

Narcotics Detector Dog Performance Objectives

Narcotics Detector Dog [PSP-2]

These Performance Objectives are based on a Reality-based format, in order to optimize training efficiency and also to provide the most realistic training environment possible, within the current time/logistical constraints.

The skills outlined in the Performance Objectives are considered valuable for the seasoned/veteran Narcotics Detector Dog. A synopsis of these skills is as follows.

1. K-9 Searching (a.k.a. K-9 Sniff Test).

1. Sniffing a location/object to determine the presence/absence of the odor of contraband.



2. Pinpointing the strongest source of an odor of contraband, once odor is detected.

3. Bypassing distracting odors which may be interesting to the Dog.

2. K-9 Indication.

1. Alerting the Handler to the presence of the odor of contraband. An Alert is the "natural behavior" the Dog exhibits when it first perceives a target odor, behavior which the Handler recognizes due to frequent observation, but which may not be easily perceived by an unskilled person.



2. Indicating the source of the odor to the Handler. An Indication is behavior which is easily perceived by the Handler or an unskilled person. This behavior may be a "trained" behavior or it may be a "final response" the Dog exhibited on its own.

3. K-9 Obedience.

1. A Narco Dog should have sufficient obedience skills to perform its function. Obedience skills are relative to the individual Handler, Agency, and application(s) the dog may have. For example, it is anticipated that a Narco Dog that is also a Patrol Dog will have more obedience skills. Likewise, a particular Handler or Agency is likely to have preferences on what commands the dog should be trained to.



The Dog and Handler can be successfully trained to an appropriate skill level by a qualified Detector Dog Instructor. The competency can then be evaluated and declared by a qualified Detector Dog Judge.

The substances on which a Dog is trained and evaluated shall be determined by jurisdictional need.

The quantities of the substances in the competency evaluation shall be comparable to quantities experienced in deployment. The only exception is the exercise involving buried narcotics (or its substitute), in which a minimum of 1000 grams are to be used. The substances shall be packaged in various materials or containers.

A Dog shall be evaluated only on substances with which it has been trained, and sufficient documentation exists to validate sufficient exposures to the individual substances.

The Narcotics Detector Dog evaluation shall be concluded within a reasonable time frame after it is begun. Most evaluations can be completed in 48 hours, barring some logistical problems, such as weather, injury, or other uncontrollable situation. The intent is to establish that the Dog's mental and physical endurance are sufficient to withstand the rigors of active service.

Definitions and Examples of Narcotics Detector Dog Behavior

1. **Searching** (a.k.a. K-9 Sniff Test): Searching is the behavior the Dog exhibits when it is hunting for an odor it has been trained to detect and it does so primarily by use of its nose. When searching with optimal efficiency, the Dog shall be calm, methodical, intense, focused, and sniffing rather than searching primarily with its eyes. Although all Dogs that are searching efficiently use their noses, some Dogs exhibit unique behavior while searching. These unique behaviors may include whining and barking, hopping or bouncing, rapid sideways or serpentine movements, etc. These behaviors, though non-typical, usually have little influence on the quality of the Dog's searching. Most often, these unique behaviors are motivated by other Drives or Character Traits which may be present in the Dog. When a Dog is Searching, the actual sniffing behavior is observed either with the Dog's nose close to the item being sniffed or with its nose pointed toward the location the Dog is attempting to focus on, as if testing the object/direction for the presence of the target odor.



This Narco Dog performs a K-9 Sniff Test in the trunk of an automobile.



This Narco Dog performs a K-9 Sniff Test on piles of clothing.



This Narco Dog performs a K-9 Sniff Test in a warehouse.

