



Scent Sports Association of New Zealand (SSANZ): Rules and Guidelines Buried Hides – (June) 2024

SSANZ DEFINITION OF NOSEWORK

Nosework was created for the purpose of allowing dogs to use their natural olfactory abilities to work in partnership with their handler and to locate specific target odours.

Nosework is an uninterrupted performance by a dog and handler to demonstrate working as a team and can easily be performed in a wide variety of locations.

Each participating team will be evaluated on their ability to search for and locate target odour/s.

The arrangement of the searches in Nosework trials are modelled on those of traditional working detection dogs. The overall performance should convey an image of fun, enthusiasm, and the ability of the team to work in partnership.

Our aim is to provide a safe and enriching environment that promotes a trusting and lasting relationship. **Harsh handling will not be tolerated and may result in immediate disqualification and the handler not be permitted to participate in any further searches on that day.**

The primary focus of the trial is to achieve a qualifying score. Performance/competitive targets may be included at the discretion of the organisers when providing prizes and awards.

Buried Hide Trials are **separate and distinct from Nosework Trials.**

1. SSANZ LEVEL REQUIREMENTS – Buried Hide Trial AWARDS

1.1 SSANZ NOVICE Buried Hides (SNB) TITLE

Objective for Novice Buried Hide is to demonstrate the ability of the team to correctly identify a single target odour.

Requirements to be granted the Novice Buried Hide Title:

- a) Handler must be a current financial member of SSANZ
- b) A dog must attain eight SSANZ Novice Buried Hide qualifying certificates, consisting of a minimum of four in the Water searches, and four in the Sand searches under a minimum of two different judges at two different locations. See 14 Definitions. Further criteria is outlined in 1.2.

1.2 TO ATTAIN A NOVICE Buried Hide QUALIFYING CERTIFICATE

To attain a Novice Buried Hide qualifying certificate:

- a) The team must successfully complete a Buried Hide search in the allocated time.
- b) **A minimum score of 23 points out of a maximum of 25 is required.**
- c) The team must meet any other relevant criteria outlined in the SSANZ Buried Hide rules.



1.3 SSANZ INTERMEDIATE Buried Hide (SIB) TITLE

Objective for Intermediate Buried Hide is to demonstrate the ability of the team to correctly identify two target odours in two different containers.

Requirements to be granted the Intermediate Nose work Title:

- a) Handler must be a current financial member of SSANZ.
- b) A dog must attain eight SSANZ Intermediate Buried Hide qualifying trial certificates, consisting of four in the water searches and four in the sand searches under a minimum of two different judges at two different locations. See 14 Definitions. Further criteria is outlined in 1.4.

1.4 TO ATTAIN AN INTERMEDIATE Buried Hide QUALIFYING CERTIFICATE

To attain an Intermediate Buried Hide qualifying certificate the team must successfully complete a Buried Hide search in the allocated time.

- a) An Intermediate Buried Hide search is worth 50 points. Each hide has equal value.
- b) A minimum score of 46 is required.
- c) The team must meet any other relevant criteria outlined in the SSANZ rules.

1.5 SSANZ ADVANCED Buried Hide (SAB) TITLE

Objective for Advanced Buried Hides is to demonstrate the ability of the team to correctly identify three target odours in one search that consists of a combination of an equal number of Water containers and Sand containers.

Requirements to be granted the Advanced Buried Hide Title:

- a) Handler must be a current financial member of SSANZ
- b) A dog must attain six SSANZ Advanced Buried Hides qualifying trial certificates under a minimum of two different judges at two different locations. See 14 Definitions. Further criteria is outlined in 1.6

1.6 TO ATTAIN AN ADVANCED Buried Hide QUALIFYING CERTIFICATE

To attain an Advanced Buried Hide qualifying certificate:

- a) The team must successfully complete a Buried Hide search and locate all odours within the allocated time
- b) An Advanced Buried Hide is worth 75 points. Each hide has equal value.
- c) A minimum score of 72 is required.
- d) The team must meet any other relevant criteria outlined in the SSANZ rules.

