## K9 NOSEWORK

**Homework:**

Utilising video recording during sessions, allows us to observe our dogs (as well as ourselves) from different angles. This method provides invaluable insights into our dogs' body language, behaviour, and responses to the games.
By reviewing recorded sessions, we can pinpoint areas for improvement in both our training techniques and our understanding of our dogs' needs.

It will develop your observation skills, helping you to recognise your dog's unique hunting style. This will become more important in the following weeks and later when we introduce target odour.

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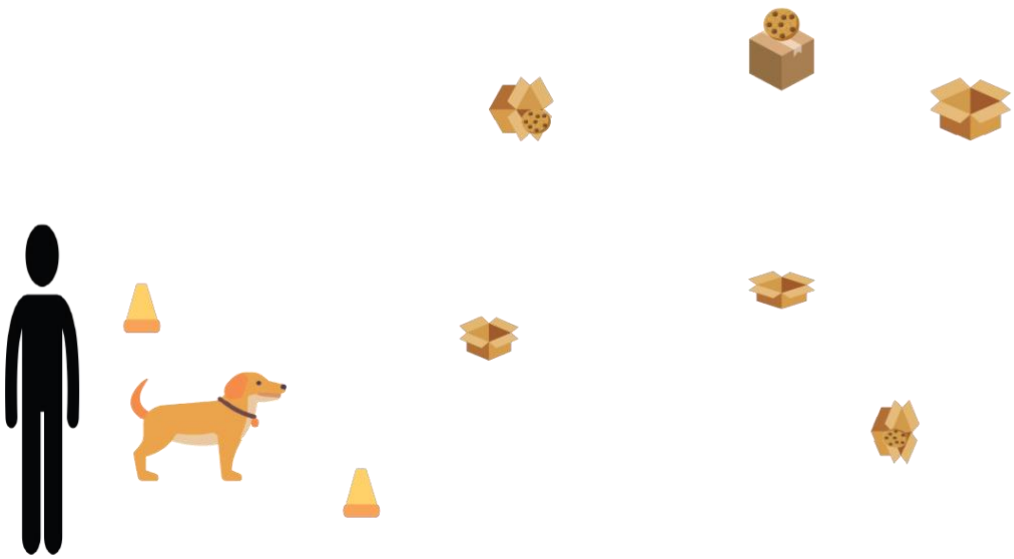
***Play the games***

### Game 1 – All messed up

We will only run this game ONCE. Vary the qty of treats in each box.



- Arrange your search area as shown above.
- Run your dog on lead! Use your “search” cue
  - Stop when they stop
  - Clip off their back, taut leash – let them pull you!
  - Stay oriented to them with shoulders, hips and feet
  - Follow the clip
  - Pivot when they arch
  - Step with them when they find a straight line
- When they have found all hides, use your “finish” cue, and lure them out of the search area with a cookie magnet.
- Have a fun exit by throwing treats and praising them lavishly