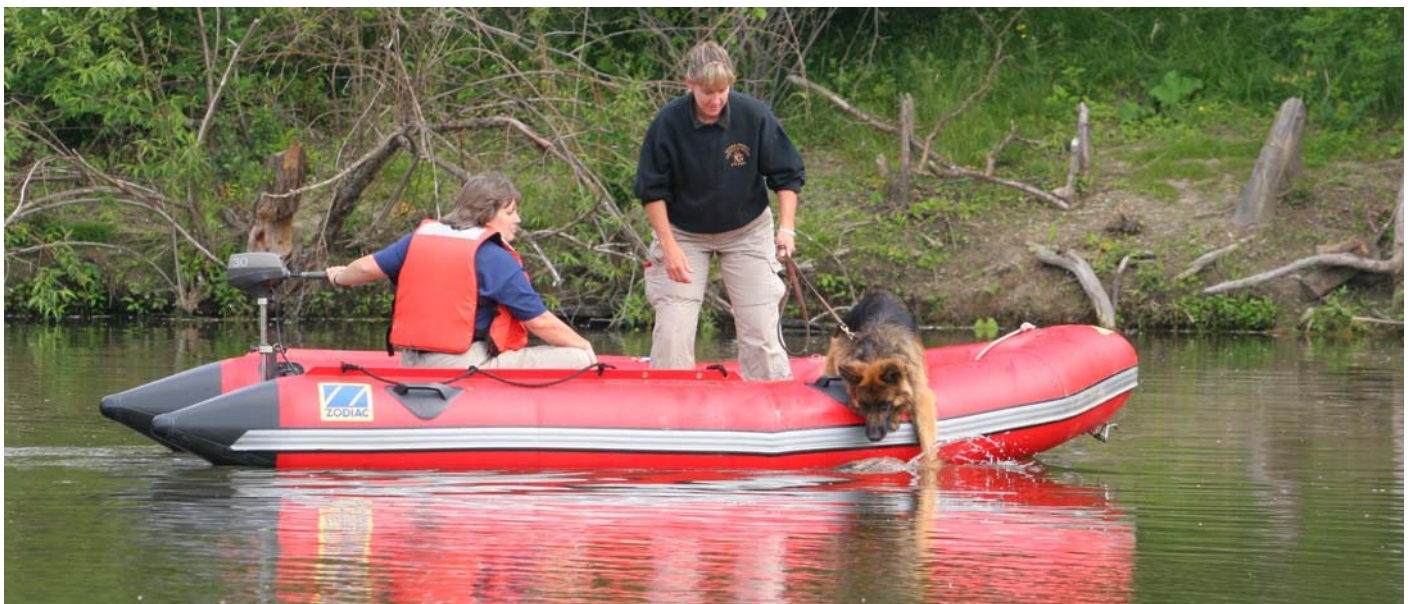
2. **Ranging:** Ranging is a unique Searching behavior that is usually exhibited only when a Dog is deployed in a large open search area, such as a field or forest. It is similar to the behavior seen by wild dogs as they move about large open areas searching for a target odor. Ranging behavior is equally efficient as Searching behavior, it is only on a larger scale. When a Dog is Ranging, the actual sniffing behavior is observed with the Dog's head 6"-18" off the ground, as if testing wind currents. Although Ranging behavior may be seen in a Narco Dog that is called upon to search any large open area, it is most often observed among other types of Detector Dogs. See the following photos for examples of Ranging behavior.



A Wildlife Detector Ranges through a 50 acre wooded area for poached game. Notice the "Wild-Tracking" behavior evidenced by the high nose, showing a balance of Tracking Drive and Air Scenting Drive.



A Cadaver Detector Dog Ranges through a large rubble pile search area in an attempt to locate decomposed human victims. This rubble pile was almost 2 acres in size.



A Police Search & Rescue Dog indicates on the presence of odor of a drowning victim in a lake after Ranging back and forth across the lake, checking the wind current. This also equates to ranging behavior, although the dog didn't maneuver itself through the search area.

3. **Distraction:** A Narcotics Detector Dog should not be thwarted by a "Distraction" while deployed on a canine sniff. For Narco Dog purposes, a Distraction is a naturally-occurring odor/object which may be present in a location the Dog is called upon to sniff. Examples of Distractions are a tennis ball inside a school locker or the odor of a dead animal.

It is normal and acceptable that a properly-trained Narcotics Detector Dog may notice a Distraction. The Dog may even pause momentarily at the Distraction, but a properly-trained Narcotics detector Dog will not exhibit Alert nor Indication behavior on a Distraction.



Distraction of tire rubber around Cocaine



Distraction of human clothing and food around Methamphetamine



Distraction of a dead bird in a search area.

4. **Diversion:** A Narcotics Detector Dog should not be thwarted by a "Diversion" while deployed on a canine sniff. For Narco Dog purposes, a Diversion is an odor/object placed in a location with the intent to divert the Dog away from a narcotics stash or defeat the "K-9 Sniff Test" (an example is coffee grounds packed around a quantity of narcotics inside a hidden cavity of a vehicle). It is normal that a properly-trained Narcotics Detector Dog may notice a Diversion. The Dog may even pause momentarily at the Diversion, but a properly-trained Narcotics Detector Dog will not exhibit Alert nor Indication behavior on a Diversion.



Diversion of mustard around packets of Marijuana



Diversion of automatic transmission fluid around Methamphetamine



Diversion of Cat food around Marijuana



Diversion of fuel to hide odor of Marijuana

In response to the Federal Court ruling in U.S. v. Medina, Case No. 2:13-CR-140 TS, U.S. District Court for the District of Utah, 2014 U.S. Dist. Lexis 60213, certain Diversions will always be placed in the certification examination. There will always be at least "packaging material" and "cutting agent" present. The specific packaging material and cutting agent will not be disclosed until after the examination is concluded.