1.7 SSANZ EXCELLENT Buried Hide (SEB) TITLE

Objective for Excellent Buried Hides is to demonstrate the ability of the team to correctly **identify all target odours present. There will be between zero and five hides, the total number unknown to the handler on the day.**

Requirements to be granted the Excellent Buried Hide Title:

- a) Handler must be a current financial member of SSANZ



- b) A dog must attain six SSANZ Excellent Buried Hides qualifying trial certificates under a minimum of two different judges at two different locations. See 14 Definitions. Further criteria is outlined in 1.8

1.8 TO ATTAIN AN EXCELLENT Buried Hide QUALIFYING CERTIFICATE

To attain an Excellent Buried Hide Qualifying certificate:

- a) The team must complete a buried hide search and locate all odours within the allocated time.
- b) An Excellent Buried Search is worth 100 points.
- c) A minimum score of 97 is required
- d) The dog must meet any other relevant criteria outlined in the SSANZ rules.

2. SETUP OF BURIED SEARCHES GENERAL

- 2.1 The hot containers will be placed by the judge or designated official a minimum of 15 minutes before the first team commences searching.
- 2.2 The hide must not be identifiable to the team in the normal course of the search.
- 2.3 The search area should be clean and safe.
- 2.4 The search area will be clearly defined by boundary markers, structures or walls.
- 2.5 The containers must be placed a minimum of one and half metres from any boundary.
- 2.6 There must be a clearly defined start line no less than three metres from the nearest container/s.
- 2.7 All containers used in this search will be in a clean condition with no contamination from foodstuffs or strong smelling substances.
- 2.8 For each substrate, containers must be identical – uniform in size and type – and be made of plastic.
- 2.9 Containers may be:
 - Ten-litre round containers no deeper than 260mm
 - Square containers with a minimum width of 250mm and a maximum width of 300mm, with a minimum depth of 160mm and a maximum depth of 300mm
 - Rectangle containers with a minimum length of 300mm and a maximum length of 500mm, a minimum width of 200mm and a maximum width of 350mm, with a minimum depth of 160mm and a maximum depth of 300mm
- 2.10 Containers must be completely covered with a metal grid to prevent the dogs from making contact with the substrate.
- 2.11 All containers must be placed at ground level.
- 2.12 Spacing: a minimum of one and half metres and a maximum of three meters between one edge of a container and the edge of another container.
- 2.13 Searches may be conducted indoors or outdoors.
- 2.14 Additional hot containers and blank containers will be on standby in case any have to be replaced.
- 2.15 Also refer to Set up of Search Area – level specific and substrate specific.



2.1 SET UP OF BURIED SEARCHES – SUBSTRATE SPECIFIC

SAND

- a) Only use purchased river sand.
- b) The scent vessel must be a stainless steel tea ball/tea infuser with a **maximum** diameter of 5cm.
- c) Sand depth of 10cm above the scent vessel.

WATER

- a) Water must be potable (drinking quality) water.
- b) The scent vessel must be a segment of tubing that snugly fits two q tips.
- c) Water must cover the tubing by 10cm.
- d) Tubing must be secured to the bottom of the containers with identical **holders. Holders may be suction cup clips or permanently affixed.**
- e) Each blank container must contain a scent vessel **that has never contained odour, must be the same colour, and secured to the bottom of the container so all containers look the same.**
- f) If transparent tubing is used, **a blank q tip must be placed in each end of the blank tubing.**

3 SET UP OF BURIED SEARCH AREAS – LEVEL SPECIFIC

3.1 NOVICE BURIED WATER SEARCH CRITERIA, IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL CRITERIA ABOVE.

- a) One hide per search
- b) Oil of Clove Bud (*Syzygium aromaticum* syn. *Eugenia caryophyllata*) will be the odour used in SSANZ Buried Hide Novice trials
- c) Eight containers placed in two **parallel** rows of four, **with no offset.**
- d) No formal indication or trained final response is required for the handler to call alert
- e) The judge should observe a change of behaviour from the dog.
- f) Search time limit is two minutes.

3.2 NOVICE BURIED SAND SEARCH CRITERIA, IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL CRITERIA ABOVE.

- a) One hide per search
- b) Oil of Clove Bud (*Syzygium aromaticum* syn. *Eugenia caryophyllata*) will be the odour used in SSANZ Buried Hide Novice trials
- c) Eight containers placed in two **parallel** rows of four, **with no offset.**
- d) No formal indication or trained final response is required for the handler to call alert
- e) The judge should observe a change of behaviour from the dog
- f) Search time limit is two minutes.

4. INTERMEDIATE BURIED WATER SEARCH CRITERIA, IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL CRITERIA ABOVE

- a) Two hides in two separate containers per search, one of each odour
- b) Oil of Clove Bud (*Syzygium aromaticum* syn. *Eugenia caryophyllata*) and oil of Sweet Birch (*Betula lenta*), will be the odours used in SSANZ Buried Hide Intermediate trials
- c) Twelve containers placed in any pattern



- d) No formal indication or trained final response is required for the handler to call alert
- e) The judge should observe a change of behaviour from the dog at each hide called
- f) When the final hide has been located, the handler must call "Finish" to stop the time. If the handler does not call finish, they will be allocated the maximum time.
- g) Search time limit is three minutes.

