

Frequently Asked Questions

The following is a list of questions most commonly asked by our clients. If you don't find the answer to your query on this page, [Contact Us](#)

Can a dog sniff drugs on people?

If your Drug Policy / Employment Contract allows, a dog may sniff people while they are on your premises to determine the presence of drugs or recent use by that person. This is considered a random search and is far more efficient and cost effective than drug testing all your staff.

Where can you search or sniff legally?

Anywhere you give us permission to search

- Businesses / Workplaces,
- Common Areas of Apartment buildings (corridors, foyers, under doors and door handles),
- Apartments (after giving the tenants 48 hours written notice),
- Private homes and outbuildings,
- Educational Institutes (Schools & Universities),
- Dorm rooms and hostels,
- Storage units,
- Vehicles | Autos | Trucks | Motor homes | Ships,
- Stadiums, Concert halls & Event centres,
- Lockers at any of the above locations,
- Parking lots in any of the above locations.

What are the dogs able to detect?

Our dogs can detect and number of street and exotic drugs (primarily cannabis & methamphetamine). As new drugs enter the market, our dogs will be trained to detect them.

Are the dog searches confidential?

All of the searches, finds, and test results are held in strict confidence and are only discussed with the client. The exception to this is if we find more than 28 g of Cannabis or more than 5 g of methamphetamine; these amounts are designated "for supply" and we are required to inform the Police.

What happens if the dogs find drugs?

If our dogs indicate the presence of drugs, we will mark the spot, and find the contraband with you present. We can even test the product, so you know what was found. Drug(s) can be removed from your premises and transported to the nearest Police station if you require.

What occurs during a dog search?

Our detection dogs are taken from room to room, if they pick up a scent, the dog is trained to passively alert on the spot (our handler will then mark the spot and further testing may be performed).

Positive Controls

ScentTECH is the only K9 detection company that utilises positive controls during their searches. This is a small sample of the target scent which the client hides in a previously cleared room. Finding this sample is proof that the dog is working to its maximum detection capability on the day of the search and allows the dog to be rewarded for a job well done.

What kind of dogs do you use for searches?

ScentTECH uses only working line dogs. These dogs are trained by us and are independently validated to international detection dog (SWGDOG) standards. Currently our detection dogs include German Shepherds sourced from Czech working lines.

Is ScentTECH affiliated with law enforcement?

No. We are not, affiliated with law enforcement or other government agencies and we are not obliged to report our findings. The exception to this situation only arises when trafficable amounts of drugs are located, in which case the Police must be informed.

What are the benefits of using a ScentTECH detection dog?

There are many reasons for using ScentTECH dogs and services, for example:

- Detection Dogs are more effective and more efficient than drug testing,
- ScentTECH Drug Dogs are non-invasive, and non-confrontational,
- We use only highly trained dogs which have been independently validated to international (SWGDOG) standards,
- Dog searches provide a deterrent to discourage drug use, Dog searches are the most cost-effective system for the location of drugs or to determine recent use,
- Nothing needs to be unlocked or opened for a dog to detect the presence of drugs,
- There are no installation expenses (hidden cameras, etc...),
- There is no need to pre-screen or hire additional security personnel,
- We tailor our programs by your search needs,
- We provide a highly confidential service.

How often should an employer or school conduct dog searches to be effective?

We believe that it is best that the details of your searches be understood and discussed individually, since they will vary by the size of your premises, number of staff, location, and contraband sought.

One of the greatest benefits of a canine detection process is that it is a deterrent to students and employees, and therefore should be done on a random basis to continue to discourage the drug use.

How reliable are your dogs?

ScentTECH detection dogs are extremely reliable in finding contraband or scent leading to contraband. There is no better method in the drug industry to detect the presence of illegal drugs than a detection dog.

Records for ScentTECH dog teams indicate that they consistently perform with a proficiency of greater than 95% when tested in blind exercises.

If we find your area clean, it simply means that it was clean of drugs or residue the day of the search.

What is the cost for a ScentTECH Detection Dog visit?

The price for the service depends on your requirements. Typically, a search by one of our drug detection dogs costs the equivalent of performing three drug tests, yet the K9 search screens a greater number of people and of course, the property as well.

Who trains the ScentTECH detection dogs?

Our dogs have been imported or bred and trained by our own training staff. We are experienced dog trainers that have been training since 1990 and have supplied service dogs to various agencies.

Our dogs are trained using positive reward methods that guarantee a reliable performance. Similar to an athlete, a drug-dog requires continued maintenance, training and conditioning. Once validated, our dogs receive daily training to maintain their skill levels.

Are there other testing methods?

Yes, there are many different methods of getting drug usage results. ScentTECH can perform both:

- Urine sample testing, and
- Oral Fluid (saliva) testing.

Are there specific hiding spots that children, students, or employees use to hide their drugs?

Yes, there are many different locations in your home, work, and schools that users have learned to hide their 'stash'. These may be hidden in plain sight and typically will change frequently. A rule to remember is that drugs are never too far from the users.

How to choose a detection dog service provider

It is important to select a Canine Service company who is knowledgeable of the industry. In particular the company should be able to demonstrate expertise in the following areas;

- K9 husbandry and behaviour,
- K9 olfaction (scenting),
- Detection dog training and utilisation,
- The chemistry of substances and illicit compounds, &
- National trends in the use of illicit drugs and their supply.

Masking and wrapping.

Detection dogs can discern individual scents even when the scents are combined or masked by other odours. For example, drugs hidden in coffee or other substances are no problem for the well-trained detection dog.

Detection dogs also can detect drug odours when they are tightly sealed in containers or deeply hidden.

Did you know plumber's hemp is now made from flax and a well-trained detection dog will not alert on this product!

Canine sniffer dogs are a sound solution, as well as an effective deterrent for schools, companies and residences alike.

Call (+64 021 808 962) for a drug dog SEARCH; it is confidential, it is discreet, and it is very effective.