



American Rescue Dog Association
Area Search Basic Field Assessment – Dense Brush

Pass: Fail:

Date: _____ Assessor: _____

Handler: _____ Canine: _____

Location: _____

Subject (1): _____ Time Placed: _____ Time Located: _____

Coordinates: Actual: _____ Reported (per handler): _____

Number of Clues Placed: _____ Number of Clues Located: _____

This Assessment Includes a Simulated: Medical Emergency Crime Scene

Temperature Range: _____° - _____° Wind Direction/Speed: _____ mph

Conditions: Clear Cloudy Fog Rain Snow Humidity: _____

Start Time: _____ Finish Time: _____ Total Time: _____

Distances (feet or meters): Average Range: _____ (canine to handler)
Recall/Refind: _____ (subject to handler)
Bark Alert: _____ (subject to handler)

Comments: _____

Assessor Signature

Handler Signature

Notes:

- Failure to locate an article(s) placed as a clue does not count against handler or K9.
- **Please attach handler's map of search area to the assessment form.**



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Pass/Fail Criteria

Note: Criteria with an *number and grayed block are non-critical to passing this assessment.

Handler			
1. Clothed and equipped for search conditions.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	12. Looks for clues; marks and communicates any found.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
2. Asks questions during briefing to fill in missing information.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	13. Systematically marks boundaries and alerts.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
3. Recognizes conditions (wind, weather, terrain).	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	14. Uses correct communications protocol.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
4. Develops/explains search plan based on conditions and briefing.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	15. Initiates calls as needed to relay pertinent information (to base).	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
5. Executes search as planned; explains any changes.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	*16. If applicable, takes appropriate actions for medical emergencies.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
6. Navigates to and in assigned area using map and compass.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	*17. If applicable, takes appropriate actions for crime scenes.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
7. Gives correct grid coordinates for locations.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	18. Correctly interprets dog's behavior; reacts accordingly.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
8. Records GPS tracks and waypoints.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	19. Cares for self and dog (hydrate, monitor heat/cold, breaks).	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
9. Covers assigned area(s) in time limit with no big gaps (unless unsafe).	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	20. Completes hand-drawn maps including pertinent information.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
10. Has good working stamina and pace for duration.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	21. Relates pertinent information at debriefing.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
11. Maneuver in and maintain search pattern in dense brush.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail		
Canine			
1. Eagerly engages and focuses on task.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	8. Willingly leaves handler and makes "find" via air-scenting with no help from handler or subject.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
2. Is not unduly distracted or lose interest.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	9. Demonstrates its trained indication when it makes the "find".	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
3. Ranges appropriate to conditions while maintaining contact with handler.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	10. Reacts favorably to subject; willingly approaches subject.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
4. Has good working stamina and pace for duration.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	11. Does nothing inappropriate (harmful) to subject.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
5. Willing and able to maneuver in dense brush.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	12. Locates the subject within time limit.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
6. Demonstrates long-range detection for conditions.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	13. When released by handler, eagerly engages subject for reward.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
7. Persists to work scent from point of initial detection to subject.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail		

Assessor Initials _____

Date _____