

DOGS-East – Above Ground Evaluation

Handler: _____ Dog: _____

Date: _____ Time start: _____ Time end: _____

Evaluation Site: _____ Weather conditions: _____

	Sector 1	Sector 2	Sector 3
Number of Scent Sources			
Type of Scent Source Used			
Date/Time Scent Source Placed			
Dead Animal Sources – Yes/No			
Type of Dead Animal Source			
Date/Time Dead Animal Source Placed			

Handler Skill Score: _____

Dog Skill Score: _____

Team Skills Score: _____

Total Possible: _____

Total Possible: _____

Total Possible: _____

This dog team has PASSED / FAILED this evaluation.*

*Both dog and handler must pass 80% of the skills listed on the evaluation form as one of the criterion for passing this evaluation. Failure of any of the starred skills shall result in an automatic failure of entire test.

Describe the strengths and weaknesses of this team and provide recommendations to correct any weaknesses.

EVALUATOR _____

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HANDLER SKILLS – SECTOR 1		PASS		FAIL
*1.	Handler arrived on time and had appropriate gear to search.	P		F
2.	During the interview, Handler asked appropriate questions based upon the scenario.	P		F
3.	Handler outlined an effective search strategy based on the search area, wind conditions, time of day, clues and the scenario.	P		F
4.	Handler carried out described search strategy or made appropriate changes based on changing conditions/clues found.	P		F
5.	Handler demonstrated the ability to communicate using the radio and to communicate to base the coordinates of any clues and/or finds.	P		F
*6.	Handler demonstrated the ability to land navigate using map and compass.	P		F
7.	Handler marked on his map his route of travel, wind direction, alerts, clues and scent source location (if applicable).	P		F
8.	Handler was alert to visual clues.	P		F
*9.	Handler maintained control of his dog.	P		F
10.	Handler recognized and articulated his dog's alert on the scent source.	P		F
11.	Handler was able to differentiate between alerts on animals and the scent sources.	P		F
*12.	Handler adhered to guidelines regarding crime scene preservation.	P		F
13.	Handler gave a reasonable POD and debriefing.	P		F
*14.	Handler was able to accurately report the number and location of scent sources in the sector.	P		F
DOG SKILLS – SECTOR 1		PASS		FAIL
1.	Dog was focused and actively searching, i.e., moved out in front of or away from handler and did not stay consistently behind or close to handler.	P		F
2.	Dog continued to search despite common distractions associated with the search, e.g., livestock, wildlife, noise (brief interest is permissible as long as it did not interfere with the orderly conduct of the search).	P		F
3.	Dog attempted to follow up his alerts.	P		F
*4.	Dog located or set boundaries for each scent source.	P		F
*5.	After finding each scent source, dog indicated at the scent source or returned directly to handler and indicated.	P		F
6.	For teams with refinds, dog took handler directly back to the scent source without guidance or excessive urging from the handler.	P		F
*7.	Dog did not disturb the crime scene/scent source.	P		F
8.	Dog responded well to commands from handler.	P		F
TEAM SKILLS – SECTOR 1		PASS		FAIL
*1.	The dog team covered the area effectively.	P		F
*2.	The dog and handler made an effective team.	P		F

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HANDLER SKILLS – SECTOR 2		PASS		FAIL
1.	Handler outlined an effective search strategy based on the search area, wind conditions, time of day, clues and the scenario.	P		F
2.	Handler carried out described search strategy or made appropriate changes based on changing conditions/clues found.	P		F
3.	Handler demonstrated the ability to communicate using the radio and to communicate to base the coordinates of any clues and/or finds.	P		F
*4.	Handler demonstrated the ability to land navigate using map and compass.	P		F
5.	Handler marked on his map his route of travel, wind direction, alerts, clues and scent source location (if applicable).	P		F
6.	Handler was alert to visual clues.	P		F
*7.	Handler maintained control of his dog.	P		F
8.	Handler recognized and articulated his dog's alert on the scent source.	P		F
9.	Handler was able to differentiate between alerts on animal and the scent sources.	P		F
*10.	Handler adhered to guidelines regarding crime scene preservation.	P		F
11.	Handler gave a reasonable POD and debriefing.	P		F
*12.	Handler accurately reported the number and location of scent sources in the sector.	P		F
DOG SKILLS – SECTOR 2		PASS		FAIL
1.	Dog was focused and actively searching, i.e., moved out in front of or away from handler and did not stay consistently behind or close to handler.	P		F
2.	Dog continued to search despite common distractions associated with the search, e.g., livestock, wildlife, noise (brief interest is permissible as long as it did not interfere with the orderly conduct of the search).	P		F
3.	Dog attempted to follow up his alerts.	P		F
*4.	Dog located or set boundaries for each scent source.	P		F
*5.	After finding each scent source, dog indicated at the source or returned directly to handler and indicated.	P		F
6.	For teams with refinds, dog took handler directly back to the scent source without guidance or excessive urging from the handler.	P		F
*7.	Dog did not disturb the crime scene/scent source.	P		F
8.	Dog responded well to commands from handler.	P		F
TEAM SKILLS – SECTOR 2		PASS		FAIL
*1.	The dog team covered the area effectively.	P		F
*2.	The dog and handler made an effective team.	P		F

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HANDLER SKILLS – SECTOR 3		PASS		FAIL
1.	Handler outlined an effective search strategy based on the search area, wind conditions, time of day, clues and the scenario.	P		F
2.	Handler carried out described search strategy or made appropriate changes based on changing conditions/clues found.	P		F
3.	Handler demonstrated the ability to communicate using the radio and to communicate to base the coordinates of any clues and/or finds.	P		F
*4.	Handler demonstrated the ability to land navigate using map and compass.	P		F
5.	Handler marked on his map his route of travel, wind direction, alerts, clues and scent source location (if applicable).	P		F
6.	Handler was alert to visual clues.	P		F
*7.	Handler maintained control of his dog.	P		F
8.	Handler recognized and articulated his dog's alert on the scent source.	P		F
9.	Handler was able to differentiate between alerts on animal and the scent sources.	P		F
*10.	Handler adhered to guidelines regarding crime scene preservation.	P		F
11.	Handler gave a reasonable POD and debriefing.	P		F
*12.	Handler accurately reported the number and location of scent sources in the sector.	P		F
DOG SKILLS – SECTOR 3		PASS		FAIL
1.	Dog was focused and actively searching, i.e., moved out in front of or away from handler and did not stay consistently behind or close to handler.	P		F
2.	Dog continued to search despite common distractions associated with the search, e.g., livestock, wildlife, noise (brief interest is permissible as long as it did not interfere with the orderly conduct of the search).	P		F
3.	Dog attempted to follow up his alerts.	P		F
*4.	Dog located or set boundaries for each scent source.	P		F
*5.	After finding each scent source, dog indicated at the source or returned directly to handler and indicated.	P		F
6.	For teams with refinds, dog took handler directly back to the scent source without guidance or excessive urging from the handler.	P		F
*7.	Dog did not disturb the crime scene/scent source.	P		F
8.	Dog responded well to commands from handler.	P		F
TEAM SKILLS – SECTOR 3		PASS		FAIL
*1.	The dog team covered the area effectively.	P		F
*2.	The dog and handler made an effective team.	P		F