

SHVAN WARRIORS ASSOCIATION

AREA SEARCH TEST

This test is designed to test the working dog's ability and proficiency in search for a hidden suspect within a large area when no known track is available. The team being tested should use the wind and air currents to their best advantage.

MASTER TRAINER:

The Master Trainer will observe the team during the entire test. The Master Trainer will make every effort not to distract or interfere with the dog while he/she is working. The Master Trainer will designate the general area to be searched.

HANDLERS:

Handlers may select the starting point outside the search area that he/she wishes. Any leash may not be longer than thirty (30) feet. The handler will inform the Master Trainer, the area in which the suspect is hidden, within ten (10) feet of the suspect.

HELPER:

The helper will hide in the area at least ten (10) minutes prior to the beginning of the test. The helper should be an unknown person not normally used in training with the dog. The helper will hide themselves from view of the team using available concealment.

TIME AND AREA:

The area size for the search takes place in and the time allowed for the search will be at the discretion of the Master Trainer.

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 fee of Rs 1000 charged for SHVAN WARRIORS ASSOCIATION (SHWAAN) certification testing. A fee may be imposed to cover expenses of travel, lodging and meals only, if necessary.**