a class-like setting
- Power supplies, including extension cords
- Wi-Fi connectivity
- Microphone / PA system

In addition to the seminar room, the club must provide space to hold "mock searches" for pre-selected element levels. Clubs may reuse search areas, but search area sizes must meet Regulation requirements. Additionally, the club must supply play sand and containers for Buried searches.

AKC Responsibilities

The AKC will post the seminar on AKC.org, and clubs are welcome to send their flyer to post online.

The Performance Judging department will reach out 2-3 weeks before the seminar to confirm the headcount to ensure the number of seminar kits shipped.

Seminar Overview

A part of the seminar will be devoted to hands-on learning of hide placement and search challenges. At least two dogs must be able to reliably complete searches for each element.

The seminar will begin at 8 a.m. and run for approximately 9 hours, with a midday lunch and two short breaks.

Topics will include:

- Scent theory
- General expectations of judges
- Picking and planning search areas
- General hide placement considerations
- Searches by class level - hide placement, test challenges, and judging the search.

Other Information

All attendees must sign in electronically to receive attendance credit. A QR code and signup link will be sent before the seminar.

Cancellation requests must be sent at least thirty-five (35) days before the seminar.

Thank you for inquiring about hosting an AKC Scent Work seminar. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

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