



Tonto Rim Search and Rescue (TRSAR) K9 Team Annual Skills Check List

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SECTION I. ANNUAL CHECK OFF LIST:

A. FOR TRACK/TRAIL HANDLERS:

1. Handler gears up dog properly.
2. Handler handles scent article properly.
 - a. Keeps it as uncontaminated as possible.
 - b. Bags it properly.
3. Handler presents scent article to dog properly and instructs dog to begin track.
4. Handler shows ability to direct dog correctly.
5. Handler shows knowledge of dog's responses.
6. Handler understands communication and proper use of radio,
7. Handler praises dog properly at end of search.
8. Handler can demonstrate basic K9 first aid.
9. Handler understands and can use a GPS unit.
10. Handler is willing to participate in mandatory man tracking and navigation classes.
11. Handler understands environment situation and changes.

B. AREA SEARCH HANDLERS:

1. Handler gears up dog properly.
2. Handler handles scent article properly.
 - a. Keeps it as uncontaminated as possible.
 - b. Bags it properly.
3. Handler presents scent article to dog properly and instructs dog to begin search.
 - a. If scent article is available.
4. Handler shows ability to direct dog correctly.
5. Handler shows knowledge of dog's responses.
6. Handler understands communication and proper use of radio,
7. Handler praises dog properly at end of search.
8. Handler can demonstrate basic K9 first aid.
9. Handler understands and can use a GPS unit.
10. Handler is willing to participate in mandatory man tracking and navigation classes.

11. Handler understands environment situation and changes.

C. FOR DOGS:

1. Dog shows interest in following a track or search.
2. Dog starts track or search within a certain time allotment.
3. Dog makes decisions at crucial turning points.
4. Dog follows through track or search to subject.
5. Area search dog demonstrates find-refind skills.
6. Dog shows friendliness to other team dogs, team members and subjects.
7. Dog recognizes reward and makes the connection.

D. TRACK SETTERS:

1. Understands how to lay out a marked track.
 - a. Proper placement of flags:
 - (1) Area that flag is set.
 - (2) Space in between.
 - b. Follows directions on how handler wants track laid out.
 - c. Positions self at proper end of track.
2. Understands how to lay out a blind track:
 - a. Follows directions from handler on correct way to lay out track.
 - b. Positions self at proper end of track.
3. Understands proper use of radio and communication.