

Article Search Certification

This test will evaluate the K-9s ability to locate articles with fresh human scent in a designated area. The K-9 must find 3 of 4 articles specified by the evaluator to pass. Articles shall be realistic evidence, such as a hand gun, purse, wallet, etc. This certification can be attempted independently of any other certification, and is valid for one year.

- 1) Evaluator will randomly place the articles within the designated area without the handler present.
 - 2) K-9 must search a 60ft-by-60ft area of natural growth (grass, woods, brush, etc.).
 - 3) The test may be conducted on or off lead.
 - 4) Four (4) articles shall be used.
 - 5) The K-9 team will have Ten (10) minutes to complete the exercise.
 - 6) The K-9 must point out or retrieve the articles. If the dog points out the article, it must be obvious to the evaluator.
 - 7) The handler may give encouragement and direct the dog with verbal commands or hand signals, and the handler may enter the search area to direct his dog.
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