

The evaluation shall be conducted by a primary evaluator and another primary or associate evaluator as the co-evaluator.

Prior to the evaluation, the handler shall describe how he/she "reads the dog" as being on or off scent.

PARAMETERS

The trailing dog team shall successfully complete an approximately 48-hour-old trail that is unknown to the handler. The trail shall be approximately one half mile in length, have several decision points (i.e., intersections), and one change of direction. The trail shall be laid in a rural area and may cross paved roads/sidewalks.

The dog team must locate one subject in a maximum of 45 minutes.

Timing of the evaluation will begin with the deployment of the search dog.

Mandatory Performance Requirements

The team will be evaluated on essential trailing skills as listed below. The report on the team’s performance will be either YES, NO or N/A where N/A indicates not applicable or not observed. A NO rating by both evaluators on any of the performance parameters will result in failure of the test. A NO rating by only one of the evaluators will result in a “No Test.”

Handler: _____ SWSD #: _____ Date: _____

Dog: _____ Location: _____

Start Time: _____ Stop Time: _____ Pass: Fail:

Weather: _____ Temperature: _____

Age of Trail: _____

Trailing Problem Description: _____

Mandatory Prerequisites

No.	Mandatory Prerequisite (Must be checked prior to performing test)	✓
M1.	Handler certifications in CPR and first aid are current	
M2.	Handler Preliminary Requirements complete	
M3.	Dog Preliminary Requirements complete	
M4.	Physical Fitness requirement current	
M5.	Training Log current	

Mandatory Performance Requirements: Handler Skills

No.	Handler Skill	Yes	No	N/A
H1.	Conduct of Initial Interview/Scent Guide Collection			
H2.	Demonstration of Working Knowledge of Scent			
H3.	Ability to Read Dog			
H4.	Demonstration of Adequate Stamina			

Mandatory Performance Requirements: Trailing Dog Skills

No.	Trailing Dog Skill	Yes	No	N/A
D1.	Dog Trails to General Area of Subject			
D2.	Dog Stays On Task			
D3.	Dog Seems Motivated			
D4.	Dog Demonstrates Adequate Stamina			

Evaluator: _____ Co-Evaluator: _____

Subject: _____