

# **VIRGINIA POLICE WORK DOG ASSOCIATION** **“POLICE UTILITY DOG” CERTIFICATION TITLE**

To obtain a “Police Utility Dog” certification title, the police work dog team must pass **all** phases of the utility dog testing areas excluding the agility phase.

**Prior to testing for this title, the handler must notify the Master Trainer of his/her intent to obtain this title.**

The testing will be conducted during a one day test, unless it is conducted during a NAPWDA national or state workshop. The team **must pass each phase on the first attempt** and will be tested in the following areas:

- 1.) Obedience (**MUST** be passed to go on to the other areas.)
- 2.) Article Search
- 3.) Area Search
- 4.) Tracking or Trailing
- 5.) Building Search
- 6.) Aggression Control

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**NOTE: There will be a break between tests.**

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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