

Canine Scenting Ability Test Rules

Definition and Goal- The Canine Scenting Ability Test is a combination of sports designed to allow dogs of all breeds, mixes and sizes to use their natural scenting abilities in staged searches to locate various targets. Physically challenged dogs are welcome to compete as long as they can manage the course safely. All searches will mimic actual scenarios where these skills would be used.

When participating in CSAT, you will be able to work with your canine partner and develop your bond and partnership by working together to achieve goals. Each individual CSAT sport will be a new puzzle for your dog to solve, and give you a chance to earn title and awards to document the work you have put in.

We will also be offering Dual Purpose, Multi Purpose Titles and Universal Master Champion awards etc for dogs titling in multiple disciplines!

Top dogs each year will be invited to our Championship event. All championship events will be held at neutral locations that have not been used for at least 1 year for ANY CSAT trials to ensure a fair playing field for all dogs. Dogs will be invited based on an accumulation of points throughout the year.

****Dog's that have earned invites from at least 2 classes, and have earned points from all of the regular classes during the qualifying year, will be eligible to enter our special search event held ONLY AVAILABLE AT THE INVITATIONAL!!!**

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Class List

Regular Classes

Exterior Searches

CSAT-F (Familiar)- This will mimic the owner being lost in a remote area, and either a family member or stranger will release your dog to find you. If you have ever gone out hiking without your dog, or driven to a remote area and been stuck or lost, this sport will teach your dog to come to your rescue. This will also be a good foundation for your dog to learn searches with a familiar person as the target.

CSAT-S (Stranger)- This will mimic an actual Search and Rescue Scenario. You and your dog will be presented with a personal item worn by the missing person, and sent off to search to find that person.

CSAT-V (Vehicle)- This fun scenario will teach your dog to find a specific vehicle. Ever lost your car at the mall? Or came out on the wrong trail-head? Your dog will learn to find your car.

CSAT-R (Rodent) – Train your dog to hunt out the rodents that can cause so much damage to plants/wiring and everything else they can get to! We will be using rats, gerbils and/or mice for this sport.

Interior Searches

CSAT- E (Explosives) - This scenario will mimic K-9 explosives detection dogs, we will be using black powder and/or smokeless powder as our target odor.

CSAT-N (Narcotics)- Another K9 detection scenario- we will be using Marijuana as our target odor.

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Title Progression for Regular and Puppy Classes

Level	1 st Title and # of Q's Required	2 nd Title and #of Q's required	3 rd Title and # of Q's Required	4 th Title and # of q's Required	5 th Title and # of Q's required
Puppy	PST- (F,V,S,R,N,E) (1)	NA	NA	NA	NA
Novice	Novice-N (3)	Working Novice WN (13)	Working Novice Excellent WNE (23)	Working Novice Excellent 2 WNE2 (33)	Each additional 10 Qs adds a multiplier- WNE3, WNE4 etc
Junior	Junior-J (3)	Working Junior – WJ (13)	Working Junior Excellent- WJE (23)	Working Junior Excellent 2 -WJE2 (33)	Each additional 10 Qs adds a multiplier- WJE3, WJE4 etc
Advanced	Advanced- A (5)	Working Advanced - WA (15)	Working Advanced Excellent- WAE (25)	Working Advanced Excellent 2- WAE2 (35)	Each additional 10 Qs adds a multiplier- WAE3, WAE4 etc
Senior	Senior -S (5)	Working Senior- WS (15)	Working Senior Excellent – WSE (25)	Working Senior Excellent 2- WSE2 (35)	Each additional 10 Qs adds a multiplier- WSE3, WSE4 etc
Master	Master- M (10)	Working Master- WM (20)	Working Master Excellent- WME (30)	Working Master Excellent 2- WME2 (40)	Master Champion (50) MCh
Dual Purpose	NA	Master Working Titles in 2 disciplines. DP- (F,V,S,R,N,E)	Master Working Excellent titles in 2 disciplines- DPX- (F,V,S,R,N,E)	NA	Master Champion titles in 2 disciplines- MChDP- (F,V,S,R,N,E)
Multi - Purpose	NA	Master Working Titles in 3 or more disciplines. MP, MP4 (4 disc), MP5 (5 disc), (F,V,S,R,N,E)	Master Working Excellent Titles in 3 or more disciplines. MP, MP4, MP5- (F,V,S,R,N,E)	NA	Master Champion Titles in 3 or more disciplines. MChMP, MChMP4, MChMP5- (F,V,S,R,N,E)
Universal Master Champion	NA	NA	NA	NA	Master Champion Titles in 6 disciplines

*****Universal Master Champion Dogs will earn a Custom plaque, Rosette and will be inducted in the CSAT Hall Of Fame**

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Special Classes and Games (Title Progression listed under individual games)

Puppy Scent Tests- These classes are designed for puppies ages 4-6 months. They will be available for all regular and special classes. Puppies will have to earn 1 qualifying leg to earn the PST Title for that class.