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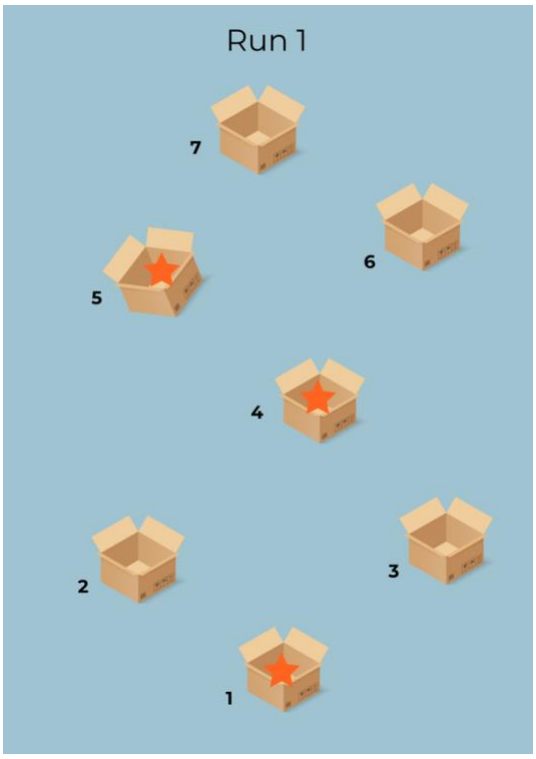
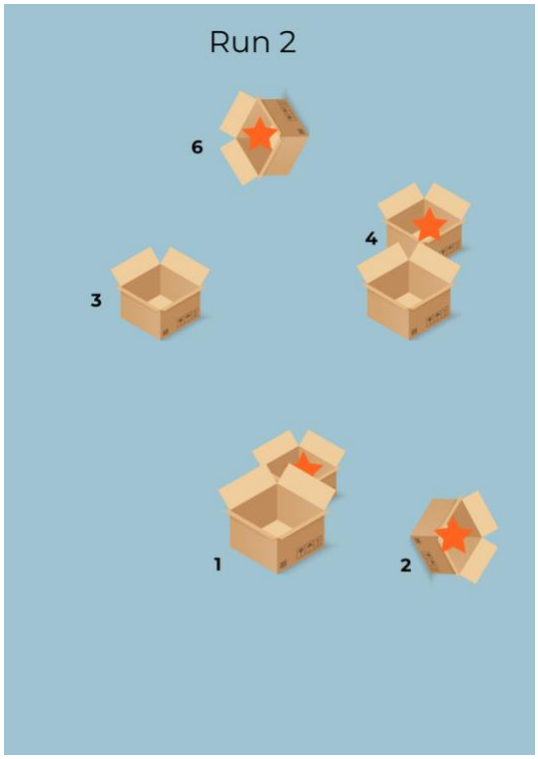
### Game 2 – Hidden Treasure




- play one run off leash and one run on leash
- when your dog is focused into the search area, send them in, using your verbal cue.
- Let them take off and you follow
- Stay oriented to them
- For Run 2:
    - Empty Box 1 & 4 should be bigger than the cookie box
- When your dog has found all hides, use your finish cue and the cookie magnet to lure them out of the search area
- Have a big part to their resting spot
- Let them rest for approx. 10 minutes between runs

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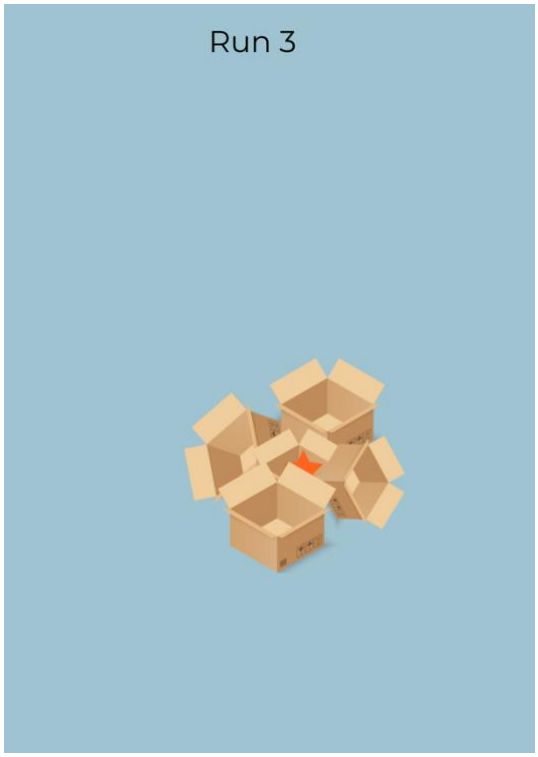


- Play this game off leash
- Only one hide in the middle box. Vary box sizes to your dog must work to get to the hide. You can also make a small box pile where boxes are on top of each other, hiding the treat box even more.

### Questions to ask yourself after each search

1. How did my dog do?
2. Was your dog engaged in the game?
3. Did they enjoy playing?
4. Did they want more when you finished?
5. How was your handling?

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