



American Rescue Dog Association Unit Evaluation Check Sheet Night 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	
Ability of the dog to navigate conditions (agility)	<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	
Ability of handler to work the problem efficiently	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	
Ability of the handler to work the problem effectively	<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): _____

Testing Instructions/Criteria

- ◆ Setup— Setup requirements are the same as either those of Light Brush or Dense Brush problem except the problem is to be worked at night. The subject may be placed anywhere within the given area and must be found by air scenting. Note: This problem may be worked as part of the multiple person problem.
- ◆ Objective—To observe the handler’s ability to efficiently approach a search problem in the dark and to observe the handler’s ability to navigate at night as well as the dog’s air scenting ability. The dog must find the subject primarily by air scenting and perform an adequate “found” indication.
- ◆ Time Limit— ARDA standards require that the night problem must last at least 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 given terrain.
 - Handler ability to assess detection distance for the dog according to weather conditions.
 - Handler ability to successfully navigate conditions at night.
 - 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.