



HRD Dog Test:

Mandatory Odors

Acceptable Odors that have been legally obtained to be used:

- Tissue
- Bone
- Teeth
- Decomposition Fluid

Additional legally obtained odors can be used at the discretion of the certifying official. If an odor is not available, a substitution will be discussed with Certifying Official prior to arranging the test.

Testing Procedures

There will be a minimum of 12 hides placed throughout the test. Only 1 miss is allowed. Any more than 1 miss is a failure. If time allows and at the discretion of the Certifying Official, a second area can be set up as a retest in the area failed.

All hides must have at least ½ hour set time. Pseudo aids, blood, and urine cannot be used to certify with.

Animal remains or bones need to be present in at least one scenario. Distractions can be used at the discretion of the Certifying Official.

If a Handler works 2 K9's, a second set up in each area is required.

All trained final responses can be passive or digging as long as the dog does not eat the odor. Barking indications are allowed **only** if the barking is accompanied by a visual alert (sitting, laying down, bowing, digging, etc). Before beginning, the Handler will notify the Certification Official of the K9's trained final response. Each Alert/Trained final response must be called by letting the Certifying Official know you found odor.

Each section of the test can be timed at the discretion of the Certifying Official. Certifying Official will speak to the host as to the reason why before starting to use time.

Testing

The following areas will be in each HRD test. If some areas are unavailable, the Certifying Official can opt to use other areas or objects to complete the test:

- Outside area/ wilderness.
- Buildings and/or rooms.
- Vehicles to include inside and outside of vehicle.

Requirements for Testing Areas:

- a blank and a high or deep hide included in more than one section.
- There must be a buried hide that is a minimum of 6" below ground.
- There must be a minimum of 4 blank holes to go along with the buried hide.

Missed / False Alerts / Disqualification

The K9 Team is allowed only 1 miss throughout the entire test. The following are considered misses:

- Failure to find the cadaver hide (a miss).
- False or nonproductive responses.
- Exceeding a time limit set by the Certification Official if one is set.
- Destroying, eating, or carrying the Cadaver Source.
- Urinating at source.

If a Team has any misses and time allows, the Certification Official can set up a second set of hides, using the odors that were missed so the team can retest. If the team misses on the retest, 30 days must pass before the team can test again.

The Certifying Official can disqualify a K9 Team for any reason and discuss the reason with the team. Certifying Officials are looking for odor recognition, control of the dog, can the handler read the dog, is the team accurate and a variety of other things.

Any aggression displayed is signs for disqualification from the test.

Optional Water Certification:

Land test must be passed in order to test on water.

Water hides are not considered as part of the Land test – they are a separate certification and require 100% for a successful pass of the test. Misses will not count against the Land test.

Water certification can be defined on the certification as “shoreline only” or “water recovery” - (boat).

3 Hides will be placed for each type, depending on what is available. All hides must be found to pass.

Water recovery from the shoreline must meet the following:

- 3 hides placed at least 3’-4’ deep off the shoreline. Hides need to be at least 25 yads apart.
- No strings or identifying items can be used for a handler to visually see the hide – if strings are needed, they must be buried and not seen.
- The alert must be called by the Handler and recognizable by the Certifying Official.

Water Recovery from a boat must meet the following:

- 3 hides placed at least 12’ under the water. Hides need to be at least 25 yards apart.
- If sting is needed from a shoreline, a minimum of 4 more strings per hide along the shoreline must be placed. All strings should not be visible to the K9 Team.
- Handler must call the alert within the boat length to within 10’ of the boat.

Additional Notes:

Certifications are valid for 1 year.

If a dog changes Handlers, the certification is no longer valid.

If a business wishes to have a certification held at one of their places of business, during work hours, this test can be adapted to accommodate this request in most situations. For example, the vehicle portion can take place in parking areas or at gates, rooms can be adapted to sections of an arena, warehouse, or other venue type, outside areas can be during ingress and egress and parcels can be done during work after pallets are cleared. If mobile odor needs to be tested it can be added to the test.