

Scent Training Phases 0-8

Phase 0 | Pre-Training Evaluation

- Dog is evaluated for suitability in our program prior to entering formal training.
- Dog with borderline behavioral or temperament issues is worked with and evaluated.
- Dog is taught to start using its nose with a food find-it method.
- Dog begins learning a variety of ways to offer behaviors.
- Dog is introduced to D4D engagement and focus techniques.

Phase 1 | Bringsel Training

- Dog is taught to bringsel on cue.
- Dog must pass bringsel testing at an accuracy level of 80% to move to Phase 2.

Phase 2 | Beginning Scent Training

- Dog learns to recognize and find the hypoglycemic scent with its nose and build a positive history of reinforcement.
- Dog begins to learn to discriminate between a jar with no scent and a jar with the hypoglycemic low scent.

Phase 3 | Intermediate Scent Training

- Dog learns to discriminate between a non-diabetic human scent and the hypoglycemic scent.



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Phase 4 | Advanced Scent Training

- Dog learns to pair the scent with the bringsel alert
- Dog must pass scent and bringsel alert with an accuracy rate of 80% to move to Phase 5.
- Dog must meet the standards of the Public Access Certification Test (PACT).

Phase 5 | Finishing and Testing

- Dog is tested for scent discrimination and the bringsel alert.
- Dog must identify hypoglycemic scent at an accuracy rate of 80% to move to Phase 6.
- Dog must meet the standards of the Public Access Certification Test (PACT).

Phase 6 | Waiting for Placement

- Dog has successfully completed testing and is waiting to be matched with a diabetic client.

Phase 7 | Placement

- Dog must spontaneously alert on 80% of a client's lows to move on to Phase 8. Trial placement with a client can take up to six months.

Phase 8 | Ready for Graduation

- Team has qualified for graduation. The dog is on track to graduate if the standards of Phase 7 are maintained.



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