



Detector Dog Certification

There will be two Certifying Officials (COs) present for the certification. At least one of which shall be from an outside agency. Explosives COs for Explosives Certification.

Area to be used will be at the discretion of the certifying official.

Dog will wear only on duty equipment.

Additional substances will consist of one room, vehicle or area per substance and a time limit of five minutes.

All finds will be planted a minimum of 30 min. prior to testing.

Certifying officials may terminate certification at any time

Total of two distractions throughout the certification in different locations.

Examples of distractions:

- > Food
- > Animal odors
- > Clean packaging materials
- > Pungent but not harmful chemicals
- > Clean reward toys

Non-scented objects may be used to mark finds.

Test will be proofed by detection K-9 prior to testing if available.

At the request of the handler, a two (2) minute warning prior to the end of the search may be given. Time begins when the handler begins search and time ends when either the handler calls time or upon expiration of time. If the handler calls a specific find or rewards the K-9 upon indication, the decision cannot be rescinded and the CO's will not prompt the Handler concerning rewarding the K-9. (A "praise off" will not be considered a final call.) **The handler may call the finds along the way or wait until the end. If the handler rewards the dog it is the same as calling the hide.** Indication must be obvious to the certifying officials and called by the handler.

.Protest: The handler shall immediately notify the Certifying Officials within 30 minutes of any protest. The protest shall be in writing. If either CO agrees the outcome of test was affected by the issue, this portion of the test should be re-run. If the test is not re-run, the protest should be forwarded within twenty-four hours to the Vice President. The VP will make the final decision on the protest. The VP will notify the handler as soon as possible of the results and if needed, discuss the retest. If K-9 Team fails certification, K-9 Team must wait for five (5) days prior to attempting to certify.