5. **Currency:** Drug-tainted currency on which a Narco Dog Indicates has become a hotly-debated legal issue in the past several years. Currently, if currency can be reasonably linked to illegal drug activity, it may be seized by the government. Accordingly, a Narcotics Detector Dog should be trained to disregard and bypass the odor of uncirculated currency, if it should encounter it during the course of a canine sniff. The odor of currency should not accidentally nor purposely become a target odor for a typical Narcotics Detector Dog. Conversely, if a Narcotics Detector Dog Indicates on a location/object and the contents appear to be only currency, then it is obvious that the Indication was on a narcotics odor, not the currency itself. An example is shown below in the sequence of photographs wherein the Narco Dog passes by uncirculated currency and then Indicates on narcotics odor which has odorized the currency with drug odor.



Uncirculated currency being hidden in a vehicle cavity prior to a K-9 Sniff Test.



Narcotics being hidden in another cavity within the same vehicle as the currency.



Narco Dog being deployed to conduct a canine sniff of the suspect vehicle.



Narco Dog sniffing the cavity of the vehicle wherein the uncirculated currency has been placed.



Narco Dog bypasses the odor of uncirculated currency and continues its canine sniff.



Narco Dog continuing its canine sniff, not influenced by the presence of uncirculated currency.



Narco Dog continuing its canine sniff, in spite of the presence of uncirculated currency.



Narco Dog Alerting to and Pinpointing the source of a target narcotics odor.



Narco Dog has Pinpointed the source of a narcotic odor and Indicates by sitting, notice the stare at source.

6. **Alerting:** Alerting is a behavior exhibited by a Narco Dog when it transitions from general scanning behavior (when it has not yet detected any target odor) to Pinpointing behavior (when it has detected target odor). A person who is familiar with the Dog, such as the Handler or the Instructor, may easily recognize the Alert behavior and perceive that the Dog has encountered the target odor. There are similarities between Pinpointing behavior and Alert behavior, however, each has unique qualities to it. Alert behavior may consist of a pronounced or sudden head movement (which is recognized as an attempt to isolate odor), or some other articulable behavior which the Handler or Trainer has observed to be consistent when the Dog Alerts.



This Narco Dog makes a sudden "head check" and follows the scent cone of drug odor to its source.



The Narco Dog continues to resolve the exact source of the drug odor. This "resolution" is the Alert.



The Narco Dog has now localized the odor source. The Alert behavior cannot be trained into a K-9 ... it is natural behavior.

When a Dog performs an Alert, the Handler - and sometimes a highly skilled K-9 expert - is able to perceive the following:

1. change of behavior from Searching/Ranging to Pinpointing;
2. focus narrows to a particular location or zone where the odor was detected;
3. intensity increases as the Dog closes in on its target;
4. deep nasal breathing begins, rather than short sniffs;
5. pronounced "closing in" on the source of the odor, meaning the Dog is attempting to isolate a particular spot;
6. odor-fixated behavior which is noticeably different from general sniffing,
7. resists leaving the area where odor was detected;
8. resists distractions, such as officer(s) moving in closer to assess the Dog's behavior or other sounds;
9. when the task is reinforced by a verbal search command, may result in an Indication.
10. if the Dog is showing interest only - on a non-drug odor - and the task command is given, the Dog is likely to continue the search, rather than Indicate.

The United States Military Working Dog Program utilizes a special term for the "Alert" described herein, it is the "Just Noticeable Difference" or JND.

2.2.1.1 *JND is the animal's ability to detect slight changes or differences pertaining to a specific sense. All sensing systems are included in this definition. Examples of JND include the smelling of a weak odor as opposed to a stronger odor, the hearing of low volume noises as opposed to louder volumes, the feeling of light pressure as opposed to progressively heavier pressure, and so on.* (<http://www.e-publishing.af.mil/pubfiles/af/31/afman31-219/afman31-219.pdf>)

7. **Pinpointing:** If a Narco Dog is deployed on a search for the presence of a target odor, it shall do so as described herein. If it perceives a target odor, it shall immediately pinpoint the source of the odor. Pinpointing differs from Searching in that it is evaluated as independent behavior manifested by the Dog, whereas Searching is a Handler-controlled behavior.



This Narco Dog has Pinpointed the exact location of the odor source and prepares to Indicate.



This Narco Dog has Pinpointed the exact location of the odor source and prepares to Indicate.

8. **Indicating:** Indicating is the trained behavior exhibited by a Narco Dog after it has "Alerted" to a drug odor and "Pinpointed" its strongest source. Indicating is subdivided into behaviors identified as "Aggressive" or "Passive." An Aggressive Indication is observed when a Dog barks, bites, or scratches when it Indicates. A Passive Indication is observed when a Dog sits, stands, downs, or freezes when it Indicates. Either Aggressive or Passive Indication is suitable for a Narco Dog.