CSAT-T (Team Search) This will be a fun stranger search scenario, Search Parties will compete to see who can locate the “missing person” first! Teams will run on leash and must have attained a CSAT-S senior or above title to compete.

Detective- This is a fun , fast -paced game where your dog gets to help us collect evidence! Dogs at any level are welcome to play! You will have 2 minutes for your dog to find and alert on bullet casings found at a crime scene! We will have an area marked and there will be 10 casings placed inside the boundaries and you dog will have to find and alert on as many as he can!

General Rules for all CSAT Games

- Fouling during indoor searches is an immediate DQ.
- Dog’s must be 6 months old to compete in regular classes. Puppy Scenting Test- 4-6 months old.
- Good sportsmanship is the hallmark of ALL High Desert Dog Sport and Canine Scenting Ability Test trials and training. We do not tolerate people who are rude to judges or other competitors.
- Dogs may wear any equipment needed for safety and comfort. No restrictive or corrective equipment allowed. GPS collars allowed and encouraged.
- Due to the nature of outdoor searches- it is highly recommended that all dogs participating receive Rattlesnake Aversion Training and consider getting the rattlesnake vaccine.
- Dogs will be divided into 3 height groups for each class- Small dogs up to 12”, Medium 12”-18”, Large- over 18”.
- All Regular Classes start with 100 points, you must earn 70 points prior to any bonuses to receive a qualifying leg.
- Bonuses points for class placements- 1st- 10 points, 2nd-5points, 3rd- 1 point
- If your dog stops working, or you are unable to regain your dog’s attention to continue their task, you will be excused.
- For classes that allow a leash, the leash should be a minimum of 10ft for exterior searches and max of 10ft for interior. to allow dog freedom to lead ahead.
- All handlers must stay in the staging area until it is their turn to run. Handlers may not return to the staging area after their search until last dog has run.

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Regular Classes

Exterior F and S Search classes

Course Requirements

Level	Course size (approx.)	Course color	Leash	Find Requirement	E-collar allowed (Off leash searches only)	Course time
Puppy	50' x 50'	none	Opt- minimum of 10 ft	Find Only	NO	2:00
Novice	100'-200' ½ acre	Pink	Opt- minimum of 10ft	Find only	Yes	3:00.00
Junior	200'x 300' 1.25 acre	Blue	Opt- minimum of 10 ft	Find only	Yes	3:30.00
Advanced	300'-400' 2.75 acre	Orange	Opt- minimum of 10 feet	Find and Alert	Yes	4:00.00
Senior	400'x500' 4.5 acre	Yellow	Off leash	Find/Re-find	no	5:00.00
Master	500'x525-600' 6- 7 acre	Red	Off leash	Find/Re-find	no	6:00.00

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CSAT- F/S Point Deductions (per incident)

Level	Lack Of focus	Foiling Course	Slow response to handler	Handler help	No Alert	No Re-find	# calls allowed	Lack of enthusiasm	Inter-acting with distractions.
Puppy	NA	N/A As long as solid waste is picked up	After 2 calls -2 points	-1 to -5 depending on the degree of help	N/A	N/A	10 pt bonus for no call 1 call-no deduction 2- -5 pts 3- -10 pts	-1	N/A
Novice	-1	N/A As long as solid waste is picked up	-1 If dog does not respond after 3 calls - 20pts	-1 to -5 depending on the degree of help	N/A	N/A	10 pt bonus no calls 1 call -5 points 2 -10 points 3- -20 pts	-1 to -10 Total	N/A
Junior	-2	-2	-2 If dog does not respond after 3 calls - 20pts	-1 to -5 depending on the degree of help	N/A	N/A	1- -10pts 2- -20pts 3- NQ	-1 to -10 Total	N/A
Advanced	-3	-5	-5 If dog does not respond after 2 calls - 20pts	-1 to -5 depending on the degree of help	-20	N/A	1- -20 pts 2- NQ	-1 to -10 Total	N/A
Senior	-4	-10	-10 If dog does not respond after 2 calls - 20pts	-1 to -5 depending on the degree of help	-10	-30	No calls allowed	-1 to -10 Total	-20, If unable to recall dog from distraction NQ
Master	-5	-15	-10 If dog does not respond after 1 calls - 20pts	-1 to -5 depending on the degree of help	-10	-30	No calls allowed	-1 to -10 Total	-20, If unable to recall dog from distraction NQ

