

They can hide in your sofa. They can hide in your dirty clothes pile. But they get their name from their favorite hiding place, stalking you like Freddy Krueger in the night while you're sleeping: Bedbugs. Wingless insects that infest dwellings and feast on human blood.



Scout (left) and Ally (right) work with their handler Lani Nelson at K9 Scent Detection Hawaii, a division of Sandwich Isle Pest Solutions.

Bed Bugs Beware... There is NO Place to Hide!

by Lani Nelson

Bed bugs are very good at hiding and are difficult to control, making them a huge problem for residents and businesses. That's why Sandwich Isle Pest Solutions brought in Scout and Ally, the only dogs in Hawaii that can sniff out bed bugs. They have a 97 percent accuracy rate (compared to a human's puny 30 percent), and so are able to detect a single live bed bug or even a bed bug egg. They can tell you exactly where the little bloodsuckers are, so instead of having to treat your whole house or throw out furniture that you think may have bed bugs, you get a targeted, accurate elimination plan.

Scout and Ally are happy dogs because they are doing what they were bred to do... use their noses. Beagles are especially good scent detection canines because they are so

food driven. Watching them work you can see how much fun they have, especially when they are rewarded for a find. They only get fed when they find bed bugs, so bed bugs are hidden every day as part of their training. This way they are assured to get their food portion.


Scout (the outgoing one) is a 2 year old male lemon beagle who loves attention and getting his belly rubbed. He arrived in April of 2009 after graduating from J&K Canine Academy in High Springs, Florida. J&K found Scout at Osceola County Animal Shelter. Ally (the shy one) is a 3 year old female tricolor beagle who warms up to people quickly. She arrived from J&K in October of 2009 and was also rescued from a pound.

They both live on the North Shore with the Botha family, where they are well taken care



The nose knows...Scout sniffing out the giggahs.

of. They come to work Monday thru Friday from 9 to 4, and enjoy a regular exercise regimen to help keep them focused and fit. Scout and Ally love their job.

Having a canine scent detection inspection could mean the difference between having a quick resolution to your bed bug problem, or having the problem spread throughout your home. See Scout and Ally in action on the web at  k9scentdetectionhawaii.com.