Aggressive Indication on a stash of narcotics.



Aggressive Indication at the source of a narcotic odor.



Aggressive Indication on the seam of a vehicle ... narcotics inside.



Passive Indication on a stash of narcotics in a child's toy. Notice that the Dog gets its nose very close without touching the source.



Passive Indication on a target odor via a "Down" position. Notice the intense stare at the source of the odor.



Passive Indication on a drug odor via a "Point" ... this Dog was so intent that it even "flagged" its tail like a hunting dog.

It is critical to note that the trained behavior is likely to be exhibited only when the Dog is physically able to do so. For example, if a Narco Dog Alerts to odor and crawls underneath a vehicle as it Pinpoints, it may not be able to scratch due to the confined space ... and may just freeze in position. This is, nonetheless, an Indication to the Handler that the Dog has located the strongest source of odor.



A Narco Dog that can only pinpoint the source of a target odor by jumping up to it, may repeatedly jump up to the exact location and attempt to place its nose on the source. When this behavior is consistently observed on high finds, it is also acceptable as an Indication.



A Narco Dog that normally Aggressive Indicates may "Freeze" in position and stare (aka "Point" as Hunting Dogs do) at the source of the odor because it cannot scratch easily. When this behavior is consistently observed on high finds, it is also acceptable as an Indication.

Similarly, if drugs are stashed in a room at a point high above the Dog's reach, it may Alert, Pinpoint, and then begin jumping up in the air in an attempt to get to the drug stash in the ceiling ... this is also an Indication to the Handler that the Dog has located the strongest source of odor. Again, if a Dog is sniffing the interior of a vehicle wherein a large quantity of drugs are stashed, it may have extreme difficulty locating the exact source (smoky room effect) and may Alert/Pinpoint for an extended period of time, and not Indicating. This behavior, when it is exhibited consistently and reliably, is also acceptable.

Finally, two more points are important to understand. First, Indicating is a trained behavior to tell the Handler (and others, such as an Attorney, a Judge, or a Jury) that the strongest source of odor is at a certain spot. Second, Indicating does not always occur and is dependent on the environment. Indicating is optimal but not critical to the interdiction of drugs in a criminal investigation when profound Alerting behavior is being displayed.

9. **Sit:** If the Handler halts while Heeling, the Dog shall, without command or signal, sit immediately in the Heel position. A proper sit at Heel is observed when the K-9's shoulder is in line with the Handler's knee, as shown in the accompanying photograph. The Handler shall not move in order to favor the Dog's position, but rather, the Dog shall position itself according to the Handler. If the Handler gives a sit command when the K-9 is not in the Heel position, the K-9 should immediately sit in whatever position it is in at that moment.



Down: If the Handler commands or signals the Dog to Down, it shall comply immediately. If this occurs during Heeling, the Dog shall lie parallel to the Handler. If this occurs during a detection task, the Dog shall lie as commanded.



11. **Point:** Point is another term for a Narco Dog that freezes in a position when it Indicates. Pointing is related to Indication behavior. Some hunting breeds have been selectively bred to Point when a target is located and this may be utilized by some Handlers as the Indication behavior for that Dog. Other Dogs may even be trained to freeze in position when they Indicate, at the Handler's choice. The terms Point and Freeze are used interchangeably.



12. **Behavior in Public:** If the Handler walks through a group of people, the Dog should remain at Heel - neutral and safe - to the people. Touching or sniffing is faulty. The Handler shall ensure sufficient space between the Dog and others. This neutral and safe demeanor shall be maintained, even if the Handler speaks or a person speaks to the Handler.



13. **Pain Tolerance:** Pain Tolerance or "Hardness" is a critical issue for the Narco Dog in modern society. For examination purposes, pain tolerance is evaluated by observing the Narco Dog during uncomfortable situations.



Narcotics Detector Dog Certification Scenarios

Successful performance in the following scenarios are considered important for the seasoned/veteran Narcotics Detector Dog.

1. **Human Clothing Sniff Scenario.** The Handler shall deploy the Dog in a scenario which has been prepared to examine the Dog's ability to locate two separate stashes of narcotics which have been hidden among six (6) piles of human clothing. This represents the environment which may be encountered in residential deployments. A diversion will also be placed within the search area. Three piles of clothing will have neither narcotics odor nor a diversion inside. These piles shall constitute a blank search in this scenario.



