



American Rescue Dog Association  
Unit Evaluation Check Sheet  
Light Brush 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	
Ranging (appropriate for conditions)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	
Willingness of dog to work independently and consistently	<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	
Ability of handler to grid the search area appropriately	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	
Cover assigned area thoroughly	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	
Map of search area	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	

Additional Comments (Evaluator): \_\_\_\_\_

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Testing Instructions/Criteria

- ◆ Setup—The problem will be in an area approximately          square mile entirely covered in light brush. The subject may be placed anywhere within the given area and must be found by air scenting.
- ◆ Objective—To observe the dog and handler’s ability to work together to solve a problem. The dog must find the subject primarily by air scenting and perform an adequate “found” indication.
- ◆ Time Limit—ARDA standards require that a light brush problem must be completed 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.
  - Ranging and working ability of the dog in light brush.
  - Handler ability to assess detection distance for the dog according to weather conditions.
  - 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.