

MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE

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Search Dog Team Certification Standard

Appendix H

Wilderness Land Human Remains Detection Certification Test Evaluation Form

This form is to be used for evaluating each of the tests in Appendix H of the MASAR Search Dog Team Certification Standard. All sections of this form must be completed, and passing scores must be achieved in each, for the dog team to be certified.

Handler's Name: _____ Dog's Name: _____

Date: _____ Start Time: _____ Finish Time: _____

Location: _____

Water Body Description: _____

Weather: _____

Temperature: _____ Estimated Wind Direction and Strength: _____

Scent Used: _____

Section Scoring

Section 1: Pass _____ Fail _____ Section 2: Pass _____ Fail _____

Section 3 Total: _____ Section 4: Pass _____ Fail _____

*A minimum score of 39 is required to pass Section 3.

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Section 1 – General Requirements

All of the following skills and knowledge must be demonstrated before beginning the actual tests. A “**Yes**” answer must be received for all skills to pass this section and to continue testing.

<u>Skill</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Team meets all requirements in Part IV of the Search Dog Team certification standard	_____	_____
Meets all requirements in Part V, Section A, of the Search Dog Team Certification Standard	_____	_____

Section 1 - General Requirements Results

Pass? _____

Fail? _____

Section 1 - Preliminary Test

A “**Yes**” answer must be received for all skills to pass this section and to continue testing.

<u>Skill</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Locates the scent material in 30 minutes or less	_____	_____
No false alert(s)	_____	_____
If canine picks up or moves the scent source it stops immediately and is not slow to comply	_____	_____
Handler correctly identifies the locations and number of all scent sources present	_____	_____

Section 1 - Preliminary Test Results

Pass? _____

Fail? _____

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Section 1 - Preliminary Test Team Search Skills

The dog team's skills are to be observed by the evaluator during the test search using the criteria listed below. They are to be rated on a scale of 5 to 1, e.g. Excellent = 5, Above Average = 4, Average = 3, Below Average = 2, and Unacceptable = 1. Any category not observed receives a score of 3 and the notation N/O. The total score is to be entered at the bottom of this page. Note that if more than 3 of the evaluation criteria are not observed the evaluator(s) must decide whether the test should be redone.

<u>Evaluation Criteria</u>	<u>Score</u>
1) Handler plans efficient search, utilizing wind and existing environmental conditions to provide maximum coverage	_____
2) Handler demonstrates ability to judge sweeps of areas as to their suitability to the prevailing conditions	_____
3) Handler demonstrates ability to control and assist dog	_____
4) Handler recognizes when either member of team is working ineffectively and takes action to compensate for it or to remedy the situation	_____
5) Handler recognizes when dog alerts to human scent	_____
6) Dog performs refind or alert as described by handler	_____
7) Dog demonstrates ability to work under control	_____
8) Handler and dog work effectively with persons accompanying them	_____
9) Handler demonstrates ability to report clearly on map the following:	
A) Area and/or routes covered	_____
B) Estimated probability of detection for team	_____
C) Location of alert	_____
D) Wind direction and other factors pertinent to search	_____
E) Location of any clues encountered	_____

Section 1 - Preliminary Test Team Search Skills Results

Total Score _____

Section 2 - Team Search Test

Test A - Shoreline Search

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
1) Dog team alerts to scent:	_____	_____
2) Handler recognizes distance to scent source from dog, within range defined in standard:	_____	_____

Test B - Boat Search

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
1) Dog team indicates correct scent location:	_____	_____
2) Handler establishes indication location correctly on GPS:	_____	_____

Section 2 Results

Test A: Pass _____ Fail _____ Test B: Pass _____ Fail _____

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Team Search Skills

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Section 3 Results

Total Score _____

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Section 4 - Overall Team Evaluation

All of the following questions must be answered “**Yes**” to pass this section:

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
1) Did the dog remain focused on the task at hand?	_____	_____
2) Should this search dog team be certified?*	_____	_____

Section 4 Results

Pass? _____

Fail? _____

*If the response to this criteria is **No**, please explain why in the Comments section below.

Comments: _____

Recommendations: _____

Evaluator's Name: _____ Signed: _____