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Exterior search areas must be realistic for the task at hand. Must be natural areas with suitable places for the subject to hand. If necessary, Hunting blinds may be used to hide subjects, but there must be 3 identical blinds on the course and must not rise more than 6" above the surrounding vegetation

Search areas will be adequately marked with colored tape as referenced. Handlers will be responsible for keeping their dog on course, points will not be taken for off course if dog is working odor. If dog is not working or fails to respond to the handler can lead to a NQ depending on severity..

- There will be 2 judges, or a judge and an assistant, on the course for each search. One (judge or assistant) will wait near the find blind to signal the find, and the main judge will accompany the search team.
- Run order will be by random draw in the staging area. All dogs for the search will be in the staging area together. If handlers are running multiple dogs, a second stage may be set once the first set of dogs has run. (You must verify this with the trial giving club)
- E-Collars are allowed on Novice, Junior and Advanced exterior, off leash searches only. Judge will hold the remote. If the handler needs the remote to retrieve dog, it will result in an NQ. Once dogs have reached the higher levels- they should be able to be run without the e-collar.
- Fouling exterior search areas will incur point deductions depending on your level of competition. Remember even though these trials are for fun, we are working as detection dogs and we will work to meet the standard that they exemplify. The dogs should be focused on their job, relieving themselves during an active search constitutes lack of focus on the task at hand. If solid waste is not picked up immediately it will result in a DQ.
- Subject should not talk or make noise while in the blind during the search. No phone use, must be on silent. There will be a chair supplied in the blind, subject must be at least 75% hidden/camouflaged from view, and must not be visible from the start line.
- All handlers must stay in the staging area until it is their turn to run. All searches are blind. All subjects will be in the same find location. Handlers may not return to the staging area after their search until last dog has run. Clubs will decide if they will offer a re-set. Location may be reset once per trial for handlers with multiple dogs. Second dogs will be run after first staging area is cleared.
- Subjects will be escorted to the find blind to ensure the same path is followed.
- Handlers may carry treats/toys etc as a reward to the dog once the clock has stopped. No rewards will be held in the blind by the subject.
- Handlers may give a "Hello" call to ask for a "Help" call from the blind.
- Dogs must come within 2 ft of the subject to qualify as a find.
- All dogs (Except Actively working Certified working dogs) must start at the novice level and work their way up.
- Dogs that are Certified in their field will be judged with the Working Level Dogs (see title chart for more info), Active certified dogs may start at the Master Level.
- New dogs that have not earned a title at a specific level will be judged together. Once a dog has earned it's first title in a level, it will be judged with the working class dogs.
- Bonus points will be awarded for 1st -3rd place in Large, Medium and small, in all regular classes. Must be 2 dogs in the size division to award bonus points.

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CSAT-F/S (search for a familiar subject/ Stranger)

A perfect search in this class will show a dog eagerly waiting at the start line with the "Handler" (Handler may be the dog owner for the stranger class or a member of the family or a stranger for the familiar class.) When released, the quickly starts to locate the subject. The dog should work well in front of and independent of it's handler. This may include foot step tracking, air scenting or any combination of the two methods. The dog should actively work and not be distracted by any animals or humans, and should not stop to relieve themselves, while on task. As the dog detects the subject's odor, he will become more animated and increase his speed and focus until the subject is found.

For the Stranger class- there should be one scented article at the start line- the subject should be wearing 2 others identical items (Socks or gloves). The handler will receive the scented article at the start line and have 15 seconds for their dog to take in the odor. The handler will keep the item with them through the search. The odor may be shown to the dog during the search if needed. After the subject is found the handler will give the item to the find judge. The find judge will give the item to the subject to be switched out with one they are wearing. The new item will be placed in a bag and sent back to the start line for the next team so all dogs will have approximately the same amount of scent on the item. It will be exchanged after every find.

When the dog finishes the requirements for the class, the find judge will blow the whistle to stop the time.

