

Minnesota Search and Rescue Dog Association Inc.

Standards



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MINNSARDA STANDARDS

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These standards are designed to assure that all MinnSARDA search and rescue dog teams (a team consisting of one dog and handler or co-handlers), and support personnel will be professional, uniform and competent in their performance. The failure of a team to make a find in their assigned area due to inadequate training can result in loss of the life of the missing person. Certification under these standards is required for deployment on searches and can be revoked under provisions of MinnSARDA by-laws. Any deviation from these Standards must be approved by the Standards Committee.

If the team is found to meet the standards and has completed all checkoffs and other components of the evaluation packet, they will be evaluated under these standards and will be tested by qualified, non-unit evaluators as approved by the MinnSARDA Standards Committee. Teams that have successfully completed the evaluation will be designated as operational and allowed to answer call-outs within the limits of their training.

The search dog should have the primary characteristics of the working, herding, sporting or hound breeds and be of adequate size and strength, with temperament and physical structure suitable to negotiate the terrain found in search operations. The dog must be non-aggressive towards both people and animals and a minimum of 18 months old at time of certification. Dogs being considered for membership with MinnSARDA must complete an evaluation by unit training director(s) before beginning training with the unit. If a dog does not pass the initial or subsequent evaluations, it will be excused from further training with MinnSARDA. All dogs must pass AKC Canine Good Citizen test before attempting certification.

The SAR dog handler/member should be willing to spend considerable time and money on training and equipment. Each member/handler must pay non-refundable unit dues in the amount of \$240. At least half of the balance must be on file within 6 months and/or becoming an Associate member. The remainder is due within one year and/or becoming an Active Member. All unit equipment must be returned to MinnSARDA in reasonable condition upon leaving the unit. The departing member will be responsible for reimbursing MinnSARDA for any missing or damaged equipment.

The member/handler must also be reasonably available to respond on search calls and training. According to the MinnSARDA by-laws, each member is required to attend 75% of the unit's scheduled formal training sessions. Teams are expected to work on all phases of training on their own before certification to insure steady and consistent progress. MinnSARDA reserves the right to expel teams unable to complete basic live scent certification within one and a half years from the beginning of training. To qualify in any advanced specialty, the team must first attain and maintain certification in basic Wilderness Air Scent Area Search or Tracking/Trailing Scenting Dog Standards. After certification, teams are expected to continue training and further education on their own in order to ensure that the team maintains its proficiency. Each team must maintain a log of their training and turn it in monthly to the unit for review. The purpose of the log is to help the team with the planning of their training, the maintenance of their certification, and as evidence of the dog's training and ability if questions of liability should arise. The Standards Committee must approve the training of more than one dog. Dogs that are not certified in the venue for a particular callout MAY NOT accompany their handler to the search without approval from

the operations leader. Retired certified dogs may accompany their handlers on searches and remain in vehicle if no other care is available. Dogs in training will not be allowed at searches.

The training and maintenance of a proficient search dog team is an extremely complex endeavor. These standards contain only those elements of the task that lend themselves to codification and objective testing. The subjective elements of being a search dog team such as working well with others, initiative, judgment, integrity, commitment level and acceptance of authority are also extremely important and will be evaluated throughout a person's training and service.

While MinnSARDA will assist a handler with training and perform the certification testing, it must be recognized that the handler is ultimately responsible for the team's progress before and proficiency after certification. If, at any time after certification, a handler realizes that his or her team has lost its ability to meet these standards, they are expected to voluntarily withdraw from operational status.

I. Operational Certification

A. General

The relationship between a dog and handler in a working team goes beyond mutual cooperation. It is a relationship based on trust in, and love for each other. With this in mind, the following team characteristics will be evaluated at all times during training and the testing:

1. The handler and dog should show a mutual liking and respect for each other and enjoy playing together as well as working.
2. The handler must give appropriate praise and encouragement to the dog.
3. The handler should be able to recognize when the dog is alerting to human scent.
4. The dog should be willing to find strangers.
5. The dog should be willing and capable of working in a variety of terrain.
6. The dog should show an eagerness to work and please in a variety of conditions.
7. The dog must not miss an obvious scent, even when tired.
8. The dog must find the victim in an area contaminated by human scent.
9. The dog must be able to work effectively with an additional person accompanying the team.
10. The dog must not show unprovoked aggression toward any person or toward another animal.

