

VIRGINIA POLICE WORK DOG ASSOCIATION

AGILITY TEST

This test is to determine the ability of the police work dog to surmount obstacles. This test will be done off lead. The Master Trainer will decide the order of obstacles for each dog. There will be no set routine. The work dog must surmount all obstacles successfully. The work dog will be allowed two (2) attempts to complete each obstacle. Handlers will be allowed to verbally encourage their dog, but will not physically help the dog unless physical harm to the dog is imminent.

HURDLES:

- 1.) 42" - 48" high and a minimum of 36" wide.
- 2.) Consisting of five (5) jumps. The dog must go over four (4) of the five (5) jumps.
 - a.) Chain Link Fence
 - b.) Window Jump - opening of 30" by 30"
 - c.) Solid Wall - brick, cinder block or wood
 - d.) Vehicle Door Window-will have a platform or vehicle seat up against the inside of the door, the dog will jump onto the seat or platform and then go through the window. This has been changed to aid in the prevention of injury to the dog due to the change in designs of vehicle doors over the years.
 - e.) Picket Fence Jump
- 3.) The handler may run along with his/her dog during the exercise commanding his/her dog over each hurdle.
- 4.) All fence jumps may have a clear backing to aid in the prevention of injuries to the K-9.

TRESTLE WALK:

- 1.) It shall be three (3) feet off the ground: 12 to 18 feet long with 2" by 4" cross boards 4" apart. The width will be at least 36".
- 2.) The dog will surmount the trestle by jumping onto the trestle and walking from one end to the other.
- 3.) The handler may walk alongside the dog, but will not touch the dog except to prevent injury.
- 4.) **The trestle walk may have a clear Plexiglas backing (under the boards) to aid in the prevention of injuries to the K-9. Revised 06-19-94**

TUNNEL WALK:

- 1.) It shall be 18" to 32" in diameter and 8 to 12 feet in length.
- 2.) The tunnel can be made of metal, wood or concrete.
- 3.) If the dog backs out it is a miss. The dog will be given two (2) attempts at completion.

PLATFORM CLIMB:

- 1.) 4 foot by 4 foot platform at least 6 feet off the ground with three (3) types of ladders or stairs attached to it.
- 2.) Ladders/stairs will be at a 35 to 45 degree angle.
- 3.) Material of ladders is optional: wood, metal, etc.
- 4.) The dog will climb whichever ladder required by the Master Trainer and dismount whichever ladder required by the Master Trainer. **Revised 04-11-92**

All tests given the K9 team will be on a pass/fail basis. The Master Trainer will determine if the team will be certified upon the completion of the test. **The handler and dog will be considered as a team and it is the team who will be certified. If the dog changes handlers, a new team exists and the team will need to be certified.**

This certification will be valid for one (1) year from the date of issue as defined in Certification Validity paragraph. **There will be no fee charged for VPWDA certification testing. A fee may be imposed to cover expenses of travel, lodging and meals only, if necessary.**

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