4.1 INTERMEDIATE BURIED SAND SEARCH CRITERIA, IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL CRITERIA ABOVE

- a) Two hides in two separate containers per search, one of each odour
- b) Oil of Clove Bud (*Syzygium aromaticum* syn. *Eugenia caryophyllata*) and oil of Sweet Birch (*Betula lenta*), will be the odour used in SSANZ Buried Hide Intermediate trials
- c) Twelve containers placed in any pattern
- d) No formal indication or trained final response is required for the handler to call alert
- e) The judge should observe a change of behaviour from the dog at each hide called
- f) When the final hide has been located, the handler must call "Finish" to stop the time. If the handler does not call finish, they will be allocated the maximum time.
- g) Search time limit is three minutes.

5. ADVANCED BURIED SEARCH CRITERIA, IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL CRITERIA ABOVE

- a) Three hides in three separate containers per search element, one of each odour
- b) Oil of Clove Bud (*Syzygium aromaticum* syn. *Eugenia caryophyllata*) oil of Sweet Birch (*Betula lenta*), and oil of Cypress (*Cupressus sempervirens*) will be the odours used in SSANZ Advanced trials
- c) Fourteen containers placed in any pattern. Seven identical containers must be filled with sand, and seven identical containers must be filled with water. The 14 containers can, but are not required to be identical.
- d) No formal indication or trained final response is required for the handler to call alert
- e) The judge should observe a change of behaviour from the dog at each hide called
- f) When the final hide has been located, the handler must call "Finish" to stop the time. If the handler does not call finish, they will be allocated the maximum time.
- f) Search time limit is four minutes.

6 EXCELLENT BURIED SEARCH CRITERIA, IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL CRITERIA ABOVE

- a) **Number of hides from 0 to five, unknown to the handler**
- b) The odour used in each hide is at the discretion of the judge
- c) Oil of Clove Bud (*Syzygium aromaticum* syn. *Eugenia caryophyllata*), oil of Sweet Birch (*Betula lenta*), and oil of Cypress (*Cupressus sempervirens*) will be the odours used in SSANZ Buried Hide Excellent trials
- d) Eighteen containers placed in any pattern. Nine identical containers must be filled with sand, and nine identical containers must be filled with water. The 18 containers can, but are not required to be identical.
- e) No formal indication or trained final response is required for the handler to call alert
- f) A change of behaviour should be observed by the judge at each hide called



- g) When the handler believes that all hides have been located, he/she must call "Finish" to stop the time. If the handler does not call finish, they will be allocated the maximum time.
- h) Search time limit is four minutes.

7 ODOUR PREPARATION FOR BURIED HIDES

- 7.1 **Specific for Buried Hides:** Q-tips are to be prepared with one drop of essential oil applied directly to the Q-tip **no less than 24 and no more than 72 hours** before use and then stored in a glass jar with an airtight lid before being placed in a scent sample carrier
- 7.2 Two Q-tips are to be used in each hide vessel for Buried Hides.

8 SEARCH RULES – GENERAL

- 8.1 All Buried Hide Searches are to be completed on leash.
- 8.2 The location of the hide/s **must not be known to the handler.**
- 8.3 Search time starts when the dog's nose crosses the start line.
 - a) Once over the start line the team can search the containers in any pattern and from any angle.
- 8.5 **At any time during the search the handler may use verbal and/or physical interaction, use food or a toy, to encourage and support their dogs while searching.**
- 8.6 Handlers **need to** indicate verbally **and/or visually by calling** "alert" **and/or while** raising a hand above their head, to indicate that the handler believes the dog has found the source.
 - a) **In Intermediate and above, if the alert called is on a hide already found the Judge will say "Already found – Continue" and faults will be given. (See Section 9.4). If the handler calls the same hide the third time the search will finish**
 - b) A judge may ask "Where?" for further clarification after the alert is called. **If the handler is unable to adequately indicate the correct container**, then the judge may award a fault as defined in section 9.
 - c) Timing concludes when the judge has identified the call as "correct" in Novice or when the handler calls "Finish" in Intermediate level and above.
- 8.7 Handlers are allowed to take their reinforcers into the search area **or leave them in a place specified by the judge outside of the search area.**
 - a) Reinforcers may be visible
 - b) **Food must either be contained in a pocket/treat pouch if carried, or in a closed container outside the search area at the place specified by the judge.**
 - c) Handlers must not contaminate the search area with their reinforcer. **No food or toys should be thrown or dropped within or adjacent to the search area**
 - e) If, in the judge's opinion, the search area has been contaminated a major fault will be deducted
 - f) **Handlers must not damage the search area or anything within the search area when reinforcing their dog**
 - g) If, in the judge's opinion, the search area has been damaged a major fault will be deducted.