B. Handler

1. Be Field Support certified.
2. Train a SAR dog a minimum of one time per week in air scent or trailing and participate in at least 75% of the unit's formal training sessions. Specialty areas such as cadaver, disaster and evidence are not part of the regular training

requirement and do not count toward regular training time requirements

C. Search and Rescue Dog

1. Air Scent Area Search Dog Requirements/Checkoffs

Please note: The checkoffs required to complete this certification must be signed by a unit member who observes the activity. The evaluator must be a full unit member and must have certified an area search/air scent dog previously. For area search/air scent dog certification, at least one of the two evaluators must be or must have been at one time a certified area search/air-scent team.

- a. Demonstrate basic obedience
 - i. Heel off lead with other people and dogs as distractions, staying close to and responsive to handler.
 - ii. A down, sit or stay (handler's choice) on recall, then complete recall.
 - iii. 15 minute down/stay with handler and other dogs in sight. Dog must be unrestrained and all humans should be a minimum of 30' away from dog. Dog may get up to reposition or scratch, but must return to down position. No additional commands may be given.
 - iv. Dog must remain calm when tied or restrained with owner out of sight for at least 5 minutes.
 - v. Recall from a group of dogs or other distractions (dog not on stay but loose).
 - vi. Agility on obstacle course off lead to include one jump 1 ¼ times the height of the dog and one catwalk 12" wide.
 - vii. Dog can swim.
- b. Dog is quiet, friendly and well mannered.
- c. Dog appears well-socialized and non-aggressive around people, dogs and other animals.
- d. Allows other handlers to transport and exercise the dog.
- e. Be able to ride quietly in a motor vehicle, watercraft or aircraft for one hour or more and be able to enter and exit the vehicle.
- f. Be able to be loaded into a vehicle with other dog teams.

2. Certification Standards

NOTE: Certifications for each search dog specialty must be renewed annually. After the initial certification, outside certifications from a reputable SAR or K9 training organization may be substituted for unit certifications. Final approval to accept an outside certification will rest with the Standards Committee.

- a. Level I Air Scent Certification – (Note: Before attempting the certification test, the team must successfully complete a checkoff airscent problem.) For the certification, the team must be able to search an area of mixed vegetation and find one subject (preferably unfamiliar subject) primarily

by air scenting. Subject will be stationary and out of sight in heavy brush. Team must work a minimum of two hours (maximum of four hours) before locating the subject. Dog must demonstrate a trained refind. The team must be SARTECH III/CGC certified. The team must demonstrate adequate stamina. Handler will be able to adequately transfer area covered onto a base map.

- b. Advanced Air Scent Certification Test - Candidate must complete tests (a) and (b).
 - (a) The team will be able to search an area up to approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ by $\frac{1}{2}$ mile square/160 acres with heavy and light brush or trees, interspersed with open area. Two or three unknown subjects (number known to handler) will be hidden out of sight and found primarily by air scenting after working at least four hours (maximum of 5 hours). Be able to find and continue toward a victim who is walking and also be able to find one victim who is hidden out of sight in an area of heavy brush. Handler will be able to adequately transfer area covered onto a base map.
 - (b) The team will be able to find one victim at night in an area of at least 40 acres (exact size of the area will depend on the terrain) within 2.5 hours

The evaluators shall determine within their discretion whether the air scent dog and handler have performed at the level required for certification as a mission-ready team.

3. Tracking/Trailing Dog Checkoffs/Requirements

Please note: The checkoffs required to complete this certification must be signed by a unit member who observes the activity. The evaluator must be a full unit member and must have certified a trailing dog previously. For trailing dog certification, at least one of the two evaluators must be or must have been at one time a certified trailing team.

- a. Demonstrate basic obedience
 - i. Heel off lead with other people and dogs as distractions, staying close to and responsive to handler.
 - ii. A down, sit or stay (handler's choice) on recall, then complete recall.
 - iii. 15 minute down/stay with handler and other dogs in sight. Dog must be unrestrained and all humans should be a minimum of 30' away from dog. Dog may get up to reposition or scratch, but must return to down position. No additional commands may be given.
 - iv. Dog must remain calm when tied or restrained with owner out of sight for at least 5 minutes.
 - v. Recall from a group of dogs or other distractions (dog not on stay but loose).

