

Preparation Steps for Canine Bed Bug Scent Detection

- The residence floor should be thoroughly vacuumed prior to inspection.
- Remove all pets from the apartment at least 15 minutes prior to canine inspection. If this is not possible, please secure your pet in a room and we can move pets from room to room to avoid distractions.
- Remove all pets' water, food, and toys from inspection area. Place in a storage containers or plastic bag.
- Do not cook or smoke in the inspection area for at least one hour prior to canine inspection.
- Do not use any household cleaners or other chemicals or pesticides in your home for at least 24 hours prior to inspection.
- Inform us of any home remedies you have placed around the home to repel or kill bugs or other pests.
- There should be no exposed food items, dirty dishes, or unfinished beverages on the floor or on low tables (coffee or end tables) in the inspection area.
- Unplug all electric scented room deodorizers.
- Turn of all televisions and radios.
- Do not burn any candles beginning the night before the inspection.
- Do not spray any odor removing or deodorizing products, such as Febreze, beginning the night before the inspection.
- Please understand only one person may watch the inspection.
- No one may be in the room during the inspection. One observer may stand quietly in a doorway.
- No conversations or talking can take place while Kona is working.
- No questions will be answered while the handler is working with Kona.
- Absolutely no smoking, eating, cooking, or drinking is permitted during the inspection.
- Kona is a working dog; he cannot accept treats.
- Please do not attempt to pet or talk to Kona at any time.

For optimal results please consider the following:

Dogs use their noses to detect all kinds of information from the environment. Maybe you have heard the expression “a dog can smell fear.” Our canine, Kona, was handpicked, and at eight weeks old began his basic training. Today, after more than five years of working professionally with 1000s of inspections and hundreds of hours of training, I can assure you he has very advanced social skills in and around almost any environment this great city has to offer. The best results however do come from an uninterrupted quiet atmosphere.

There is one very important requirement we can request, that is to make the space Kona is going to work in as cool as possible. Somewhere between 68 and 75 degrees is optimal. Why do we ask for this?

Dogs aren't like people.

Obviously, dogs have a vastly different physiology than people. For one thing, dogs have fur -- the equivalent of a coat. Imagine yourself running around in the heat with a coat on and not being able to take it off! After a while, you'd start to sweat and look for something to drink -- the cooler the better.

To Cool Down.

Once their body temperatures rise, dogs can't sweat through their skin to cool off like we do. Dogs do sweat through their paw pads, but it's by panting that dogs circulate the necessary air through their bodies to cool down. When this happens, the nose is not used to its fullest potential and the scent detection capabilities are severely diminished.

Thank you for taking the time to review these steps, we look forward to helping you with your pest control needs.