9 FAULTS

Faults are applied based on the following regulations/criteria

9.1 Trial failure incurs a score of 0 and applies for:

- a) If the time for the search element has run out, points will be gained only for found hides in Intermediate levels and above. If no hides are found the team will lose all the points for that trial.
- b) Handler requests help from the judge
- c) Fouling: The dog vomits, urinates, or defecates at any time while in the search area.
- d) Handler fails to call alert in the allocated time.
- e) Working the dog off lead.

9.2 Faults are deducted according to categories of fault type - incorrect alert call, major and minor.

a) Incorrect alert call

- i) An incorrect alert call will be a non-qualifying score.
- ii) At Intermediate level and above, calling alert on an already found hide will incur a deduction of three faults the first time it happens.
- iii) At Intermediate level and above, the judge will call "Already found - continue" and the team may continue the search. If the hide is called for a third time the search will end and will be a non-qualifying score.

b) Major faults incur a deduction of 5 points and are as follows:

- i) Damage to the search area: including, but not limited to excessive pawing, digging, or interacting with the containers which require the replacement of one or more containers or grill covers
- ii) Interacting with containers which results in spillage of contents.
- iii) Compromising the search area: handler's reward delivery has jeopardized the integrity of the search area by damage from toys or food contamination
- iv) Dropping food or toy rewards at any time during the search
- v) Leaving the search area. The team (both handler and dog) leaves the search area during a search.
- vi) Inappropriate fouling in the immediate vicinity of the search area: including but not limited to marking on nearby trees, defecating in the vicinity.
- vii) Scattering or throwing of food or toys in the immediate vicinity of the search area.
- viii) Safety issues or other infractions that the judge deems may place the dog in a potentially dangerous situation

c) Minor Faults incur a deduction of 2 points

- i) Faults will be given for:
 - a) Tangling the line.
 - b) Dropping the line.
 - c) Handler errors.

THE JUDGE'S DECISION IS FINAL AND NO CHALLENGE OR ARGUMENT WILL BE TOLERATED FROM THE HANDLER.



10 TRIAL ENTRY CRITERIA

All entry criteria must be met for a team to participate in a SSANZ Buried Hide trial.

10.1 General entry requirements

- a) All handlers at a SSANZ Buried Hide Trial must be current financial members of SSANZ.
- b) To enter an Intermediate Buried Hide Trial a dog must have a Novice Buried Hide Title.
- c) To enter an Advanced Buried Hide Trial a dog must have an Intermediate Buried Hide Title.
- d) To enter an Excellent Buried Hide Trial a dog must have an Advanced Buried Hide Title.
- e) Once a dog has a title at any particular Buried Hide level, the dog can no longer trial at that level, with the exception of Excellent, where a team can continue to trial.
- f) Handlers may only enter one dog at each level at a trial
- g) A judge may not enter a dog in the specific trial they are judging.
- h) A judge who is judging a trial may handle a dog in another trial at the discretion of the organiser.
- i) Dogs may trial with an alternate handler to their owner and any qualifying certificates achieved will count towards the dog's title.
- j) Organisers and officials may participate in a trial at the discretion of the organisation provided it does not impede the smooth running of the trial. The handler must not have been involved in the preparation of the search area in any capacity.

10.2 Requirements for the Handler

- a) Have not been banned or excluded from trialling with SSANZ
- b) Enclosed, secure footwear must be worn at all times. A handler who presents with insecure footwear will be asked to rectify the problem. If no attempt is made to rectify, the handler may be asked to leave the trial
- c) Training vests, bags, hats etc., may be worn during searches