- vi. Agility on obstacle course off lead to include one jump 1 ¼ times the height of the dog and one catwalk 12” wide.
- vii. Dog can swim.
- viii. Dog is quiet, friendly and well mannered.
- ix. Dog appears well-socialized and non-aggressive around people, dogs and other animals.
- x. Allows other handlers to transport and exercise the dog.
- xi. Be able to ride quietly in a motor vehicle, watercraft or aircraft for one hour or more and be able to enter and exit the vehicle.
- xii. Be able to be loaded into a vehicle with other dog teams.

4. Level I Trailing Certification - (Note: Before attempting the certification test, the team must successfully complete a checkoff trail.)
- a. It will be the handler’s responsibility to obtain the scent article.
 - b. The team must be SAR Tech III/CGC certified. The handler may choose a helper to assist on the trail. The handler will not be faulted for any mistakes the helper makes. The handler may delegate map and compass and radio communications to the helper. These handler skills will have been demonstrated in the preliminary requirements.
 - c. The handler must demonstrate adequate stamina for the required work.
 - d. The handler must demonstrate his/her ability to read the dog working and have working knowledge of scent to help solve any problems from wind, scent pools or other conditions that may occur.
 - e. The dog may work in a harness or free. If the dog works free, it must be under control.
 - f. The dog must demonstrate adequate stamina for the work
 - g. Before starting the test, the handler will tell the evaluators how the dog will identify the correct subject at the end of the track/trail. This may be anything the handler prefers, but it must be stated at the start of the test. Track/Trail should be approximately 1/2 mile long and 12 hours old. Track/Trail should be a wandering track in park setting to encompass different terrain such as woods, fields, roads and footpaths. Dog and handler team will be allowed one restart. The time limit is 90 minutes. Time for rest periods will not be counted as time working; however, excessive rest periods may affect the outcome of the evaluation. Tracking/Trailing evaluations will not be conducted on snow or areas where the handler can easily see the track. Consideration should be given to weather, especially wind, when evaluating tracking/trailing dogs. Dog should work within reasonable distance from the track. Dog may cut corners or work down wind of actual track. Dog could air scent in to hidden subjects, but dog should not be working several hundred feet upwind of track. Weather conditions could include time of year, time of day, precipitation, wind, etc. Care should be taken when planning and laying the track to be as fair to team as possible. Tracking/Trailing dogs are affected by weather much more than air scent dogs. Track layer should be a stranger to the dog team. Dog should be under control and

can work on or off lead.

h. **Advanced Tracking/Trailing test:**

Before starting the test, the handler will tell the evaluators how the dog will identify the correct subject at the end of the track/trail. This may be anything the handler prefers, but it must be stated at the start of the test. Track/Trail should be approximately one mile long and 18-24 hours old. Track/Trail should be a wandering track in park setting to encompass different terrain such as woods, fields, roads and footpaths. Two unknown subjects, one of which is a decoy, should be hidden out of sight at the end of the trail and be at least 10 feet apart. Dog and handler team will be allowed one restart. The time limit is three hours. Time for rest periods will not be counted as time working. However, excessive rest periods may affect the outcome of the evaluation. The same considerations listed above in the Level I Certification will apply to the Advanced Tracking/Trailing Certification.

The evaluators shall determine within their discretion whether the tracking/trailing dog and handler have performed at the level required for certification as a mission-ready team.

II. Advanced Operational Specialties

To qualify in any advanced specialty, the team must first attain and maintain certification in basic Wilderness Air Scent Area Search or Tracking/Trailing Scenting Dog Standards.

A. Suggested General Growth Activities for Handlers

- a. Complete an advanced first aid course and/or other medical training.
- b. Complete the NASAR “Managing the Search Function” course (or equivalent) and/or FEMA Disaster Management Course or IAFC Incident Command Systems Course.
- c. Complete appropriate training in order to be able to survive 48 hours in a wilderness area in any weather using the contents of his/her daypack
- d. Be able to work a SAR dog in unfamiliar terrain for 12 to 16 hours for three consecutive days with only radio contact with search base.

B. Advanced Air Scent Area Search Dog (Scent Discrimination)

With three unknown persons hidden in a 160 acre area, be given the scent of one by scent article and locate the person by air scenting.

