American Rescue Dog Association
Area Search Basic Field Assessment – Open Field

Pass: ☐ **Fail:** ☐

Date: _____ Assessor: _____

Handler: _____ Canine: _____

Location: _____

Subject (1): _____ Time Placed: _____ Time Located: _____

Coordinates: Actual: _____ Reported (per handler): _____

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   *Handler Signature*

Notes:
- Articles placed as clues are not applicable to this problem.
- Simulated medical emergency and/or crime scene are not applicable to this problem.
- **If completed, please attach handler's map of search area to the assessment form.**

Handler: _____   **Canine:** _____

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.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	**10.** Has good working stamina and pace for duration.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail		
*2. Asks questions during briefing to fill in missing information.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	***11.** Systematically marks boundaries.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail		
3. Recognizes conditions (wind, weather, terrain).	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	***12.** Uses correct communications protocol.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail		
4. Develops/explains search plan based on conditions and briefing.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	***13.** Initiates calls as needed to relay pertinent information (to base).	☐ Pass ☐ Fail		
5. Executes search as planned; explains any changes.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	**14.** Correctly interprets dog's behavior; reacts accordingly.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail		
*6. Navigates to and in assigned area using map and compass.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	**15.** Cares for self and dog (hydrate, monitor heat/cold, breaks).	☐ Pass ☐ Fail		
*7. Gives correct grid coordinates for locations.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	***16.** Completes hand-drawn maps including pertinent information.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail		
*8. Records GPS tracks and waypoints.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	***17.** Relates pertinent information at debriefing.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail		
9. Covers assigned areas using a grid pattern (parallel or zigzag) in time limit.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail				
Canine					
1. Eagerly engages and focuses on task.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	**7.** Willingly leaves handler and makes "find" via air-scenting with no help from handler or subject.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail		
2. Is not unduly distracted or lose interest.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	***8.** Demonstrates its trained indication when it makes the "find".	☐ Pass ☐ Fail		
3. Ranges appropriate to conditions while maintaining contact with handler.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	**9.** Reacts favorably to subject; willingly approaches subject.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail		
4. Has good working stamina and pace for duration.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	**10.** Does nothing inappropriate (harmful) to subject.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail		
5. Demonstrates long-range detection for conditions.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	**11.** Locates the subject within time limit.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail		
6. Persists to work scent from point of initial detection to subject.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	**12.** When released by handler, eagerly engages subject for reward.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail		

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Assessor Initials   *Date*