

3.1 Trailing Preliminary Requirements**Effective Date 9/5/2013**

The following requirements must be completed before a team may take a field qualification test. Requirements must be signed off by SWSD primary evaluators.

1. Obedience On Leash and Sociability - CGC

The dog shall complete requirements for the American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen.

2. Confidence Agility On Leash

The dog and handler shall successfully negotiate the following obstacles with the dog on lead.

2.1 Climb and Balance

The handler and dog shall safely climb and balance on rocks such as large boulders, a wood pile or similar uneven terrain.

2.2 Tunnel

The team shall go through a culvert or tunnel

2.3 Steep Terrain

The team shall climb up a slope with some slippery/loose areas such as a pile of small rocks or leaves or loose dirt.

2.4 Crawl Under Obstacle

The dog shall demonstrate a crawl under an obstacle such as a barbed-wire fence or a gate.

2.5 Lift Over Barrier

The handler, with the assistance of two or three helpers, shall lift the dog over a three to four feet high fence or similar barrier. The dog shall be controlled throughout the exercise.

2.6 Lift Down

The handler, with the assistance of one or two helpers (if needed), shall demonstrate lifting the dog down from a four to five foot height, such as from a boulder, truck bed or helicopter. The dog shall be controlled throughout the exercise.

3. Transport

The handler and his/her dog and pack shall be transported in a vehicle with other handlers and their dogs. There shall be not more than four nor less than two handlers and dogs per vehicle. The dogs shall be under control of their handlers at all times. The handlers and dogs shall be transported on a bumpy road for five minutes. The dogs shall remain calm and not struggle or show aggression.

4. Night Search Training

The team shall participate in two night search training exercises in order to experience searching at night. The trail may not be known to the handler. Each trail shall be approximately one fourth to one half mile in length, have several decision points (i.e., intersections), and at least one change of direction. One shall be in an urban environment and one in wilderness.

5. Training on 96-Hour Old Trail

The trailing dog team shall demonstrate running at least one 96-hour-old trail. The team is not required to be successful and may know where the trail was laid. The handler should use the skills to identify the dog's capabilities and limitations when encountering trails that are aged more than 48 hours.

6. Successful Completion of 4 to 24-Hour Old Urban Trail

The trailing dog team shall successfully complete 4 to 24-hour old trail on streets and sidewalks in an urban or suburban area. The handler may not know where the trail was laid. The handler should use this exercise to determine the dog's capabilities and limitations in the urban environment. The trail will include heavily traveled streets and less frequently traveled streets. The trail will also contain segments with openings (i.e. driveways) that will collect scent as cars cross or drive adjacent to the trail. The trail shall be one quarter mile in length.

7. Trail Head Verification

The team shall be provided a scent guide and two last known points (LKP's) such as trailheads along with a direction of travel for each. The handler shall start the dog at either LKP, handler's choice. One of the LKP's shall be valid. The handler shall not know which one. The handler must identify the trailhead which the subject has been at before the dog trails in to the subject. The evaluator shall tell the handler the distance on each trail within which the handler must make the call as to whether the LKP is a valid one or not. Once the handler has called which trail is valid, the team may trail in to the subject to reward the dog.

8. Cadaver Scent Exposure

The handler should use this skill to gain knowledge of how the trailing dog may respond to deceased human scent. The exercise is not a cadaver training exercise nor does it in any way certify/qualify the dog for cadaver search work. In a natural environment, cadaver scent shall be placed at ground level, but in-accessible to the dog. Wind direction must be given careful consideration in setting up the exercise. The scent item shall be placed so that it is not easily seen but the handler shall know the location of the scent item.

The exposure exercise should be set up in such a way that the dog will discover the cadaver scent, rather than have the scent pointed out to the dog. The dog may be off or on leash. The handler shall document the dog's behavior on the sign-off sheet.

9. Helicopter Training (Optional)

The handler and dog shall participate in helicopter safety training. The dog shall demonstrate the ability to be safely loaded by the handler and one other team member or helicopter crew member on and off from an operating helicopter with rotors in motion.

Handler _____ **SWSD #** _____ **Dog** _____

Instructions: It is the handler’s responsibility to have each of the categories listed signed and dated by an evaluator.

1. Obedience and Sociability - CGC

Date _____ Signature _____

2. Confidence Agility

2.1 Climb & balance on rocks etc. Date _____ Signature _____

2.2 Tunnel Date _____ Signature _____

2.2 Steep terrain Date _____ Signature _____

2.2 Crawl under obstacle Date _____ Signature _____

2.3 Lift over barrier Date _____ Signature _____

2.4 Lift down Date _____ Signature _____

3. Transport

In a vehicle with 2-4 dogs, bumpy road, 5 minutes, under control

Date _____ Signature _____

4. Night Search Dog Training

4.1 Wilderness Date _____ Signature _____

4.2 Urban Date _____ Signature _____

5. 96-Hour-Old Training Trail

Date _____ Signature _____

6. Successfully Completed 4 to 24-Hour-Old Urban Trail

Date _____ Signature _____

Handler _____ SWSD # _____ Dog _____

7. Trailhead Verification

Date _____ Signature _____

8. Cadaver Scent Exercise

Dog exposed to decomposed human scent.

Date _____ Signature _____

The dog's behavior/reactions were: _____

9. Helicopter Training (Optional)

Date _____ Signature _____

TEAM HAS COMPLETED ALL REQUIREMENTS

Date _____ Signature _____