

HELP ME FIND IT! GAME



Help your dog learn how to use their nose for a very important task!! You have lost a personal item in the park, on the driveway, in the yard or on the street. You and your dog are a team and sometimes, you need their help because we just need help

Lost your keys, lost your cell phone... don't panic...

ASK YOUR BEST FRIEND WITH FOUR LEGS!



START IN THE HOUSE

where there are few distractions.

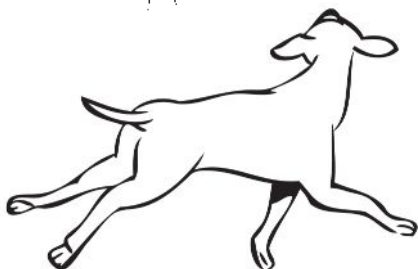
Use an all cotton item (a sock or a glove), cotton holds your scent really well. Scent it up – which means wear it for a day or put in your waistband or bra or wear it on your hands.

- Rub your cotton item vigorously between your hands and casually walk around the room with your friend with you and casually drop the object that you have been carrying or had in your pocket or bra. Walk on for several steps ... I don't know.... 10 or so steps.
- Bring on your academy award performance and say, "Where did I put it ? OMG! I need to find it! "
- Look to your dog and ask them for help.
- Start walking back to where you dropped the object, pointing to the ground and encouraging your dog to look.
- Be sure and give them some room to find the object all by themselves.



If they need a little help, kick the object and bring their attention to the object. When they find it, make it a celebration. Tell them how brilliant they are, pet them and play with the object with them – tugging or tossing it and having them retrieve it.

Take it outside!



Once, they get really good at that find make the distance further and take it outside. When they get really good at that introduce a new item that has your scent. You can drop a glasses case, a towel, maybe a small fanny pack or small cloth purse. After your dog is great with that start varying the types of articles you "lose" and introduce metal objects, ie., car keys, maybe an old mobile phone, a bracelet. If your dog has a harder time locating metal it doesn't mean that he can't find them, just that metal objects don't hold scent as well as fabric and he may react differently to the touch and feel , so he may have to learn to work closer to it before he can locate it.

Mix it up and have fun with it!

As your dog gets good at this increase the distance between when you "lose" your item and your ask for help or change the direction of the drop, so, it isn't always directly behind you – you may toss it to the side. You can even hide an object before you start your walk! Hide it along the route and when you see it, point toward and ask them to check it out or walk past it and then ask them to go find it!