2. **Residential Sniff.** The Handler shall deploy the Dog in a scenario which has been prepared to examine the Dog's ability to locate three (3) separate stashes of narcotics which have been hidden in a residence consisting of at least three (3) rooms. This represents the environment which may be encountered in residential deployments. A diversion will also be placed within the search area. Three areas of the residence will have neither narcotics odor nor a diversion inside. These areas shall constitute a blank search in this scenario. In order to validate that the Dog is focusing on the target odor, a common cutting agent used in illegal drug trafficking (i.e., sugar, baking soda, etc.) shall also be hidden in the search area.



3. **Automobile Sniff.** The Handler shall deploy the Dog in a scenario which has been prepared to examine the Dog's ability to locate two (2) separate stashes of narcotics, one (1) which has been hidden on the exterior and one (1) which has been hidden in the interior, of an automobile. This represents the environment which may be encountered during traffic stops or other vehicular deployments. A diversion will also be placed within the search area. For Utah POST certification, this diversion shall be uncirculated currency. If it should occur that the Dog locates both drug stashes prior to encountering the currency, the Dog shall be required to sniff the vicinity where the currency is hidden, to determine if the Dog exhibits a neutral response to its presence. At least one additional vehicle will have neither narcotics odor nor a diversion inside. This vehicle/s shall constitute a blank search in this scenario.



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4. **Business Establishment Sniff.** The Handler shall deploy the Dog in a scenario which has been prepared to examine the Dog's ability to locate two (2) separate stashes of narcotics which have been hidden in a business establishment or stockroom/storage facility. This represents the environment which may be encountered during a criminal investigation or a request from a proprietor to audit the facility. At least one additional room will have neither narcotics odor nor a diversion inside. This room shall constitute a blank search in this scenario.



5. **Livestock/Stable Sniff or Equivalent.** The Handler shall deploy the Dog in a scenario which has been prepared to examine the Dog's ability to locate two (2) separate stashes of narcotics which have been hidden in a barn or in animal stalls. This represents the environment which may be encountered in a rural circumstance. At least one additional stall will have neither narcotics odor nor a diversion inside. This stall shall constitute a blank search in this scenario. Some agencies/Handlers may feel this to be a lesser-priority incident. For Utah POST certification, this scenario may be substituted with another higher-priority scenario of comparable difficulty at the request of the Agency/Handler.



6. **Dark Room Sniff.** The Handler shall deploy the Dog in a scenario which has been prepared to examine the Dog's ability to locate two (2) separate stashes of narcotics which have been hidden in a totally dark search area such as a cellar, bunker, etc. This represents the environment which may be encountered when no electricity is available in a search area. In this search the only illumination shall be by hand-held flashlight. In order to validate that the Dog is focusing on the target odor, a common packaging material used in illegal drug trafficking (i.e., cellophane, duct tape, etc.) shall also be hidden in the search area.



7. **Buried Stash Sniff or Equivalent.** The Handler shall deploy the Dog in a scenario which has been prepared to examine the Dog's ability to locate one (1) stash of narcotics (1000 grams) which has been buried in an 800 square yard field/forest search area. At least one additional burial site will have neither narcotics odor nor a diversion inside. This hole/s shall constitute a blank search in this scenario. Some agencies/Handlers may feel this to be a lesser-priority incident. For Utah POST certification, this scenario may be substituted with another higher-priority scenario of comparable difficulty at the request of the Agency/Handler.



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Dog Kilo Breed Belgian Malinois Dog Whelped 1 January 2008 (whelping date is required for computer records, if unknown enter "best guess" date)

Handler John Doe DOB 21 May 1974 Date of Cert 15 April 2014

Department Anywhere Police Department

Full Address 1234 Anyplace Street, Anywhere, ST 00000

Contact: Work 000-000-0000 Cell 000-000-0000 Email johndoe@xxxxxxxx.xxx

Total Exam grade points 77 / 28 = Overall rating of 2.75

Total Indication points 39 / 14 = Indication rating of 2.79

Total Searching points 21 / 7 = Searching rating of 3.00

Total Handler points 17 / 7 = Handler rating of 2.43

Odors Identified Aaaaaaaa, Bbbbbbbb, Cccccccc, Dddddddd

Judge(s) Judge #1, Judge #2, Judge #3, Judge #4

Explanation Evaluation Criteria

- Superior Performance.....Flawless and exemplary.....Letter Grade (A)
Commendable Performance...Notably skillful display.....Letter Grade (B)
Typical Performance.....Comparable to veteran Narco Dog.....Letter Grade (C)
Suitable Performance.....Consistent with deployment needs.....Letter Grade (D)
Improvement Needed.....Falls below streetworthy performance.....Letter Grade (I)
Unskilled Performance.....Little or no skill displayed.....Letter Grade (U)

Grading Scale or Increments

- 1 = Superior Performance.....Flawless and exemplary.....Letter Grade (A)
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Grading Curve