Novice Class and Junior Class (CSAT-FN, CSAT-FJ and CSAT-SN, CSAT-SJ)

Novice dogs will be allowed one "help" call from the subject to help them focus on the task at hand. Novice dog's that find the subject with no call will receive a bonus of 10 points. If the subject wishes to give a call- they must inform the find judge by raising their hand. One call of "HELP" can be made, no additional words or the dog's name may be used.

Junior dogs will be docked points if a call is needed up to 2 calls, the third will be an NQ for insufficient work.

Dogs at this level may naturally get distracted and lose focus. At this stage, points are not taken for minor infractions as the dog learns the game, but the dog must be under control and respond to the handler.

Once the subject is found , the judge will blow the whistle stopping the time. Once the clock has stopped the handler may bring the dog's reward (toy/treat etc) for the subject to give to the dog if desired.

Advanced Class (CSAT-FA and CSAT-SA)

Dog's at this level are expected to have a firm grasp of what is expected. Deductions will be made for loss of focus, etc according to the chart. Advanced dogs will be allowed one call for a point deduction. Additional calls will be a NQ.

Once the dog has located the subject, he will bark to alert the handler. He should alert until the handler has reached the subject, but it does not have to be a steady or consistent bark. Find judge will stop the time after 2 barks.

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Senior Class (CSAT-FS and CSAT-SS)

Dogs at this level should be ready to do a search and be able ignore distractions. These searches are off-leash. The area will be larger and the terrain should be more difficult. There will be the addition of cross trials and at least one human distraction (couple having a picnic/throwing a frisbee, etc) When the Dog finds the subject, he should then run back to the handler and bring them to the subject. After the re-find, the dog should give an alert bark to indicate the subject's location. The find judge will blow the whistle after 2 barks.

Master Class/Working Dog Class (CSAT-FM and CSAT-SM)

When dogs reach this level, they are expected to work like search dogs. These searches are off-leash. They should remain focused and confident in their job. There will be multiple cross tracks of different ages, and at least 2 human and 1 food distraction on the course. The dog should perform a re-find with an active audible Alert when returning to the subject. When a dog earns a Master Title, they may compete in the Working dog class.

The Working dog class is for ACTIVE Search and Rescue certified dogs and those that have earned the Master Title. Same rules apply- Certified SAR dogs can announce any variations that they use when working (ie; no audible alert, etc). This MUST be announced before the start of the run.

CSAT-V (Vehicles)

A perfect search in this class will show a dog at the starting line eager to start but under control. At the handler's order, the dog will actively search for the owners car, ignoring distractions and giving a clear alert showing the dog clearly understands his goal. Although as we are brought closer to the car, we will know where our car is, our goal is to be sure that the dog is scenting the exact vehicle, and therefore must give an indication. When competing in the senior and above classes- the dog should actively and enthusiastically work towards the car- he may scent the trail that you walked originally or may air scent and take a more direct route, either way is acceptable. If the dog encounters an obstacle (ravine, blocked trail etc) he alone must find a way around the obstacle. If the class is run off-leash and the dog finds the vehicle before the handlers reaches the find, the dog must give an audible alert or go back to retrieve handler similar to a re-find.

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CSAT-V Course and Title requirements

Level	Course size (approx.)	Vehicle requirements	Leash	Find Requirement	E-collar allowed (Off leash searches only)	Course time	# of Q for title
Puppy	Small parking area	3 cars	Rural- optional- 6- 10ft Parking lot- on lead Min 10 ft	Find Only	NO	2:00	1
Novice	Small parking lot- may be a section of a larger lot	3 -6 cars parked side by side	Rural- optional- 6- 10ft Parking lot- on lead Min 10 ft	Find only	no	2:00.00	3
Junior	Medium to Large Parking lot	10 -15 cars parked side by side, can be 2 rows	Rural- optional- 6- 10ft Parking lot- on lead Min 10 ft	Find only	no	3:00.00	3
Advanced	300'-400' 2.75 acre	Vehicle parked at "Trailhead"	Rural- optional- 6- 10ft Parking lot- on lead Min 10 ft	Find and Alert	no	3:00.00	5
Senior	400'x500' 4.5 acre	Vehicle parked at "Trailhead"	Rural- optional- 6- 10ft Parking lot- on lead Min 10 ft	Find and Alert	no	4:00.00	5
Master	500'x525-600' 6-7 acre Or parking lot of over 20 cars	Vehicle parked at "Trailhead"	Rural- optional- 6- 10ft Parking lot- on lead Min 10 ft	Find and Alert	no	5:00.00	10 _ 50 . must have qs at trail head and parking areas. Master Champion

