

CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COMMISSION

Canine Performance Standards

PATROL DOG TEAMS

CERTIFICATION RULES AND REGULATIONS

This document contains the minimum performance standards and the rules to administer the test, as adopted by the Criminal Justice Training Commission. This test is not designed to cover every possible technique, method, or application style. The test is designed to determine the proficiency and reliability of a canine team in apprehension and scent work. A K-9 team that fails to pass any phase of the test will be able to re-test in said phase. The general rules for testing patrol dog teams will be as follows:

1. The handler and the dog will be considered as a team and it will be the team that is certified. If one member of the team changes, a new team exists, and the new team will need to be certified.
2. All teams will have **completed** the training requirements (to include specified hours) required by WAC 139-05-915.
3. At any point during an Accreditation attempt, the Evaluator may discontinue the process based upon a perceived safety concern.
4. Handlers must be evaluated with their assigned duty canine.
5. At no time will a canine be left unattended in such a manner as to create a danger or hazard to any other canine, property or person.
6. Every handler will be responsible for any damage done by his/her canine to persons, property, or other canines.
7. Any extreme or abusive correction or treatment of a canine, loss of handler's temper, or display of poor sportsmanship will result in immediate disqualification from an accreditation.
8. There will be no man-work training, playtime or practice that may affect another testing team.
9. Canines may wear their duty collar during Accreditations. However if an electronic collar is used, the transmitter must be surrendered to the Evaluator prior to any testing.
10. Any medical condition or Department Policy that the Evaluator should know about prior to the testing should be relayed to the Evaluator prior to the testing phase beginning.
11. All exercises will be conducted in the order written. Canine teams must pass the Obedience phase **before** moving to the Protection and Control phase. Canine teams must pass the Protection and Control phase **before** moving to the Scent phases. The Scent phases may be conducted in any order.

12. A passing evaluation is necessary in every phase to achieve certification.
13. During the certification process, an adequate amount of time will be afforded for completion of each exercise. However, an exercise may be discontinued if, in the judgment of the Evaluator, the team is failing to perform the required exercise.
14. The Evaluator conducting the certification will approve all decoys.
15. The Evaluator may, at their discretion, immediately re-evaluate a team in any exercise where a failure occurred.
16. Upon completion of the certification, handlers will retain the certification work sheets. The handler will be responsible for submitting the CJTC Certification Record Sheet and the formal CJTC Certification Form to their Agency head. Teams successfully completing the certification process may begin work while awaiting official CJTC notification.
- 17. The Agency head must sign the formal CJTC Certification Form and submit the form to CJTC for the certification process to be finalized.**

EVALUATION GUIDELINES

The following guidelines have been established to guide and standardize the evaluation process of the Canine Performance Standards, as set forth by the Criminal Justice Training Commission, in an effort to make the evaluation both uniform and fair. The point deductions are used only to provide a basis for the Evaluator to perform their evaluation.

Each phase will be briefly described, followed by a list of deductions and their point values. Each error observed that has an indicated deduction will result in the loss of the appropriate number of points.

During Phase I - Obedience and Phase - II Protection and Control, each minor violation will result in a 2-point deduction. Each major violation will result in a 10 deduction. The deductions listed in the "ALL EXERCISES" category will apply to each exercise as well as the deductions indicated for specific exercises.

During Phase III - Area Search, Phase IV - Building Search, and Phase V - Tracking, the exercises will be Pass or Fail.

Phase I – Obedience

To obtain a "General Patrol and Investigative Canine" certification, the handler and the canine must pass all phases of this testing area.

This test is to determine the ability of the handler to control the police dog while the animal is off lead. (This test must be passed before proceeding to any other phase of the testing process.) The Evaluator may terminate any exercise for lack of progress, failure to perform, or unsafe conditions.

The Evaluator may conduct the exercises in the obedience phase in any order, and will be the only person to determine when each of the exercises has been completed.

The obedience phase will be done off leash.

1. **Heeling:** This exercise will consist of normal, slow, and fast paces; right, left and about turns. The dog must stay within arms length of the handler and sit at halt.
 - **Note:** A minimum of one right turn, one left turn, one about turn. Each leg of the above must be a minimum of (50) fifty feet long. The different paces may be conducted on any leg.
2. **Recall:** This exercise will begin with the canine in a stay position. The handler must indicate what position the canine will stop in. The handler will move 100- feet away in a straight line from the canine. At the direction of the Evaluator, the handler will call the canine to him/her stopping the canine at the 50- foot position. During this time the Evaluator will have the handler perform a stay exercise. The handler will indicate which position to leave the canine in. The length of time that the canine shall stay shall not exceed one-minute.
3. **Heeling Control:** This exercise will begin with the canine in the heel position. At the Evaluator's direction, the handler and canine will step off, moving in a straight line. At

the 50- foot position, the handler will stop the canine while continuing to move to the 100- foot position where the handler will stop and face the canine. At the direction of the Evaluator, the handler will cause the canine to return to the handler's side.

