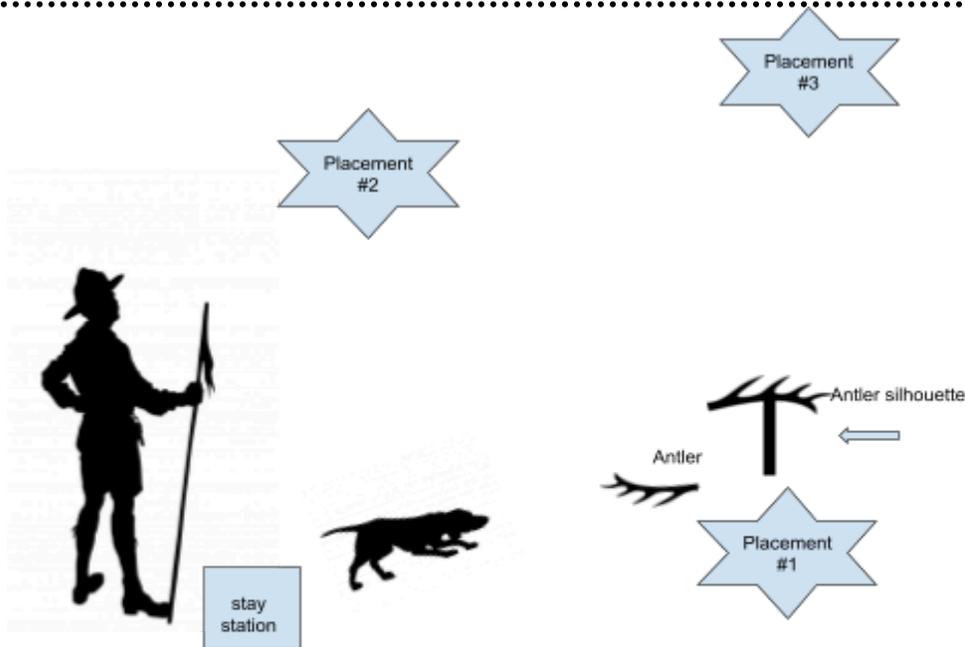


Phase 1- The visual search

With visible antlers and silhouettes get your dog focused next to you. When they see the antler silhouette give the cue to go search. Walk with them toward the set and when they have picked it up encourage them to bring it to you. Lots of treats and praise! Toss their reward toy and take them back to the start to reset. You may have to crate them if they do not have a reliable stay for this exercise.

Items needed: dog, treats, toy, stay station, antler silhouette, antler

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Phase 2: Multiple hides

Place antler silhouettes and antlers out in the field in fairly close proximity to each other. You should start scenting the antlers with rack wax at this point. Touch, tell, treat for each find! Don't set out more than three antlers per session, keep it short and sweet with lots of praise. Play tug after the last find so the dog starts to understand when there is still work to be done and when it is time to party.

NOTE: If your dog is resistant to picking up real antlers then do this drill with the fake antlers until they are comfortable with the feel of the real antler in their mouth.

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