C. Land Cadaver Search

To be certified for cadaver search, a team must have completed both formal and informal training, which included periodic observation by the Training Director or Training Assistant to assure that the team is ready for certification. All training must be documented in training logs. After a team has been certified, they may be asked to demonstrate their skills in this specialty area at any time. Alert shall be

non-intrusive, i.e., refind, bark, sit, down, etc. The need to protect a scene and its contents is important at any possible crime scene. Also, evaluators should move around in the search area to stimulate distractions that are present in these types of searches. Handler should demonstrate control of dog at all times to ensure scene protection. Retired certified dogs may accompany their handlers on searches and remain in vehicle if no other care is available. Dogs in training will not be allowed at searches.

- a. Discrimination – The dog must demonstrate its scent imprinting by consistently selecting a container containing cadaver scent material out of three others contaminated with such things as human scented articles and food.
- b. Field – Testing
 - i. In an area of one square acre, a sample of cadaver scent material will be hidden on the ground, but above the ground's surface for a period of 24 hours or a sample of cadaver scent material will be suspended above the ground for a period of 24 hours. It is the evaluator's choice as to which one the team will be evaluated on.
 - ii. In an area of one square acre, a sample of cadaver scent material will be buried under 6" of soil for a period of 24 hours. Other holes will be dug in the area to act as decoys. The team will have two hours working time to make the above two finds.
- c. The evaluators will take care to protect the materials from contamination with live human scent.
- d. The handler must demonstrate adequate control of the dog to prevent destruction of a crime scene.

D. Advanced Land Cadaver

Certification testing shall consist of the following:

- a. One source buried a minimum of 6", maximum of 12" below surface level. Approximate size of working area shall be 50x50'.
- b. One source placed in a building. Approximate size of working area shall be 30x40'
- c. Between one and three sources outside in an area approximately ½ acre x ½ acre. The working area shall also contain distraction items such as food, animal remains, items with live human scent on them.
- d. Negative area(s)
- e. Vehicle search. Minimum of 3 vehicles included in the problem.

The team shall have 20 minutes for each of the above sections. The dog must do his/her trained indication with minimal disturbance of sources. Handler must have off leash control of the dog including a "check" command and a "slow" command.

Any outside certification must meet or exceed the standards listed above OR the team can pass a lesser outside certification and then do an internal certification to the above standards.

Handlers interested in this specialized group must be willing to put in significant extra training

time to prepare themselves and their dogs for this level of work. The handler must keep training logs specifically for cadaver work as there is a likelihood that he/she may be called to testify in a court situation.

Before beginning work toward advanced cadaver certification, the handler must apply to the Training Director(s). If approval is given by the Training Director, the Standards Committee will review the team's application considering the following criteria:

- 1) Team must be certified in basic land cadaver for minimum of one year.
- 2) Handler must have a minimum of 3 years as a certified dog handler.
- 3) The team must successfully pass all tests described in the certification section above in order to be eligible to respond to relevant searches.
- 4) Handler will complete an additional criminal background check. Handler must have no history of criminal activities.
- 5) Suitability of the dog and handler team will be considered for this specialty.

E. Underwater Detection

At all times during training and when searching on or near water, the handler must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Type II Personal Floatation Device (PFD) life vest.

Violation of this rule shall be grounds for disciplinary action, which may include but not be limited to immediate suspension from the search mission or training session by the Training Director, assistant instructor or designated Operations Leader.

a. Shore Problem

- i. In an area not less than 50 x 12 feet such as the shoreline of a lake, pond, river or creek, the dog shall successfully indicate the location of a cadaver scent material within 1 foot with due compensation for current and wind conditions. Such evaluation shall be conducted in an area where the prevailing wind is directly perpendicular to the shore and off the water. The dog shall alert in an obvious and readily identifiable manner.

b. Open Water Problem

- i. In an area not less than 250 square feet (50' x 50'), the dog shall detect cadaver scent material at a depth of no less than ten feet. The dog shall ignore all persons on shore or in neighboring boats. The dog shall alert in an obvious and readily identifiable manner.
- ii. The dog and handler may work from one of the following at their discretion:
 1. a powerboat operated by a second person
 2. a canoe paddled by a second person in the stern of the craft
 3. a canoe paddled by the handler

The evaluator may observe the problem from the shore, another boat or vessel on which the dog is working at his/her discretion.

The evaluators shall determine within their discretion whether the underwater detection dog and handler have performed at the level required for certification as a mission-ready team.