Phase II - Protection and Control

1. The Evaluator will conduct the exercises in the order indicated, and will be the only person to determine when the exercise has been completed.
2. All exercises in this phase may be performed on or off leash. It must be clear to the Evaluator at all times that the handler is not physically restraining the canine.
3. **Standing Call-Off:** There will be three clearly marked positions, the 50-foot position, the 75-foot position, and the 100-foot position. At the direction of the Evaluator, the decoy will begin to run from the 50- foot position. The canine will be sent after the decoy passes the 75-foot position. The decoy will stop at the 100-foot position with his hands at his side. The canine will be recalled/stopped after passing the 50-foot position. The handler may run with the canine, but must stop at the 50-foot mark.
4. **Master Protection:** The team will move to a location designated by the Evaluator. The decoy will approach to within 20 feet of the team's position. The handler will leave his dog and approach the decoy. After a period of conversation, the decoy will assault the handler. After the canine makes contact, the Evaluator will direct the handler when to recall the canine.

SCENT PHASES

Note: The Evaluator may conduct the scent phases in any order. *The Evaluator may terminate the exercise for lack of progress, failure to perform the scent work, or unsafe conditions.*

Phase III - AREA SEARCH

This scent exercise will consist of an area (minimum of 200- feet by 200- feet) and may vary in size, location and environment, and will be designated by the Evaluator. The decoy will be placed in an area contaminated by human scent. The search will have a minimum set-up time of 10-minutes. The handler will determine the starting point. The handler and canine will be evaluated on the manner in which they accomplish the exercise. The canine must locate the decoy through scent work.

Phase IV- BUILDING SEARCH

This scent exercise will consist of a building (minimum of 3 rooms and may vary in size, location and environment) designated by the Evaluator. The decoy will be placed in a building contaminated by human scent. The search will have a minimum set-up time of 10 minutes. The handler and the canine will start at a point determined by the Evaluator. The

team will be evaluated on the manner in which they accomplish the exercise. The canine must locate the decoy through scent work.

Phase V – Tracking

The track will be planned by and/or approved by the Evaluator. The track will be a minimum of 600–feet and consist of minimum of one turn, and 2 legs with at least 1 change of surface. Three (3) articles of evidence, (options of a firearm, purse, flashlight, or an article of clothing) will be placed on the track by the decoy. The articles of evidence will be well scented by the decoy. The track will have a minimum time delay of 10 minutes. The handler and the canine will start at a point determined by the Evaluator. The team will be evaluated on the manner in which they accomplish the exercise. The canine must locate the decoy through scent work. The team must locate a minimum of 1 article of evidence. The evidence may be recovered during the original track or on the back track.

PHASE I - OBEDIENCE

This phase consists of 3 exercises. The Evaluator may conduct the exercises in the obedience phase in any order, and will be the only person to determine when each of the exercises has been completed. A team must have a minimum of 70% of the total possible points to pass.

2 POINT DEDUCTION

ALL EXERCISES

- Failure to use follow-up commands
- Failure to stay / breaking position (1X)
- Urinating in the test area

HEELING

- Excessive commands (more than 1 command per change of pace or direction)
- Arms length away
- Impeding the handler
- Failure to sit at halt

RECALL

- Each additional command
- Non-direct return
- Failure to stop within 5'
- Non-compliance (sit, stand, down)

HEELING CONTROL

- Each additional command
- Arms length away
- Impeding the handler
- Creeping over 2'
- Non-compliance (sit, stand, down)

10 POINT DEDUCTION

ALL EXERCISES

- Failure to stay / breaking position (2X)
- Bolting from the testing area
(Failure)

HEELING

- Excessive commands (more than 1 command per change of pace or direction)
- Arms length away
- Impeding the handler
- Failure to sit at halt

RECALL

- Failure to stop
- Failure to return

HEELING CONTROL

- Failure to stop
- Creeping over 4'

PHASE II - PROTECTION AND CONTROL

This phase consists of 2 exercises. The exercises in this phase will be conducted in the order indicated. A team must have a minimum of 70% of the total possible points to pass.

2 POINT DEDUCTION

ALL EXERCISES

- Each additional command
- Physically restraining the canine (1X)
- Failure to stay / breaking position (1X)
- Obvious weak contact
- Closer than 5' to gain a release
- Failure to give follow-up command

CALL OFF

- Slow / non-direct recall

10 POINT DEDUCTION

ALL EXERCISES

- Physically restraining the canine (2X)
- Failure to stay / breaking position (2X)
- Failure to make contact when appropriate
- Re-bite (1x) after the release
- Re-bite (2x) after the release
(Failure)
- Intentionally touching the canine for a release
(Failure)

CALL OFF

- Handler recalls dog early
- Handler crosses 50-foot line
- Body contact with decoy
- Mouth contact with decoy -
(Failure)

SCENT EXERCISES

The scent phases may be conducted in any order.

PHASE III - AREA SEARCH

This exercise is PASS / FAIL. The canine must locate the decoy through scent work.

PHASE IV - BUILDING SEARCH

This exercise is PASS / FAIL. The canine must locate the decoy through scent work.

