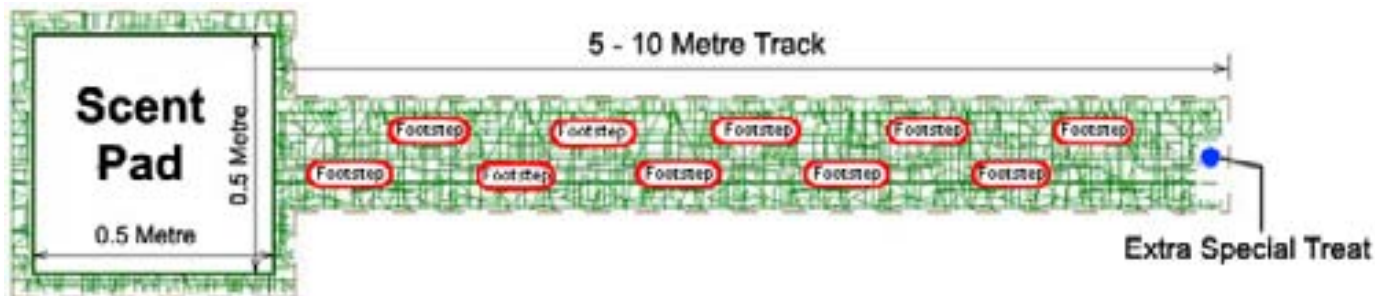


# PHASE 2 - Tracking Training Program



## ***Things to remember....***

### **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 metre by 1 metre.
- > In the latter stages the Scent Pads are usually ½ metre by ½ metre.

### **What is an Extra Special Treat?**

- > Some food that your dog would really enjoy, we like to use cooked Frankfurts or ground up chicken backs.

### **Training musts:**

- > You must be able to see every footstep.
- > 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 and on the track, 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.
- > When your dog finds that extra special treat, double praise your dog and leave the track 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 2**

**Phase 2 entails laying 3 scent pads with a track leg 3 times a day for 10 days.**

### **Day 1 – Early Morning**

- > Lay 3 scent pads with four (4) pieces of food in each and lay a track with a piece of food in every footstep 5 meters long, wait for 15-20 minutes.
- > Bring your dog to the first scent pad with some excitement and give the command to track (such), work with your dog as you're a team.
- > When your dog goes outside the boundary, stand still and wait for him to return to the scent area. He will soon figure out that it is the crushed vegetation that brings him food. When he starts searching again, you can give the command to track (such), lots of praise for good work.
- > After your dog finds the extra special treat, double praise your dog and leave the scent leg area and play with your dog, change his focus, get really excited, both of you did good.
- > After about 2-3 minute or so proceed to the next scent pad.
- > Do the second and third tracks the same as the first one.

### **Day 1 - Early Evening**

- > Lay 3 scent pads with four (4) pieces of food in each and lay a track with a piece of food in every footstep 5 meters long, wait for 15-20 minutes.
- > Same procedure as you did in the early morning session.

### **Day 1 - Late Evening**

- > Lay 3 scent pads with four (4) pieces of food in each and lay a track with a piece of food in every footstep 5 meters long, wait for 15-20 minutes.
- > Same procedure as you did in the early morning session.

### **Day 2, 3, 4 and 5**

- > Same as Day 1.

### **Tips**

- > Remember to keep your enthusiasm very high, and this will spill over to your dog.
- > Remember you're a team, and you are the encourager.
- > 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 in the scent pad, you can cut it down to two (2), and lay a track with a piece of food in every footstep 8 metre long Track leg, wait for 15-20 minutes.

### **Day 9 and 10**

- > Same as Day 1 except for the number of pieces of food in the scent pad, you can cut it down to two (2), and lay a track with a piece of food in every footstep 10 metre long Track leg, wait for 15-20 minutes.