

Developing An Effective Search Pattern

With visible antlers and silhouettes, distanced 50 feet apart. Encourage your dog to search one side to the other. Help the dog by sending them to the closet and then send them when they see the target. When they have picked it up, encourage them to bring it to you, then send them to the next one. This will help your dog learn to zigzag over an area so that they efficiently cover the search area. This should be your regular practice drill to maintain the skill, make sure you are walking down the middle as much as possible and the dog is doing the serpentine pattern.

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