10.3 Requirements for the dog

- a) All dogs participating in SSANZ Buried Hide trials must be registered with SSANZ.
- b) Over the age of six months
- c) Dogs attending the trial must be presented in a state of good general health and cleanliness. Dogs that are excessively dirty will be excluded from trialling on that day.
- d) A veterinary certificate or other correspondence providing a brief outline and stating that a dog is fit to trial is required if any visible injury/disability/illness is present.
- e) Dogs must have a current vaccination record, that can be produced on request from the trial organiser
- f) Dogs must have a current registration with their Local Authority
- g) A dog that has been classified as menacing or dangerous under the Dog Control Act (1996), may participate in a SSANZ Trial at the discretion of the hosting organisation, who will require additional information which must be provided on request.
- h) Additional information must be provided to the organiser. This can include, but is not limited to:
 - (i) Owner name;
 - (ii) Owner address;
 - (iii) Dog name;
 - (iv) Dog breed;
 - (v) Dog colour;
 - (vi) Type of classification.
- i) A copy of the exemption document must be provided with the entry form.
- j) A dog that has been classified as menacing under the Dog Control Act (1996), and which has been granted an exemption under Section 33E (5) of the Dog Control Act (1996) by the local



territorial authority that has jurisdiction over the trial location, may participate at a SSANZ Trial within the parameters of the exemption.

- k) SSANZ organisations may still require dogs with a menacing classification to be muzzled at all times, even if they have an exemption.
- l) Bitches in season are not allowed to participate, nor permitted at the venue where the trial is held.
- m) Notification is required at the earliest indication that a bitch may be in season at the time of the trial.

11 EQUIPMENT

- a) Lead length and type is at the handler's discretion.
- b) Leads can be attached to a suitable harness or collar for the searches as defined in these regulations. Correctly fitted non-restrictive harnesses are permitted for use in SSANZ trials.
- c) If the line is to be attached to the harness it must be affixed to the top (spine), not to any front clip that may be present.
- d) Check, choke, slip, prong, or citronella collars are not permitted in the search areas.
- e) Optional equipment worn by the dog such as coats, boots, or muzzles other than those outlined above, may be permitted at the discretion of the judge.

12 SSANZ TRIAL PROTOCOL

12.1 No unofficial odour may be brought anywhere onsite, other than in the confines of a private vehicle.

12.2 A briefing will be given before the trial starts and this is mandatory for all handlers to attend

- a) Out of bounds areas will be outlined at the trial briefing
- b) Search areas will be defined. Once defined, it is the responsibility of the handlers to stay out of these areas unless specifically exempted by an official on the day
- c) Health and safety details for the venue will be advised
- d) General housekeeping and details of the trial will be covered

12.3 Search areas will be defined visually and may also be broadly outlined during the briefing.

- a) Handlers are not permitted to enter the search areas until it is their turn to trial, unless authorised by the judge or delegated official.
- b) If a handler enters the search area without authorisation they may be disqualified from participating at the trial
- c) Handlers are prohibited from discussing any detail in relation to the search or the operation of the search with any other participant or spectator until all the teams have concluded that search

12.4 If, in the opinion of the judge, harsh or intimidating handling has taken place, they may deduct all points for that search.

- a) The judge or organiser may ask a trialist to leave if it is deemed necessary in the interests of the safety and welfare of other dogs, handlers, stewards and/or judges, or due to bad sportsmanship, including but not limited to disrespectful treatment of volunteers, officials, or fellow trialists, and intentional disclosure/knowledge of the hide locations.

12.5 Recording of the event is allowable under the following circumstances:

Recording of event - Handler

- a) A handler may wear and use visible head or chest mounted video equipment.
- b) Recordings of any search must not be shared with anyone until the search has finished.



- c) Recordings cannot be used to challenge the judge's decision.
- d) Use of any recording equipment must not delay the start of any search and the judge and organisation reserve the right to refuse set up of ground mounted recording equipment .
- e) A handler may apply to the Organisation for permission to have a separate person record their search and the following will apply:
 - i) Permission will be granted at the discretion of the organisation and judge.
 - ii) Any person recording a search must follow all directions given by the judge or designated official.
 - iii) The judge or designation official reserves the right to ask a person recording searches to leave if they believe that is appropriate.

Recording of event - Organisation

- a) An organisation may provide a videographer for each search.
- b) If any recording is to occur at a trial, this must be advised by the organisation at the time of trial entry.
- c) Handlers must be given the choice, at the time of trial entry, to agree or refuse any photos or video being taken of them, their dog, and/or their searches.
- d) Any photos or video taken of handlers who have agreed may be used by the organisation for purposes of sharing on social media, future advertising, and/or with sponsors.
- e) Copies of any photos or video may be made available to handlers on request.
- f) Organisations are not responsible for recording each and every search.
- g) Only the videographer(s) organised by the organisation may take photos or video of handlers, dogs and searches at the trial venue.
- h) The handler, judge, or designated official reserves the right to ask the videographer to leave if they believe that is appropriate.