F. Disaster Search

Comply with the standards and evaluation procedures as established by Federal Emergency Management Agency. (See Appendix A)

G. Evidence Search

To be certified for Evidence Search, a team must have completed training, which included periodic observation by the Training Director or Training Assistant to assure that the team is ready for certification. All training must be documented in training logs. After a team has been certified, they may be asked to demonstrate their skill in this area at any time. Alert shall be non-intrusive, i.e. refind, bark, sit, down, etc. The need to protect a scene and its contents is important at any possible crime scene. Also, evaluators should move around in search area to simulate distractions that are present in these types of searches. Handler should demonstrate control of dog at all times to ensure scene protection.

1. Area Search Evidence

- a. Prior to testing, the handler will tell the tester what type of alert the dog will give.
- b. Thirty minutes prior to the beginning of the problem, the tester or their designate will hide three articles in an area of 50' x 50' within 20 minutes.
- c. Acceptable articles will be no smaller than a shotgun shell and no larger than a wallet. The articles will consist of one metal, one plastic and one leather article.
- d. The team must locate all three articles.
- e. The team will demonstrate the ability to do a controlled send out and search for a distance of 30'.

2. Tracking/Trailing Evidence

Track/trail should be approximately 500' long, straight track approximately 30 minutes old and contain evidence type article; one metal, one leather and one plastic article. Articles should be placed on a track and can be hidden under grass, leaves, etc. These articles should be scented approximately 20 minutes by the track layer (does not have to be a stranger to the dog). Option of handler to have track layer at end of trail. Track should not be laid into the wind. Track and articles should be aged 30 minutes. Handler must describe dog's alert prior to beginning the test. The time limit for this evaluation is 30 minutes.

III. Support Personnel Standards

If an individual wishes to limit participation to base support only, he/she may petition the Standards Committee for such an exception. These standards are designed to insure that MinnSARDA's operational SAR support personnel will be professional and competent in their work. Agencies requesting MinnSARDA's assistance rely on the personnel deployed to do their job correctly and professionally. The failure of any personnel through inadequate training could result in the death of a victim or SAR team member.

People wishing to be deployed on searches as support personnel must meet the standards described herein. Adherence to these standards will be evaluated and monitored by the MinnSARDA Standards Committee. The MinnSARDA Standards Committee is responsible for the maintenance of the approved standards and the certification, re-certification and de-certification of all SAR support personnel.

SAR support personnel must be willing to spend considerable time and money on training and equipment. He or she must be reasonably available to respond to search calls. Each SAR support person should attend 75% of the scheduled formal training sessions each month. They are encouraged to work regularly on their own to expand their knowledge of all phases of SAR work. He or she must attain a SAR TECH II level within one year of becoming an Active Member.

The support personnel are extremely important to the proper execution of SAR activities. Above all, they must have an established and solid working relationship with the dog/handler teams and with the other personnel. They must be able to convey information to and interpret information from the SAR teams in the field. They are the SAR team's essential and vital link to assistance that may be needed at any time.

Support personnel may also be asked to tend to some of the more mundane tasks such as caring for dogs left in camp, arranging for food and lodging, and often just waiting in case something happens. They also act as a buffer to help shield the dogs and handlers from unnecessary disturbances of the work they are assigned. Support personnel also must deal with the press and the curious. Any questions should be directed to the relevant law enforcement personnel. All in all, those who have pursued it have found it to be a rewarding and fulfilling job.

A. Base Support Personnel Certification Test

NOTE: The checkoffs required to complete this certification must be signed by a unit member who observes the activity. Evaluators for checkoffs and certification tests must be full unit members and must be base support certified.

1. Maintain clothing and equipment appropriate to climatic conditions.
2. Maintain certification in an American Red Cross approved Basic First Aid course or equivalent.
3. Maintain certification in an American Red Cross approved adult, child and infant CPR course or equivalent.
4. Obtain SARTECH level III and/or II qualification by time of base certification test.
5. Be familiar with radio communication procedures and maintain a log of all communications.
6. Be able to maintain a map of the route and locations of SAR dog/handler teams in

- the field from radio reports.
7. Be able to relay pertinent information to the Operations Leader from radio reports.
 8. Update and revise maps based on handler reports.
 9. Care for and manage dogs left at base.
 10. Have adequate knowledge of canine first aid.
 11. Be able to provide press liaison.
 12. Provide security for vehicles and equipment.
 13. A SAR Support Person is expected to train on a regular basis with the unit and perform the functions of Base Support person during training or during dog/handler team certification with at least two teams in the field at once.
 14. Should have a minimum of 20 hours in-field experience with dog/handler teams if physically possible.

