



Apprehension with a verbal release

This test is designed to show the dogs ability to apprehend a suspect by biting and holding until released by command from the handler. The K-9 team is judged on the pursuit, bite and release.

This test will be judged Pass/Fail.

Release: When the handler verbally commands the dog to release, the dog shall:

1. Respond to the command of the handler (limit of four commands in a reasonable amount of time).
2. Release primary control.
3. Remain alert and ready to respond to furtive movement.

Procedure:

The dog will deploy unmuzzled/off lead.

The decoy will wear protective clothing like: exposed sleeve, concealed sleeve, or bite suit.

The handler will hold the dog at the starting position designated by the certifying official.

The decoy will appear at a distance of approximately 30 yards. The handler will issue two announcements. After the first announcement, the decoy will begin jogging away from the team.

Following the second announcement, the handler will deploy the dog. The dog will pursue and engage the decoy by biting and attempt to subdue.

The decoy will stop jogging when engaged by the dog. The decoy will agitate the dog

until ordered to stop resisting. The decoy will comply.

The handler will issue the command to release the bite. The dog will release the bite.

Upon release of the bite and at the direction of the certifying official, the handler will take physical control of the dog.

Passing score will be:

The dog staying on the bite until released by command from the handler.

The dog must release the bite with no more than four commands with the handler a minimum of 10 ft. from the dog.

The dog must not re-engage prior to the handler taking control.