



American Rescue Dog Association Unit Evaluation Check Sheet Open Field Problem

ARDA Unit: _____

Date: _____ Evaluator: _____

Handler: _____ Dog: _____

Subject: _____ Time Subject Placed: _____

Weather: Temp - _____° Humidity - _____% Wind Speed/Direction - _____

Condition: Clear Cloudy Fog Rain Snow

Start Time: _____ Finish Time: _____

Items Being Evaluated (as defined by ARDA Standards)

	Pass/Fail	Comments
Eagerness of the dog to work the problem	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	
Long range detection	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	
Quartering	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	
Ranging (appropriate for conditions)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	
Eagerness of the dog to approach the subject	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	
Appropriate found indication - recall/refind or bark alert	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	
Handler ability to recognize and follow-up on alert	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	
Appropriate handling of dog	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	
Map of search area	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	

Additional Comments (Evaluator): _____

Testing Instructions/Criteria

- ◆ Setup—The problem will be in an open field with an area of approximately _ square mile. The subject will be hidden in the field and must be found by air scenting.

- ◆ Objective—To observe the handler’s ability to efficiently approach a search problem and to observe the dog’s air scenting ability. The dog must find the subject by air scenting and perform an adequate “found” indication.
- ◆ Time Limit—ARDA standards require that _ mile of open field must be cleared in no more than 2 hours.
- ◆ Evaluator Instructions—Evaluators will not only consider the successful conclusion, but will also consider the following factors:
 - Eagerness of the dog.
 - Long range detection and quartering to the scent source by the dog (appropriate for the wind conditions).
 - Good ranging distance for the terrain.
 - Ability of the handler to recognize and correctly interpret what the dog is doing.
 - Eagerness of the dog to approach a strange person.
 - A good “found” indication by the dog.