B. Field Support Personnel Certification Test

NOTE: The checkoffs required to complete this certification must be signed by a unit member who observes the activity. Evaluators for checkoffs and certification tests must be full unit members and must be field support certified.

1. Be in and maintain better than average physical condition as demonstrated by being able to travel a distance of three miles on foot in less than 45 minutes while carrying normal search equipment and including their dog if a dog handler.
2. Complete an American Red Cross new Standard First Aid course or equivalent.
3. Complete an American Red Cross adult, child and infant CPR course or equivalent.
4. Be able to survive 24 hours using the contents of his/her daypack.
5. Be able to perform SAR activities on snow shoes or skis.
6. Be able to use a map and compass to navigate a search pattern in a designated search area.
7. Be familiar with SAR dog search operations as they relate to man tracking, grid and aerial searching and be familiar with and able to participate in Type II and Type III grid search operations.
8. Be able to work with a SAR dog team in moderate terrain 4-5 hours per day for two consecutive days.
9. Be able to, at the end of a search, translate field activity onto a base map, including route taken, areas left uncovered, alerts, wind direction and probability of detection.
10. Have adequate training in canine first aid.
11. Be able to assist in watercraft with a dog on board in connection with search operations.
12. Maintain clothing and equipment appropriate to climatic conditions.
13. Be able to care for and manage dogs left in his/her care.
14. Be able to relay pertinent information to base from the field.
15. Perform the functions of Field Support personnel during training or during dog/handler team certification.

IV. Certification Renewal

All dog/handler teams must be evaluated on an annual basis for re-certification. This evaluation must be conducted within 60 days of the anniversary of their previous certification. The unit, at two year intervals, may require a test of physical capability for dog and handler to perform in the field. Initial certification must be done to unit standards unless the outside certification is equal to or greater than MinnSARDA standards and is approved by the Standards Committee. For subsequent re-certifications, national or other outside certifications may be accepted if approved by the Standards Committee. First Aid and CPR certification must remain current at all times to retain operational status. In addition, any operational dog out of service for more than 90 days must be evaluated before returning to service.

At the Standards Committee's discretion, the team need not undergo a complete certification renewal if the Committee is satisfied that the team is capable of functioning at an operational level. The Standards Committee may also recognize outside certifications by other qualified organizations.

V. Limited Certification

It is recognized that after many years of dedication to SAR activities, age or infirmity may limit a dog/handler team member's usefulness in extended wilderness search situations. This may not affect the member's ability to work effectively in specialty search categories for which the team is certified. Since it would be unfair to an active team to remove it from all phases of SAR under these conditions, the Standards Committee may issue a limited certification of the team.

It must be reiterated that the Limited Certification is only applicable to teams that have been completely certified for several years and that have been consistently active and contributing members of MinnSARDA.

APPENDIX A

FEMA APPROVED DISASTER DOG STANDARDS

Note: FEMA's web page is located at <http://www.fema.gov/>

APPENDIX B

EQUIPMENT LIST

Uniform

The MinnSARDA uniform is to be worn at all team and service functions, training and actual searches.

Sturdy boots

Socks, two pair

Pants, blue, heavy-duty work (poplin or wool)

Belt

Shirt, tan long-sleeve, heavy-duty work with pocket flaps (short sleeve optional for summer).

Team patch on left shoulder, DNR patch on right shoulder. First initial then last name printed in brown embroidery on right chest over pocket. Alternatively, a bar tag with the individual's first initial and last name may be used.

Hard hat with reflective orange trim

Search Equipment

(Equipment to be carried or available at all times.)

Daypack to contain:

Orienteering compass

Swiss Army type knife

Flashlight, spare batteries and bulb

Headlamp, spare batteries and bulb

Whistle

Drinking Cup

Canteen or appropriate water container

High energy snack food for handler and dog

Gaiters

Extra sweater or other warmth garment

Gloves

2-way radio with spare battery (check charge)

50' nylon cord

Tarp or poncho

Insect repellent

Bandanna

Waterproof matches

First Aid kit

Survival kit

Spare socks (two pair)

Spare bootlaces

Small towel

Eating utensils

Rain suit

APPENDIX C

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