

SHVAN WARRIORS ASSOCIATION (SHWAAN)

NARCOTIC DETECTION TEST

This test is designed to determine the proficiency and reliability of dogs in the detection of narcotics. As defined by the SHVAN WARRIORS ASSOCIATION (SHWAAN) narcotic detection rules for testing, the minimum acceptable level required to pass is 91.66%. The basic narcotic odors (and their derivatives) that can be tested in are marijuana, cocaine, heroin and methamphetamine and are not to exceed five (5) **different** narcotic odors. **The safety of the detection dog will be the sole responsibility of the handler; (such as overdose).** The general rules for testing narcotic detection dogs will be as follows:

- 1.) The "Reward toy or object" used during a narcotic detection certification test, to reward the dog upon finding a narcotic hide, **WILL NOT** contain any narcotics or narcotic odor/residue.
- 2.) **All odors attempting to be certified in WILL be hidden in ALL areas tested in. Conflict odors will be present in all testing areas.**
- 3.) All searches will include a minimum of two (2) blank uncontaminated areas to be searched, e.g. vehicle, room, luggage, locker, area, etc.
- 4.) **Testing will be conducted in at least three (3) areas. Areas of concealment are:**
 - a.) Vehicles, mandatory search area and mandatory minimum 6 vehicles for test (inside and outside count as one (1) area.).
 - b.) Buildings, mandatory search area.
 - c.) Any other designated areas.
 - d.) If luggage, any type of package or container is used, there will be a minimum of 15 pieces used for testing.
 - e.) If lockers are used, there will be a minimum of 25 lockers used for testing.
- 5.) A **"team miss"** is defined as any incorrect response by the K9 team.
- 6.) **Only one (1) miss total overall** of all odors attempted to be certified in, will be permitted for a successful "pass" certification. **If the testing K9 team has more than one (1) team miss, which is a failure, then the K9 team MUST RETEST in ALL PHASES AND in ALL ODORS that they are seeking accreditation for.**
- 7.) Narcotics successfully certified in will be listed by their "Laboratory" names on the certification certificate.
- 8.) **Pseudo narcotics WILL NOT** be used for certification tests.
- 9.) The Master Trainer will place the aids in locations unknown to the team. Hides may be high or low.
- 10.) The amount of narcotic substance used for testing will not be less than one (1) gram.

11.) When testing in three or more odors of narcotics, a minimum of one (1) hide of each odor attempted to be certified in **WILL** be hidden in "Building" searches **and** in "Other" searches, tested in.

12.) When testing in three or more odors of narcotics, there will be a minimum of one (1) hide of each odor attempted to be certified in, hidden INSIDE the vehicle and a minimum of one (1) hide of the SAME ODOR, hidden on the OUTSIDE of the vehicle, thus making a TOTAL of two (2) hides of EACH ODOR attempted to be certified in for the vehicle portion of the narcotic detection certification test. There will be at least one (2) blank uncontaminated vehicles searched/used during this test.

13.) If only one (1) odor is attempted to be certified in, there **WILL** be a minimum of twelve (12) total finds, consisting of a minimum four (4) hides in building search, minimum four (4) hides in "Other" searches, and a minimum of four (4) hides - two (2) inside and two (2) outside a vehicle. There will be at least one (2) blank uncontaminated vehicles searched/used during this test.

14.) If two (2) odors are attempted to be certified in, there **WILL** be a minimum of twelve (12) total finds, consisting of a minimum two (2) hides of each odor in building search, minimum two (2) hides of each odor in "Other" searches, and a minimum two (2) hides of each odor - one (1) of each odor inside and one (1) of each odor outside a vehicle. There will be at least two (2) blank uncontaminated vehicles searched/used during this test.

15.) Time limits on searches will be at the discretion of the Master Trainer and so long as the Master Trainer determines that the team is still working.

**** NOTE: There will be a break between the narcotic building searches and the narcotic vehicle searches. ****

All tests given the Narcotic Detection 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.**