

RESCUE DOG AREA SEARCH TEST LEVEL A RH-FL A

Consists of: Scent Work 200 Points

SECTION A - SCENT WORK

Highest Possible Score: 200 Points

Overall Performance of Task 80 Points

Victim location / 2 victims: (60 Points each) 120 Points

Time limit: 15 minutes maximum for the search

Size of Area: 100 x 200 meters, open and covered terrain

Victim(s): 2 victims.

General Rules:

To give all dogs an equal chance, several people with dogs must go to the testing area approx. 15 minutes before the beginning of the test.

The victims are to be brought to the testing area approx. 10 minutes prior to the test. The dog and the handler must not be able to see this placement.

The judge will determine the direction of the search at the beginning of the test.

The direction of the search must be maintained for the entire test and the area must be searched in one sweep, searching backwards is not permitted.

The dog handler is to stay on the middle path, which is to be marked approx. every 50 meters.

The directability of the dog is to be assessed by the judge.

The search-ready dog may wear an identifying harness and/or collar.

Before beginning the search, the dog handler must declare the type of alert the dog will give: alert by barking, alert by "Bringse!" or "Recall" whereby the dog runs back and forth between the dog handler and the victim on the quickest path thereby leading the handler to the victim.

If the alert behaviour of the dog is triggered by the dog handler or the victim, the person will be awarded 0 points. While alerting, the dog may receive absolutely no support from the dog handler or the victim.

Performance Rules:

The dog handler and his dog are to wait out of sight until called.

The dog is to search the area for a scent at the command of his handler. The intensity of the search and the directability of the dog are to be assessed.

The dog handler may not leave his starting position until the dog alerts or unless directed to do so by the judge.

The victims must be laying or sitting calmly. Sight and touch contact between the victim and the dog should be possible. The location of the victim is to be changed after every dog.

The dog must alert clearly when the victim is found. The dog handler must report the alert to the judge and may not go to his dog until instructed to do so by the judge. The dog must remain within 2 meters of the victim while barking until the handler arrives. The composition of the terrain is to be taken into account. When using the "Bringsel" or "Recall" method, the dog must bring its handler to the victim on a direct path.

Following the location of the victim and at the command of the judge, the exercise is to be continued at the place where the dog handler was when he reported the alert.

The search is to be ended by the judge.

Evaluation:

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| 1 st | False Alert | minus 40 points |
| 2 nd | False Alert | termination of the exercise in section A |

The dog handler cannot pass the test if a victim is not found.
Failure to find a victim will result in a penalty of 61 points.

This part of the test is completed when the dog handler reports to the judge and signs out and the judge announces the marks.