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CSAT-V Point Deductions (per incident)

Level	Lack Of focus	Foiling Course	Slow response to handler	Handler Help	No Alert	Scratching or jumping on correct car	Scratching or jumping at other car	Inter-acting with distractions.	Lack of enthusiasm
Puppy	NA	N/A As long as solid waste is picked up	After 2 calls -2 points	-1 to -5 dependin g on the degree of help	N/A	-20	NQ	N/A	N/A
Novice	-1	N/A As long as solid waste is picked up	-1 If dog does not respond after 3 calls – 20pts	-1 to -5 dependin g on the degree of help	-5	-20	NQ	N/A	-1 to -10 Total
Junior	-2	-2	-2 If dog does not respond after 3 calls – 20pts	-1 to -5 dependin g on the degree of help	-10	-20	NQ	N/A	-1 to -10 Total
Advanc ed	-3	-5	-5 If dog does not respond after 2 calls – 20pts	-1 to -5 dependin g on the degree of help	-15	-25	NQ	N/A	-1 to -10 Total
Senior	-4	-10	-10 If dog does not respond after 2 calls – NQ	-1 to -5 dependin g on the degree of help	-15	NQ	N/A	-15	-1 to -10 Total
Master	-5	-15	-10 If dog does not respond after 1 call NQ	-1 to NQ dependin g on the degree of help	-15	NQ	NQ	-20	-1 to -10 Total

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CSAT -V Puppy, Novice and Junior class (CSAT-VN and CSAT-VJ)

Dog will be brought to the start line, at least 50 ft from vehicles. If sectioning a larger parking lot, boundaries will be explained to the owner (ie; search area is from red ford to white kia) Start line will be perpendicular to the cars, so they are not facing them. Owners are to let the dog search all cars in the area. At this level the dog may just show a change of behavior. When the dog has given an appropriate alert at the appropriate car, the judge will blow the whistle to end the time.

CSAT-V Advanced Class (CSAT-VA)

All handlers for the class will walk as a group and wait at a staging area near the start line. Handlers with multiple dogs must have someone available to hold the dogs at the staging area. The first team will start at least 300ft from the target vehicle. When the dog locates the car- he must give an alert. This can be an audible alert or a passive alert (sit, down, nose touch, etc)., but must be obvious to the judge. Once the dog gives the alert at the correct car, the judge will blow the whistle to stop the time.

CSAT-V Senior (CSAT-VS)

All Handlers for the class will walk to the staging area near the start line together. Handlers with multiple dogs must have someone available to hold the dogs at the staging area. The team will start at least 500 ft from the target vehicle. There will be at least one distractor placed on the course. When the dog locates the car- he must give an alert. This can be an audible alert or a passive alert (sit, down, nose touch, etc)., but must be obvious to the judge. If the dog is off lead and locates the car before the handler is in sight of it, he must go back to the handler and bring them back to the car. Once the dog arrives ate the car with the owner and gives the alert at the correct car, the judge will blow the whistle to stop the time.

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CSAT-V Master (CSAT-VM)

These trials may take place at normal rural trial locations or at large parking lots at stores/ malls etc. Clubs have the option and are encouraged to use different locations for trials to expose dogs to both possible elements. Search area will be described in the premium.

For rural searches (Trailhead) - All Handlers for the class will walk to the staging area near the start line together. Handlers with multiple dogs must have someone available to hold the dogs at the staging area. The team will start at least 600 ft from the target vehicle. There will be multiple cross tracks and distractions on the course. When the dog locates the car- he must give an alert. This can be an audible alert or a passive alert (sit, down, nose touch, etc)., but must be obvious to the judge. If the dog is off lead and locates the car before the handler is in sight of it, he must go back to the handler and bring them back to the car. Once the dog arrives at the car with the owner and gives the alert at the correct car, the judge will blow the whistle to stop the time.

For Parking Lot searches- Parking Lot searches will be on lead only. There must be at least 20 cars available to be used in the search area. All handlers will wait in the staging area until it is their turn to run. This test may be run at the normal trial location if there are enough vehicles available, however clubs are encouraged to change locations and areas when possible. The spirit of the game is to simulate having your car lost in a mall or similar. Start Line should be at least 10 ft from the first car, cars may be arranged in any way as long as they are all accessible for the search. . Once the dog arrives at the car with the owner and gives the alert at the correct car, the judge will blow the whistle to stop the time.

