



**SEMINOLE COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**



***BRINGING THE  
LOST HOME  
PROJECT***

**How you can help responders  
find the lost fast and bring  
them home safe**



## WHAT ARE SCENT PRESERVATION KITS® AND HOW DO THEY WORK?

The **Scent Preservation Kit®** is used to collect and preserve a person's unique scent ahead of time and gives responding K-9 units a head start during the search by providing the trailing dogs with an uncontaminated scent article. **Your scent is as identifiable as your fingerprint to a trained K-9 and can last up to 10 years in our kit.**

The preserved scent isn't touched by other family members, pets, or responders. This means that K-9 Units do not have to go through the time-consuming dismissal process to determine who's scent is actually on the article. They can begin searching immediately and with greater accuracy when every minute counts.

Everything you need to collect and securely store the scent of each family member is right in the box. Simply swipe the included gauze pad under the arms or around the neck area and store the pad in our specially-treated jar. Add the identification information to the label and seal the lid with the supplied tamper-proof tape. Store the scent in the privacy of your home in a place away from high temps or direct sunlight. **If you ever need it, you'll have the best possible location resource to present to emergency responders.**

## SCENT FACTS

- Your scent is like your fingerprint
- You can never lose your scent, forget to wear it, or take it off
- Scent doesn't break or malfunction
- Scent preservation does not require charging or batteries like a GPS tracker
- Scent never loses its signal or goes out of range
- A Scent Kit lasts up to 10 years

In June 2019, Scent Evidence K9 partnered with Alzheimer's Project to pass the **Bringing the Lost Home Project** bill in Florida to increase awareness and improve missing person response. The bill was passed into law by Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis and will serve residents and responders in Seminole, Sumter, and Bay Counties by providing Scent Kits, missing person awareness, specialized K-9 training and missing person response training.

## ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND WANDERING

For people diagnosed with a memory disorder or family members caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's Disease, the dangers of wandering and getting lost are a major concern. Studies have shown that **6 out of 10 people with Dementia will go missing.**

Florida has the second highest incidence of Alzheimer's Disease in the nation - only behind California. There are over 520,000 individuals currently living with Alzheimer's Disease in Florida with that number projected to grow to more than 720,000 by 2025.

## AUTISM AND WANDERING

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the prevalence of autism in U.S. children increased by 119.4% from 2000 (1 in 150) to 2010 (1 in 68). **The American Pediatric Association states that almost 505 of these children will go missing at least once before the age of 17.**

## SCENT KITS WORK

*"It lets us hit the ground running as soon as we get a report of a missing person."*

*-Sgt. Cunningham  
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office*



**Preserving the scent of your children before a wandering event happens can help responders find them fast and bring them home safely.**

**Learn more and order Scent Preservation Kits® at TheScentKit.com**