- 1.00-1.74 = Superior Performance.....Flawless and exemplary.....Letter Grade (A)
1.75-2.49 = Commendable Performance..Notably skillful display.....Letter Grade (B)
2.50-3.24 = Typical Performance.....Comparable to veteran Narco Dog..Letter Grade (C)
3.25-4.00 = Suitable Performance.....Consistent with deployment needs.Letter Grade (D)
4.01-5.00 = Improvement Needed.....Below streetworthy performance...Letter Grade (I)
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Dog Kilo Handler John Doe Dept Anywhere PD Date 15 Apr 2014**Each Scenario MUST be Passed on its own Merits - No False Indications are allowed**

1. Locate/Indicate two separate stashes of narcotics hidden among six (6) piles of human clothing. A diversion will also be placed within the search area.
 Searching Skill 3 Comments (if any) Intense, focused, slight open mouth
 Indication #1 3 Odor #1 Aaaaaaaaa Intense, focused, fidgeting sit
 Indication #2 2 Odor #2 Bbbbbbbbb Intense focus at source
 Diversion **Pass** Fail Type of Diversion Dog food kibble
 Handler Skill 3 Comments (if any) Efficient handling, observant
 Name of Judge Judge #1
2. Locate/Indicate three (3) separate stashes of narcotics in a residence of at least three (3) rooms. A diversion will also be placed within the search area.
 Searching Skill 3 Comments (if any) Intense with slight hectic behavior
 Indication #1 4 Odor #1 Cccccccc Strong alert with 4-5 second Sit
 Indication #2 2 Odor #2 Dddddddd Slight pause but hypnotic focus
 Indication #3 3 Odor #3 Bbbbbbbbb Backed up 4' from source
 Diversion **Pass** Fail Cutting Agent (Powdered Sugar) Sniffed and passed
 Handler Skill 2 Comments (if any) Noticed high alert shown from 20'
 Name of Judge Judge #3
3. Locate/Indicate two (2) separate stashes of narcotics, one (1) exterior and one (1) interior, of an automobile. A diversion of uncirculated currency will also be placed within the search area. The Dog shall be required to sniff the currency, to determine if the Dog exhibits a neutral response to currency.
 Searching Skill 3 Comments (if any) Slight open-mouth, slight using eyes
 Indication #1 1 Odor #1 Cccccccc Froze/Stared, Residual Odor Only
 Indication #2 4 Odor #2 Aaaaaaaaa Indicated, broke, self-corrected
 Diversion **Pass** Fail Uncirculated Currency Sniffed intensely then passed
 Handler Skill 3 Comments (if any) Proper voice tones, almost stumbled
 Name of Judge Judge #2
4. Locate/Indicate two (2) separate stashes of narcotics hidden in a business establishment or stockroom/storage facility.
 Searching Skill 4 Comments (if any) Intense, focused, open-mouth
 Indication #1 2 Odor #1 Aaaaaaaaa Immediate, focused, staring
 Indication #2 6 Odor #2 Bbbbbbbbb Not found, Handler halted @ 20 mins
 Handler Skill 2 Comments (if any) Skillful during dog fatigue
 Name of Judge Judge #4
5. Locate/Indicate two (2) separate stashes of narcotics hidden in a barn or in animal stalls. For Utah POST certification, this exercise may be substituted with a scenario of comparable difficulty at the request of the Handler/Department.
 Searching Skill 3 Comments (if any) Steady, calm closed-mouth sniffing
 Indication #1 3 Odor #1 Bbbbbbbbb Slite pause then stable indication
 Indication #2 4 Odor #2 Cccccccc Paused, indicated, looked at Handler
 Handler Skill 3 Comments (if any) Handled calmly throughout scenario
 Name of Judge Judge #1
6. Locate/Indicate two (2) separate stashes of narcotics hidden in a totally dark search area such as a cellar, bunker, etc. Only a flashlight may be used.
 Searching Skill 3 Comments (if any) Slight rowdy but very intense
 Indication #1 2 Odor #1 Dddddddd Fast & steadfast, glanced at Handler
 Indication #2 1 Odor #2 Exemplary, all elements displayed completely
 Diversion **Pass** Fail Packaging Mat1 (Cellophane Baggies) Sniffed then passed
 Handler Skill 2 Comments (if any) Used light beam skillfully
 Name of Judge Judge #4
7. Locate/Indicate one (1) stash of narcotics (1000 grams) buried in an 800yd² field/forest search area. For Utah POST certification, this may be substituted with a scenario of comparable difficulty at the request of the Handler/Department.
 Searching Skill 2 Comments (if any) Substituted 200 school lockers
 Indication #1 2 Odor #1 Aaaaaaaaa Fast & Steady, glanced at Handler
 Handler Skill 2 Comments (if any) Very attuned to K-9's Alert
 Name of Judge Judge #3