CSAT-R (Rodent)

These searches will mimic actual working dogs that are brought in to eradicate businesses and farms of vermin. A perfect hunt will display a dog eager and ready to go at the start line, Focused on the job at hand once released. Once the target is found, the dog will be excited. The dog may bite or paw the box, it is up to the club to ensure that boxes are secure and safe and that the QUARRY IS NEVER HARMED. Owners are to allow the dog to reward itself on the box, but must limit the time on the box to avoid unnecessary stress to the quarry. Dogs do NOT need to bite or try to dispatch the quarry, however there must be an active or passive alert from the dog. Once quarry has been located, Judge will call "Yes" Quarry boxes may be hidden at ground level, in trees/bushes or underground. Underground hides must meet specifications set forth in the appendix and there must be false hiding areas to prevent the dog from just hitting disturbed earth. ALL QUARRY BOXES MUST BE CAMOFLAGED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, they should not be easily visible from any angle Difficulty will be increased with class level. All quarry boxes will contain 2 rodents at all times. Quarry must have adequate breaks and access to water throughout the day- hours of work will be determined by outside temperature, aggressiveness of dogs, and length of trial.

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CSAT-R Course and Title requirements

Level	Course size (approx.)	Course color	Leash	Find Requirement	E-collar allowed (Off leash searches only)	Fouling Course Faults	Course time	# of Q for title
Puppy	50' x 50'	none	Opt- minimum of 10 ft	Find Only	NO	N/A	1:00.00	1
Novice	100'-200' ½ acre	Pink	Opt- minimum of 10 ft	Passive or Active Alert	Yes	N/A	3:00.00	3
Junior	200'x 300' 1.25 acre	Blue	Opt- minimum of 10 ft	Passive or Active Alert	Yes	-10	3:30.00	3
Advanced	300'-400' 2.75 acre	Orange	Opt- minimum of 10 ft	Passive or Active Alert	Yes	-15	4:00.00	5
Senior	400'x500' 4.5 acre	Yellow	Off leash	Passive or Active Alert	no	-20	5:00.00	5
Master	500'x525-600' 6-7 acre	Red	Off leash	Passive or Active Alert	no	-25	6:00.00	10 ----- 50 = Master Champion

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CSAT-R Point Deductions (per incident)

Level	Lack Of focus	Foiling Course	Slow response to handler	Handler Help	Inter-acting with distractions.
Puppy	Up to -1	N/A As long as solid waste is picked up	Up to -5	-1 to -5 depending on the degree of help	N/A
Novice	-1	N/A As long as solid waste is picked up	-1 If dog does not respond after 3 calls – 20pts	-1 to -5 depending on the degree of help	N/A
Junior	-2	-2	-2	-1 to -5 depending on the degree of help	N/A
Advanced	-3	-5	-5	-1 to -5 depending on the degree of help	N/A
Senior	-4	-10	-10	-1 to -5 depending on the degree of help	-20, If unable to recall dog from distraction NQ
Master	-5	-15	-10	-1 to -5 depending on the degree of help	-20, If unable to recall dog from distraction NQ

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CSAT-RN (Novice)

- Hides may be ground level or elevated up to 6 inches.
- There will be one live quarry box on the course and no intended distractions.

CSAT-RJ (Junior)

- Hides may be at ground level or elevated up to 18 inches.
- There will be one live quarry box on the course and no intended distractions.

CSAT-RA (Advanced)

- Hides may be ground level, underground or up to 48 inches
- There will be two live quarry boxes on the course.
- There will be one decoy quarry box with used bedding on the course.

CSAT-RS (Senior)

- Hides may be ground level. Underground or elevated up to 6ft
- There will be two live quarry boxes on the course.
- There will be one decoy quarry box with used bedding on the course.
- There will be two significant distractions (May be food, fake nests, etc) on the course

CSAT-RM (Master)

- Hides may be ground level. Underground or elevated up to 8ft
- There will be three live quarry boxes on the course.
- There will be two decoy quarry box with used bedding on the course.
- There will be two significant distractions (May be food, fake nests, etc) on the course

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Interior Search Classes

These classes are meant to mimic Canine detection dog searches. Even though they are meant to be interior searches, clubs may opt to use some unique outdoor areas as well. The spirit of the trial should be at the forefront when designing courses, and interior hides are still the hallmark of these searches. Odor will be placed in a mesh bag and then in a metal tin or PVC tube, or a bullet casing with the odor inside and plugged with cotton ball may be used for Explosives, that will be hidden in the search area. When possible- Interior Search areas should start at a threshold. Handlers will call alert when the dog has located the hide- the dog must perform a passive indication obvious to the judge. Handler may be asked to point to the hide location.

