

# Endorsements

*Police Service Dog*

*Narcotics Detection Dog*

*Explosive/Firearm Detection Dog*

*Bloodhound Trailing Dog*

*Search and Rescue Dog (air scent, water recovery, cadaver detection and/or disaster dog)*

1. Must be a member in good standing of E.S.W.D.A for at least three (3) years.
2. Must meet all local and state requirements and conform to the standards as set forth by the E.S.W.D.A..
3. Must train all dogs to minimum Association standards.
4. Must file a notarized resume with the secretary of the Association. Included will be a copy of the training curriculum offered by said trainer. Included in the resume will be a list of trained dogs for verification, description of his/her experience with training and/or handling working dogs, to what levels all dogs were trained, and reasons why he/she is applying for accreditation.
5. Pass oral and written exams administered by the accreditation committee. A passing grade on the written exam is 80% or better. The oral exam is on a pass/fail basis.
6. Trainers with either trainer/evaluator or master trianer/evaluator accreditation may certify dogs only for which they hold endorsements for, and dogs must meet E.S.W.D.A. standards and be E.S.W.D.A. members.
7. Trainers accreditation is valid as long as the member remains in good standing with the E.S.W.D.A.. All trainers must file a current notarized resume every two (2) years with the secretary of this Association. In addition, every ESWDA trainer must instruct at least one (1) sanctioned ESWDA seminar per year. Trainer accreditation will be suspended after 12 months has lapsed without instructing and can only be restored after successfully instructing at an ESWDA sanctioned seminar and being reinstated by the accreditation committee. (eff. 10/2004)
8. Applicants wishing to gain trainer status but lacking in the required experience shall serve an apprenticeship under a E.S.W.D.A. trainer until such required experience is met for trainer/evaluator level.
9. If an applicant fail the written or oral portion of the trainers accreditation, he/she must wait

at least three (3) months before taking a re-test.

**10.** To gain endorsements, the applicant must show the required number of dogs which have been tested and passed to this Association's standards for each endorsement being requested.

**11.** All trainer accreditations and endorsements are reviewed by the accreditation committee and the Association President on a periodic basis. If at the discretion of the Accreditation Committee or the Association President the accredited trainer's standards have fallen below this Association's requirement, the trainer's accreditation will be suspended. After the suspension period has elapsed the suspended trainer must re-apply for their accreditation in accordance with the above requirements cited in steps 1-11.