

MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE

Search Dog Team Certification Standard Appendices C and D

Certification Test Evaluation Form Basic or Advanced Tracking/Trailing for Wilderness Search

This form is to be used for evaluating each of the tests in Appendix C or D of the MASAR Search Dog Team Certification Standard. Both 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: _____

Track/Trail Description: _____

Weather: _____

Temperature: _____ Estimated Wind Direction and Strength: _____

Scent Article: _____ Navigator: _____

Search Article Descriptions:

Large: _____

Small: _____

Test Scoring

Section 1 Total: _____* Section 2: Pass _____ Fail _____

*A minimum score of 39 is required to pass.

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Section 1 - 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 Results

Total Score _____

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Section 2 - 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 dog find search subject?	_____	_____
2) Do the handler and dog show fitness and stamina adequate for the search problem?	_____	_____
3) Should this search dog team be certified?*	_____	_____
4) For advanced tracking/trailing testing only, did the dog find at least three articles on trail?	_____	_____

Section 2 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: _____