



EASTERN STATES WORKING DOG ASSOCIATION SAR WILDERNESS SEARCH DOG

Objective:

This test is designed to determine if the K-9 team is capable of finding both a stationary subject and moving subjects in an unfamiliar area. The test will be a two (2) part test with the first part being held during normal daylight hours and two (2) hidden subjects. One of the hidden subjects will remain stationary until found by the K-9 team, and the other subject will wander aimlessly around the test area until being found by the K-9 team.

The second part of the test will be held during night hours with one (1) hidden subject being stationary until found by the K-9 team. The night portion of this test is allowed to start after one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour past sunset.

Hidden Subject:

The subject(s) will be unknown to the dog when possible. The subject(s) will receive instruction from the examining K-9 trainer. The subject(s) will be placed in the test area for sixty (60) minutes prior to the K-9 team beginning the test.

Handler:

The handler will be briefed on the area to be searched i.e., boundaries, and also a description of the lost subject, area last seen, and any other pertinent or known information about the hidden subject which may aid the K-9 team in their search. The handler will be expected to organize their search of the area in a manner which allows the efficient, thorough coverage of the search area.

Haphazard searching of the area will cause the K-9 team to fail this test. The handler will be expected to observe all prudent safety practices during this test. Failure by the handler to not perform the search in a safe manner will result in the K-9 team failing the test.

The handler will be expected to be able to identify when their dog has detected human scent and be able to follow their K-9 to the hidden subject. The K-9 must make a clear indication to both the handler and the examining K-9 trainer and may either perform a re-find or bark and lead the team to where the hidden subject is located.

Test Area:

The test area for the daylight portion of the test will be a minimum of one hundred sixty (160) acres and not more than one hundred eighty (180) acres. The test area should have a mixture of both wooded and medium brush areas.

The test area for the night portion of the test will be a minimum of forty (40) acres and not more than sixty (60) acres. The test area should have a mixture of both wooded and medium brush areas.

Time:

The time limit for this test will be two and one half ($2 \frac{1}{2}$) hours for the daylight portion of the test.

The time limit for the night portion of this test will be two (2) hours.

This certification will be valid for one (1) year from the date of issue.