NOSEWORK – INTRO TO BIRCH

🎾 Odour Hygiene

🎾 Storage

Use two metal tins or two thermos jars:

1. For the jar with the fresh odour – Mark it “Birch Odour”
2. For your made up hides – Mark it “Birch”

Store Jar/Tin 1 in an area in your house where your dog has little access to. I store mine in the laundry – she does walk through there but doesn’t hang out.

Jar/Tin 1 can be stored with easy access; however, I like to have them in a thermal bag (cooler bag) to block the odour out even more.

🎾 Handling

- Always wear gloves when handling odour
    - when opening/closing Jar/Tin No 1
    - when touching the glass jar with fresh odour
    - when making new hides
    - when taking a hide out of the jar
    - when placing a hide
    - when removing a hide
- Only use dedicated tweezers (incl. gloves) to transfer the infused 1-tips from Jar 1 to your hide

🎾 Making up hides

go into a well-ventilated room without your dog. I use the bathroom.

- put on gloves
- have your hide ready to be filled
- open Jar 1 (fresh odour)
- take out the jar and open it
    - place the lid upside down

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- take the cotton ball out with your tweezers and place it on the upside-down lid
- take 2 Q-tips out of the jar with your tweezers and transfer them to your hide
- close hide
- replace cotton ball
- close glass jar and replace into storage jar
- mark your hide with “B” (permanent marker)
- put your hide in Jar 2

🎾 Preparing the Games

Without your dog present, prepare your setup. Use gloves when handling odour.

🎾 Hygiene considerations

The container your using for the hide is now considered “hot” and will have lingering odour (odour molecules that are still in the air and hang around in the container), if not residual odour (odour molecules that have actual contact with the container surface) present.

This is called contamination, therefore we have to store this item seperately from “cold” items. I usually mark my “hot” box with a X or B (or letter of odour that was in there).

For your next game, only use the “hot box” for your hide, otherwise you’ll have two hot boxes now.

Wash your containers in warm soapy water thoroughly and store them.

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