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CSAT- E (Explosives) CSAT-N (Narcotics)

Level	Course size (approx.)	Leash (unless location requirement)	Hide Height limit	Amount of odor used E / N	Find Requirement (Passive alert only)	E-collar allowed (Off leash searches only)	Course time	# of Q for title
Puppy	10' x 10'	Opt- Maximum of 10ft	6"	Half Dollar size	Find with interest	no	1:00.00	1
Novice	160 sf 13'x13'	Opt- Maximum of 10ft	12"	Half dollar size	Find and alert	no	2:00.00	3
Junior	320 sf 18'x18'	Opt- Maximum of 10ft	24"	Half dollar size	Find and alert	no	2:30.00	3
Advanced	2 areas- up to 640sf total	Opt- Maximum of 10ft	24" x 2 hides	Quarter size	Find and Alert	no	4:00.00	5
Senior	3 areas – judges choice	Opt- Maximum of 10ft	36" x 3 hides	Nickel size	Find and alert	no	6:00.00	5
Master	5 areas- judges choice	Opt- Maximum of 10ft	48" x 1 -4 hides	Dime size	Find and alert	no	8:00.00	10 ----- 50= Master Champion

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CSAT- E/N Point Deductions (per incident)

Level	Lack Of focus	Fouling Course	Slow response to handler	Handler help	No Alert	Lack of enthusiasm	Inter-acting with distractions.
Puppy	-1	Exterior N/A as long as solid waste picked up Interior- NQ	Up to -5	-1 to -5 depending on the degree of help	N/A	N/A	N/A
Novice	-1	Exterior -1 Interior- NQ	-1 If dog does not respond after 3 calls – 20pts	-1 to -5 depending on the degree of help	-10	-1 to -10 Total	N/A
Junior	-2	Exterior -2 Interior-NQ	-2 If dog does not respond after 3 calls –NQ	-1 to -5 depending on the degree of help	-10	-1 to -10 Total	N/A
Advanced	-3	Exterior -5 Interior NQ	-5 If dog does not respond after 3 calls –NQ	-1 to -5 depending on the degree of help	-20	-1 to -10 Total	N/A
Senior	-4	Exterior-10 Int- NQ	-10 If dog does not respond after 2 calls – NQ	-1 to -5 depending on the degree of help	-25	-1 to -10 Total	-20, If unable to recall dog from distraction NQ
Master	-5	Exterior-15 Interior- NQ	-10 If dog does not respond after 1 calls – NQ	-1 to -5 depending on the degree of help	-25	-1 to -10 Total	-20, If unable to recall dog from distraction NQ

All odor for these classes must be prepared fresh each day, and classes must start with Novice so the less experienced teams will get the strongest odor. Odor is NOT required to be freshened throughout the day unless the judge determines it is necessary.

PST-E/N-

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Puppy test will use novice hides in a smaller area

CSAT-EN/NN (Novice)

Novice hides will be placed in accessible areas,

CSAT-EJ/NJ (Junior)

Junior hides may be partially inaccessible (Open drawer, etc)

CSAT-EA/NA (Advanced)

Hides may be accessible or inaccessible, there will be 2 hides that may be placed anywhere in the search area. No minimum or maximum distance between hides. Hides may be in containers, bags, drawers etc.

CSAT-ES/NS (Senior)

Hides may be accessible or inaccessible, there will be 3 hides that may be placed anywhere in the search area, there may be more than one hide in a search area. No minimum or maximum distance between hides. Teams may travel between search areas at will.

CSAT-EM/NM (Master)

Hides may be accessible or inaccessible, there will be 1-4 hides, number will be unknown and will be the same for each team. Hides may be placed anywhere in the search area, and there may be more than one hide in an area. Teams may travel between areas at will. No minimum or maximum distance between hides. Handler must call clear when all hides have been found.

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Special Classes and Games

CSAT-T (Team)

Course Requirements

Level	Course size (approx.)	Course color	Leash	Find Requirement	E-collar allowed (Off leash searches only)	Course time
Team	400'-600' 4.5-7 acre	Green	On leash- 10 ft Maximum	Find Only	no	6:00.00

Dog's must be competing at senior or above to be eligible to run teams.

The team search is a race to find the missing person (must be a stranger). A search party will consist of 3 or 4 search teams, Each team will receive a scented item for the hidden subject) All searches will be conducted on 10ft lead. Size of search party will be determined by number of entries. There will be a random draw to choose teams.