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Handler _____ DOB _____

Department _____

Full Address _____

Contact: Work _____ Cell _____ Email _____

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 Indication #1 _____ Odor #1 _____
 Indication #2 _____ Odor #2 _____
 Diversion Pass Fail _____ Type of Diversion _____
 Handler Skill _____ Comments (if any) _____
 Name of Judge _____

2. Locate/Indicate three (3) separate stashes of narcotics in a residence of at least three (3) rooms. A diversion will also be placed within the search area.
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 Indication #1 _____ Odor #1 _____
 Indication #2 _____ Odor #2 _____
 Indication #3 _____ Odor #3 _____
 Diversion Pass Fail _____ **Cutting Agent** _____
 Handler Skill _____ Comments (if any) _____
 Name of Judge _____

3. Locate/Indicate two (2) separate stashes of narcotics, one (1) exterior and one (1) interior, of an automobile. A diversion of uncirculated currency will also be placed within the search area. The Dog shall be required to sniff the currency, to determine if the Dog exhibits a neutral response to currency.
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 Indication #1 _____ Odor #1 _____
 Indication #2 _____ Odor #2 _____
 Diversion Pass Fail _____ **Uncirculated Currency** _____
 Handler Skill _____ Comments (if any) _____
 Name of Judge _____

4. Locate/Indicate two (2) separate stashes of narcotics hidden in a business establishment or stockroom/storage facility.
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 Indication #1 _____ Odor #1 _____
 Indication #2 _____ Odor #2 _____
 Handler Skill _____ Comments (if any) _____
 Name of Judge _____

5. Locate/Indicate two (2) separate stashes of narcotics hidden in a barn or in animal stalls. For Utah POST certification, this exercise may be substituted with a scenario of comparable difficulty at the request of the Handler/Department.
 Searching Skill _____ Comments (if any) _____
 Indication #1 _____ Odor #1 _____
 Indication #2 _____ Odor #2 _____
 Handler Skill _____ Comments (if any) _____
 Name of Judge _____

6. Locate/Indicate two (2) separate stashes of narcotics hidden in a totally dark search area such as a cellar, bunker, etc. Only a flashlight may be used.
 Searching Skill _____ Comments (if any) _____
 Indication #1 _____ Odor #1 _____
 Indication #2 _____ Odor #2 _____
 Diversion Pass Fail _____ **Packaging Mtl** _____
 Handler Skill _____ Comments (if any) _____
 Name of Judge _____

7. Locate/Indicate one (1) stash of narcotics (1000 grams) buried in an 800yd² field/forest search area. For Utah POST certification, this may be substituted with a scenario of comparable difficulty at the request of the Handler/Department.
 Searching Skill _____ Comments (if any) _____
 Indication #1 _____ Odor #1 _____
 Handler Skill _____ Comments (if any) _____
 Name of Judge _____

COMPARATIVE GRADE CHART

Internationally, Police Dog performance is evaluated via the scale listed on the previous Gradesheet. In order to assist Officers and Administrators in the United States of America to understand the overall "grade" achieved by the K-9, the following Comparative Chart has been created. It compares several different grading scales utilized in the USA.