13 ORGANISATION or HOST REQUIREMENTS

13.1 To host a SSANZ trial you must be a current financial SSANZ Organisational member. Organisers must apply to have a trial recognised as a SSANZ trial by:

- a) Filing a completed “application to hold a SSANZ trial” form with the SSANZ Secretary
- b) Filing the application form at least three months prior to the trial date

13.2 Organisations are responsible for providing the correct equipment and search areas as required by the SSANZ Buried Hide Regulations.

13.3 Upon approval, trial advertising must include the following information:

- a) “This trial is being conducted under the rules and regulations of the Scent Sports Association of New Zealand (SSANZ)”
- b) All trials must advertise a closing date and entries must be kept open until that date.
- c) Judge/s for each search and/or level



- d) Any awards or prizes
 - e) If there is going to be a videographer or photographer in attendance, this should be advised on the registration forms.
 - f) Only once the entries have closed can ballots (if required) be carried out.
 - h) On the closing date for entries, team spots will be accepted in the following order:
 - i) Dogs that have less than three Buried Hide qualifying certificates
 - ii) Dogs that have between three and eight Buried Hide qualifying certificates
 - iii) In the event of the organisation receiving more entries than available spaces, a random draw from the all remaining dogs will be conducted to fill the remaining spaces in the trial.
- 13.4 SSANZ will not be responsible or held liable for any accident or injury that may occur at a trial. SSANZ encourages all Organisations to hold public liability insurance for their trials.
- 13.5 Organisers can run searches and levels in any order at a trial to suit their requirements, provided these meet the criteria outlined for each individual search
- 13.6 The Organiser is responsible for contracting a SSANZ judge/judges.
- a) The Organiser and judge are to communicate **between themselves directly** and decide on any monetary or other remuneration. This is not a SSANZ responsibility.
- 13.7 Entry fees charged to enter a trial are set by the Organiser.
- a) Entry fees are the property of the Organiser
 - b) Entry fees should be fair and reasonable to the trialists
- 13.8 The organiser is responsible for obtaining official SSANZ qualifying certificates.
- 13.9 Organisers, at their discretion, may present additional participation certificates/awards, **but these are not officially recognised by SSANZ for the purposes of any titles.**
- 13.10 The Organiser may set a competitive aspect to a trial if they wish based on the following criteria:
- i) A non-faulted team with the fastest combined time of all their searches may be awarded Highest Qualifier
 - ii) Teams on no faults place above faulted teams
 - iii) If there are no un-faulted teams, then the fastest time will come into play after considering the lowest number of faults.
 - iv) Awards and prizes are the responsibility of the Organiser.
- 13.11 Organisers may hold additional novelty scent games at SSANZ trials, with the understanding they are to be conducted within appropriate criteria for SSANZ.
- 13.12 Organisers must forward a copy of all results, including scores and search times to the SSANZ Secretary within 21 days of the conclusion of the trial.
- 13.13 Organisers must keep records of the trial for 12 months after the trial date including but not limited to:
- i) Application to hold a SSANZ trial
 - ii) Entry forms
 - iii) Menacing dog information and exemptions
 - iv) Financial records



14 DEFINITIONS

Alert:	A communication from the handler to the judge that the dog has located the source of odour.
Change of behaviour:	Any behaviour by the dog which makes it clear to the Judge and/or handler that the dog has encountered odour.
Event:	Several trials run in the same time frame at the same venue.
Finish:	The handler is required to call "Finish" when they believe all hides in the search area have been located and called in some levels. The "Finish" call stops the official search time. If "Finish" is not called, a maximum time will be allocated to that search, and only hides found will gain points.
Handler:	The person participating in the search with the dog.
Judge:	Official scorer at a trial, SSANZ approved judges.
Locations:	The area where the search is set up. A venue can have multiple locations for searches to be set up. Note – This is relevant for buried hide trials only.
Level:	One specific level of a SSANZ Buried Hide trial e.g., Novice.
Official:	Any person commissioned by the organizer to help run a trial.
Organiser:	A current financial Organisation member of SSANZ
Owner:	The registered owner of a dog.
Search:	One element of a level, e.g., water search.
Start Line:	A clearly marked boundary through which the dog and handler need to cross for their time to start.
Team:	A dog and handler.
Trial:	One single element, water and/or sand, at any level.

