



C-RAD Avalanche Rescue Dog Team Evaluation



Date _____ Location _____

Test : Operational

Dog _____ Handler _____ Home Agency _____

Evaluator _____

PASS: YES / NO

Handler Scoring Criteria:

I. Situational Awareness

- A. Transport: Analyzes transport options and arrives on scene in a rapid and safe manner.
- B. Scene Safety: Ensures that the site is sufficiently safe for rescue operations.
- C. Interview: Handles stress. Obtains all necessary information while starting the dog quickly with a sense of urgency for a live find.

Notes:

Score:	1	2	3	4	5
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II. Strategy

- A. Utilizes wind, terrain, clues, and high probability areas to the team's advantage.
- B. Revise as necessary: recheck wind conditions, interview victims as they are uncovered, utilizes articles as clues.
- C. Analysis of area coverage and effectiveness: Able to note which areas of the slide path may have been missed or not covered thoroughly.

Notes:

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III. Command of Dog

- A. Trigger: Puts dog into work/search mode quickly and effectively.
- B. Directional Commands: Whether verbal or visual, minimal as to not distract the dog, but when used are timed appropriately to facilitate efficient search area coverage.
- C. Restart: After a find, the dog moves away from find and restarts in a quick, positive manner.
- D. Reward: Intense but short to return dog to work; longer at the conclusion of the search.

Notes:

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IV. Reading of Dog

- A. Recognizes the dog showing scent interest and withholds commands that distract the dog.
- B. Recognizes the various cues the dog displays when showing interest and alerting.
- C. Indication: Stays away and withholds anything verbal to allow an independent, sustained indication by the dog.
- D. Indication: Able to discern interest from alert/indication and positively identifies the location of the burials without false alerts.

Notes:

Score:	1	2	3	4	5
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Overall Impression of Handler AND Dog: (Would you field this team)

Dog Scoring Criteria:					
I. Responsiveness to Handler					
A. Controllable during whatever means of transport the handler chooses.					
B. Responds quickly to both verbal or visual commands.					
C. Follows handler's commands at initial and restart; immediately ready to work when directed.					
D. Excited to receive reward from handler at the conclusion of search.					
Notes:					
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II. Work Ethic					
A. Ranging: Natural or directed area coverage; shows willingness to work independently and away from their handler.					
B. Intensity: Works hard and fast.					
C. Focus: Wants the find; not dependent on the handler or distracted by people, dogs, or other objects on the scene.					
D. Endurance: Able to sustain energy level throughout the search.					
Notes:					
Score	1	2	3	4	5
III. Scent Response					
A. Interest: Cone Response: Catches cone, recognizes scent, and reacts towards cone.					
B. Work to Refind: Hungry to re-find scent cone if lost.					
C. Alert: Cone to Victim: Moves down the cone funnel with confidence.					
D. Pinpoint: Quickly brackets to the scent source.					
Notes:					
Score	1	2	3	4	5
IV. Indication					
A. Trained, readable behavior initiated independently from handler and distinct from any other behavior on avalanche site.					
B. Sustained behavior: High excitement and desire for the find; sustained long enough to insure the certainty of the handler.					
Notes:					
Score	1	2	3	4	5

SCORING CHART:

- 1 = POOR
- 2 = FAIR
- 3 = GOOD
- 4 = VERY GOOD
- 5 = OUTSTANDING

TIME STARTED:

- TIME CLEARED:**
- TOTAL LENGTH:**

TIMES FOR INDICATION:

- Live 1:
- Live 2:
- Live 3:

Minimum passing score is 12 for both handler and dog. Overall Impressions of the team should be taken into consideration for passing a team.

Evaluator Signature: _____