International		USA 4.0 Scale		7pt Scale		100pt Scale
1.000-1.150	=	3.900-4.000	=	A	=	100
1.151-1.300	=	3.800-3.899	=	A	=	99
1.301-1.450	=	3.700-3.799	=	A	=	98
1.451-1.600	=	3.600-3.699	=	A	=	97
1.601-1.750	=	3.500-3.599	=	A	=	96
1.751-1.876	=	3.326-3.499	=	A	=	95
1.877-2.001	=	3.161-3.325	=	A	=	94
2.002-2.125	=	2.996-3.160	=	A	=	93
2.126-2.250	=	2.831-2.995	=	B	=	92
2.251-2.375	=	2.666-2.830	=	B	=	91
2.376-2.500	=	2.500-2.665	=	B	=	90
2.501-2.575	=	2.392-2.499	=	B	=	89
2.576-2.650	=	2.293-2.392	=	B	=	88
2.651-2.725	=	2.194-2.292	=	B	=	87
2.726-2.800	=	2.096-2.193	=	B	=	86
2.801-2.875	=	1.996-2.095	=	C	=	85
2.876-2.949	=	1.897-1.995	=	C	=	84
2.950-3.024	=	1.798-1.896	=	C	=	83
3.025-3.099	=	1.699-1.797	=	C	=	82
3.100-3.174	=	1.600-1.698	=	C	=	81
3.175-3.250	=	1.500-1.599	=	C	=	80
3.251-3.325	=	1.410-1.499	=	C	=	79
3.326-3.400	=	1.365-1.409	=	D	=	78
3.401-3.475	=	1.319-1.364	=	D	=	77
3.476-3.550	=	1.274-1.318	=	D	=	76
3.551-3.625	=	1.228-1.273	=	D	=	75
3.626-3.669	=	1.183-1.227	=	D	=	74
3.700-3.744	=	1.137-1.182	=	D	=	73
3.745-3.849	=	1.092-1.136	=	D	=	72
3.850-3.924	=	1.046-1.091	=	D	=	71
3.925-4.000	=	1.000-1.045	=	I	=	70
4.001-4.030	=	.975--.999	=	I	=	69
4.031-4.058	=	.950--.974	=	I	=	68
4.059-4.087	=	.925--.949	=	I	=	67
4.088-4.115	=	.900--.924	=	I	=	66
4.116-4.144	=	.875--.899	=	I	=	65
4.145-4.172	=	.850--.874	=	I	=	64
4.173-4.201	=	.825--.849	=	I	=	63
4.202-4.229	=	.800--.824	=	I	=	62
4.230-4.258	=	.775--.799	=	I	=	61
4.259-4.286	=	.751--.774	=	I	=	60
4.287-4.315	=	.726--.750	=	I	=	59
4.316-4.344	=	.701--.725	=	I	=	58
4.345-4.372	=	.676--.700	=	I	=	57
4.373-4.401	=	.651--.675	=	I	=	56
4.402-4.429	=	.626--.650	=	I	=	55
4.430-4.458	=	.601--.625	=	I	=	54
4.459-4.486	=	.576--.600	=	I	=	53
4.487-4.515	=	.551--.575	=	I	=	52
4.516-4.543	=	.526--.550	=	I	=	51
4.522-4.572	=	.500--.525	=	I	=	50

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International		USA 4.0 Scale		7pt Scale		100pt Scale
4.573-4.590	=	.490--.499	=	U	=	49
4.591-4.607	=	.480--.489	=	U	=	48
4.608-4.624	=	.470--.479	=	U	=	47
4.625-4.641	=	.460--.469	=	U	=	46
4.642-4.658	=	.450--.459	=	U	=	45
4.659-4.675	=	.440--.449	=	U	=	44
4.676-4.693	=	.430--.439	=	U	=	43
4.694-4.710	=	.420--.429	=	U	=	42
4.711-4.727	=	.410--.419	=	U	=	41
4.728-4.744	=	.400--.409	=	U	=	40
4.745-4.761	=	.390--.399	=	U	=	39
4.762-4.778	=	.380--.389	=	U	=	38
4.779-4.795	=	.370--.379	=	U	=	37
4.796-4.812	=	.360--.369	=	U	=	36
4.813-4.829	=	.350--.359	=	U	=	35
4.830-4.846	=	.340--.349	=	U	=	34
4.847-4.863	=	.330--.339	=	U	=	33
4.864-4.880	=	.320--.329	=	U	=	32
4.881-4.898	=	.310--.319	=	U	=	31
4.899-4.915	=	.300--.309	=	U	=	30
4.916-4.932	=	.290--.299	=	U	=	29
4.933-4.949	=	.280--.289	=	U	=	28
4.950-4.966	=	.270--.279	=	U	=	27
4.967-4.983	=	.260--.269	=	U	=	26
4.984-5.000	=	.250--.259	=	U	=	25
5.001-5.041	=	.240--.249	=	U	=	24
5.042-5.081	=	.230--.239	=	U	=	23
5.082-5.121	=	.220--.229	=	U	=	22
5.122-5.161	=	.210--.219	=	U	=	21
5.162-5.201	=	.200--.209	=	U	=	20
5.202-5.241	=	.190--.199	=	U	=	19
5.242-5.281	=	.180--.189	=	U	=	18
5.282-5.321	=	.170--.179	=	U	=	17
5.322-5.361	=	.160--.169	=	U	=	16
5.362-5.401	=	.150--.159	=	U	=	15
5.402-5.441	=	.140--.149	=	U	=	14
5.442-5.481	=	.130--.139	=	U	=	13
5.482-5.520	=	.120--.129	=	U	=	12
5.521-5.560	=	.110--.119	=	U	=	11
5.561-5.600	=	.100--.109	=	U	=	10
5.601-5.640	=	.090--.099	=	U	=	9
5.641-5.680	=	.080--.089	=	U	=	8
5.681-5.720	=	.070--.079	=	U	=	7
5.721-5.760	=	.060--.069	=	U	=	6
5.761-5.800	=	.050--.059	=	U	=	5
5.801-5.840	=	.040--.049	=	U	=	4
5.841-5.880	=	.030--.039	=	U	=	3
5.841-5.920	=	.020--.029	=	U	=	2
5.921-5.960	=	.010--.019	=	U	=	1
5.961-6.000	=	.000--.009	=	U	=	0