Teams are expected to work independently, trusting their dog to find the way. Dogs should not interfere with other teams during the run. Handlers trying to help or locate subject on their own will be disqualified. Once the first team finds the subject they should move at least 10 ft away before rewarding the dog and then leave search area, to allow the teams to continue the search. Any team not locating the subject within the course time and/or finishing with less than 70 points will not earn any points.

All penalties counted for the regular Stranger search classes, are in effect. During team search- each penalty will be -5 points and multiple penalties will be assessed.

Time handicaps will be given based on dog height, 30 seconds for small dogs, 15 seconds for Mediums. This will be subtracted from the team's course time and will be their adjusted course time.

Winners will be announced after all teams have competed.

All Teams who locate the subject and have at least 70 points remaining will earn a qualifying score. Bonus points awarded for 1st - 3rd place out of all competing teams in the trial. Placements will be determined by score first then time. Title will be earned at 500 points. Each additional 500 points will earn a numerical acknowledgement, ie: CSAT-T, CSAT-T2, etc

1st - +20 pts

2nd - +15 pts

3rd- +10 pts

CSAT-D (Detective)

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Here is your chance to use your K9 to help find evidence of the crime!!! You and your partner will have 2 minutes to find as many bullets as you can! Search can be run on leash (10ft max) or off leash. There will be 10 bullets hidden on the course- your dog must find and alert on as many as you can find! When you have found all ten or ran out of time your turn is over!

Course Area- 40'x40'. Course should be set in a natural area where the "crime" could theoretically be committed.

These classes will be run blind. All handlers will wait in the staging area until their turn is called. When you get to the starting line- you will be given your evidence markers. When your dog alerts (Passive or active), you will place a marker and move on to the next! Move fast! Once your time is up, you will exit the course. The judge will collect the markers and mark whether each was a find or a miss. You will NOT get your score until all teams have run.

Remember- YOU are not looking for the bullets, your dog is! If you are caught searching or leading your dog, your turn will end! This is a fun game, please do not try to help your dog!

You may only direct your dog to help him stay in the search area.

You will receive 5 points for each bullet you successfully mark! Each incorrect mark will be -10 points. There will be no size divisions in this game. All positive points will be retained to accumulate for titles. Negative scores will be zeroed out for the next trial.

Top 5 placements will receive bonus points toward your title!! Bonus will only be rewarded for qualifying runs.

1st place- 25 points, 2nd place- 20 points, 3rd place- 15 points, 4th place- 10 points, 5th place- 5 points.

Detective Title- 500 pts! Each additional 500 points with earn a numerical acknowledgement, ie: CSAT-D, CSAT-D2, etc

Special Investigator pin will be awarded to any team getting all 10 bullets!

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Glossary of Terms –

as used in Canine Scenting Ability Test Trials and Training

Active Alert- When the correct odor is located, the dog will bark, growl, paw or bite at the target.

Call- While the dog is searching- A call is a call of “HELP!” to help the dog focus on the area to find the subject. This is a one word call, no addition of dog name or other words allowed.

DQ- Disqualification. This call is made for a disqualifying fault such as aggression, eliminating while working an indoor search, or bad sportsmanship.

E-Collar-Electronic collars used to send a signal to a dog when away from the owner. These are allowed on the course for specified classes, however the judge will hold on to the remote. If a handler asks for the remote to control the dog it will result in an NQ for that run.

Find- When a dog indicates on an odor or subject.

Find Blind- Hiding location of the hidden subject.

Lack of Focus- when dogs get distracted by either natural or placed distractions during an active search. (ex sniffing a hole, tree etc)

NQ- Not qualified, dog did not finish all requirements of the class.

Passive alert- When the correct odor is located, the dog will sit, lie down or give some other indication without actually touching the odor itself.

Quarry- The rodent (rat, mouse or gerbil) that is used in CSAT-R trials.

Quarry Box- The box used to house the quarry while hidden during a CSAT-R trial. The box should be made of wood and screen on one side.

Re-find- When the dog finds the subject, returns to the handler and then brings the handler to the subject.

Subject- The “missing Person” that is lost and needs to be found.

Staging Area- Area designated as a waiting area for competitors that are getting to ready to compete in the next event. This area must not allow a view of the search area and must be big enough to allow multiple teams to wait without crowding. Once competitors have entered the staging area they may not leave until it is time to run. Once a team leaves the staging area they may not return until the last dog has run.

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