PHASE V - TRACKING

This exercise is PASS / FAIL. The canine must locate the decoy through scent work. The team must locate a minimum of 1 article of evidence.

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WORK SHEET

Date: _____ Location: _____

Handler: _____

Agency: _____

Dog: _____ Breed: _____

Collar Type: _____

I have read and understand the rules governing the accreditation process and will comply with the process as written. I have completed the training and hours required by WAC 139-05-915.

Signature: _____

PHASE I - OBEDIENCE

Maximum Points: 100

Exercise	Deductions
Heeling	_____
Recall	_____
Heeling Control	_____

Total Deductions _____ **Final Score** _____

PASS / FAIL Evaluator's Initials _____

Comments _____

CJTC - Patrol Dog Team

DATE: _____

HANDLER: _____

DOG: _____

PHASE II – PROTECTION AND CONTROL

Maximum Points: 100

Exercise	Deductions
Standing Call-Off	_____
Master Protection	_____

Total Deductions _____ **Final Score** _____

PASS / FAIL Evaluator's Initials _____

Comments _____

PHASE III - AREA SEARCH

PASS / FAIL Evaluator's Initials _____

Comments _____

PHASE IV - BUILDING SEARCH

PASS / FAIL Evaluator's Initials _____

Comments _____

PHASE V - TRACKING

PASS / FAIL Evaluator's Initials _____

Comments _____

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RECORD SHEET

Date: _____ Location: _____

Handler: _____

Agency: _____

Canine: _____ Breed: _____

Collar Type: _____

I have read and understand the rules governing the accreditation process and will comply with the process as written. I have completed the training and hours required by WAC 139-05-915.

Signature: _____

EVALUATION:

Phase I:	Obedience	PASS	RE-TEST	FAIL
Phase II:	Protection and Control	PASS	RE-TEST	FAIL
Phase III:	Area Search	PASS	RE-TEST	FAIL
Phase IV:	Building Search	PASS	RE-TEST	FAIL
Phase V:	Tracking	PASS	RE-TEST	FAIL

EVALUATOR

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Agency: _____

Circle One: Handler's Copy Evaluator's Copy WSCJTC Copy

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STATISTICAL FORM

Date: _____

Location: _____

(Print Legibly)

Evaluator's Name: _____

Agency: _____

The Evaluator will be responsible for tabulating the following statistics:

Total number of teams participating: _____

EVALUATION:	Pass	Re-Test	Fail
Phase I: Obedience	_____	_____	_____
Phase II: Protection and Control	_____	_____	_____
Phase III: Area Search	_____	_____	_____
Phase IV: Building Search	_____	_____	_____
Phase V: Tracking	_____	_____	_____

TOTALS:

PASS: _____

RE-TESTED: _____

FAIL: _____

Evaluator' Signature: _____



CANINE TEAM CERTIFICATION REQUEST

EMAIL tjones@cjtc.state.wa.us or FAX TO: 206/835-7923

CANINE TEAM	TEAM DISBANDED
AGENCY, including mailing address :	AGENCY:
PEACE OFFICER'S FULL NAME:	PEACE OFFICER'S FULL NAME :
CANINE'S NAME:	CANINE'S NAME:
DATE TEAM ESTABLISHED (MM/DD/YY):	DATE TEAM DISBANDED (MM/DD/YY):
TYPE OF CANINE TEAM: <i>Attach Record Sheet</i> <input type="checkbox"/> PATROL TEAM <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLOSIVE DETECTION TEAM <input type="checkbox"/> NARCOTIC DETECTION TEAM	REASON FOR TEAM DISBANDING: <input type="checkbox"/> Canine <input type="checkbox"/> Officer RETIRED <input type="checkbox"/> Canine <input type="checkbox"/> Officer RESIGNED <input type="checkbox"/> Canine <input type="checkbox"/> Officer DECEASED <input type="checkbox"/> Canine <input type="checkbox"/> Officer MEDICAL <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ NOTE: If one member of the team changes, a new team exists, and the new team will need to be certified.

The above named Canine Team meets or exceeds the Canine Performance Standards portion of the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission in accordance with WAC 139-05-915.

The evaluator has indicated, by their initials, that all phases of the standard requirements for certification have been met by the Canine Team.

Initials	PATROL AND INVESTIGATION REQUIREMENTS
	A. Obedience, B. Protection and control, C. Area search, D. Building search, and E. Tracking.

Initials	NARCOTICS DETECTION REQUIREMENTS
	A. Building search, B. Vehicle search, C. Exterior search, and D. Obedience.

Initials	EXPLOSIVE DETECTION REQUIREMENTS
	A. Obedience, B. Building search, C. Private and commercial vehicle search, and D. exterior search.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

<u>NAME OF EVALUATOR, AGENCY, and AGENCY CONTACT</u> <u>NUMBER:</u> _____ _____	<u>SIGNATURE OF EVALUATOR:</u> 	DATE TESTED/CERTIFIED: _____
<u>AGENCY APPROVAL (Chief or Sheriff):</u> 		DATE: