

RESCUE DOG AREA TEST LEVEL B RH-FL B

Consists of:	Scent work	200 Pts
	Obedience	50 Pts
	Dexterity	50 Pts
	Total score	300 Pts

Part A - SCENT WORK

Total score / Scentwork:	200 Pts
Alert exercise	10 Pts
Intensity of Working and Directability of the dog	30 Pts
Conduct of the handler	10 Pts
Victim location / 5 subjects: (each 30 Pts)	150 Pts

Time limit: 30 minutes maximum for the search not including the alert exercise, open terrain, 50% of which is overgrown or has structures.

Size of area: approximately 25,000 sq. metres up to 30,000 sq. metres, five subjects.

General Rules:

Hiding places for the dog not visible and reachable are allowed. Hiding places should not be higher than 2 m. Prior to the search the handler (DH) must inform the judge (TJ) how the dog will indicate (by barking, Bringsel or recalling). The DH must inform the TJ of the search-system, which is up to him.

Search-ready dogs can be outfitted with I.D. jacket and / or a collar. Dogs which indicate by „recalling“ have to do so by running back and forth between the victim and the DH on the most direct route, thereby leading the DH to the victim.

In order to give each dog an equal chance, some non participating DHs and dogs will do a trial run of the test area 15 minutes prior to the test. The victims have to be positioned according to the wind direction 10 minutes prior to the test and may not be seen by either the dog or DH to be assessed.

Alert Exercise:

The alert exercise area must be set up outside of the search exercise area. The victim must place himself not visible for the dog. On command from the TJ, the DH sends his search-ready dog with a vocal and hand signal toward the victim 30 m away and visible sitting or lying. The dog must show an alert convincingly and without any assistance from the DH, who must announce the alert. Upon a command from the TJ and depending on the alert mode, the DH either must approach the subject or must be lead by the dog. The DH must bring the dog into a down-stay position, 3 m from the subject. The dog must remain calm and is not allowed to interfere in any way with the rescue effort. On command from the TJ the DH must collect his dog and report to the TJ.

Search test:

The DH and dog have to wait out of sight until summoned. The DH must send his search-ready dog in the direction that he deems correct. However, he is not allowed to start the dog from the side, from which the victims entered. Wind direction must be taken into consideration.

Following the handlers directions, the dog must zigzag the area searching for the scent. The Intensity of Working and Directability of the dog will be assessed. The DH is not allowed to leave the starting point until the TJ gives permission to do so.

The victims have to remain motionless in a sitting or prone position. Victims do not have to be visible or physically accessible. After each search the location of the victim must be changed.

The dog must clearly indicate the victims location and the DH must signal, that his dog has made a find and is only allowed to proceed to the dog after a command from the TJ. If the find is indicated by barking, the dog must remain close to the victim, not straying more than proximity 2 m. The properties and type of terrain have to be taken into account. In the case of a dog using a Bringsel for indication or in case of recall, the find will be recognised only when the dog has led its DH by the most direct route to the victim.

The first false alert will lower the total score of scent work with 30%.

The second false alert is followed by discontinuation of scent work

This exercise is concluded when the TJ announces the score.

Part B - OBEDIENCE**Part C - DEXTERITY**