



American Rescue Dog Association  
Area Search Basic Field Assessment – Light 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Assessor Signature**

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**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	11. 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	12. 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	13. 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	14. 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	*15. 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	*16. 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	17. 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	18. 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	19. 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	20. Relates pertinent information at debriefing.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
Canine			
1. Eagerly engages and focuses on task.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	7. 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	8. 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	9. 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	10. Does nothing inappropriate (harmful) to subject.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
5. Demonstrates long-range detection for conditions.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	11. Locates the subject within time limit.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
6. Persists to work scent from point of initial detection to subject.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	12. When released by handler, eagerly engages subject for reward.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail

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**Assessor Initials**

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**Date**