

DEXTERY of SEARCH DOG**- AREA TEST
- DISASTER TEST****RH-FL B
RH-T B****Total score****50 Pts**

1. Exercise	Unstable plank	5 Pts
2. Exercise	Seesaw	10 Pts
3. Exercise	Horizontal ladder	10 Pts
4. Exercise	Long jump	5 Pts
5. Exercise	Crawl exercise	5 Pts
6. Exercise	Traversing of unpleasant surfaces	5 Pts
7. Exercise	Directability at a distance	10 Pts
8. Exercise	Carrying and handing over the dog	5 Pts

Performance Rules:**1. Unstable plank****5 Pts**

Obstacle: Two identical barrels approximately 0.4 m in diameter, wood plank approximately 4.0 m long, 0.3 m wide.

Voice signal: „Hopp – optional (2) vocal signals - Fuss“ („Jump - optional (2) vocal signals - Heel“)

The start-position must be assumed at an appropriate distance from the obstacle. On the DH's vocal and hand signal the dog must jump on to the plank and stop within the first half upon a voice signal. The dog may stand, sit or lie down. At the TJ's command the DH and the dog have to proceed to the end of the plank and the dog must jump to the ground. On a vocal or hand signal the dog must resume the start-position. The dog must traverse the full length of the plank without any signs of fear.

2. Seesaw**10 Pts**

Obstacle: Wood plank approximately 4.0 m long, approximately 0.3 m wide. Balanced on a barrel approximately 0.4 m in diameter.

Voice signal: „Vorán – optional 1 vocal signal - Fuss“ („Go on – optional - Heel“)

The start-position must be assumed at an appropriate distance from the obstacle. At the DH's vocal and hand signal the dog must scale the object, proceed to the apex of the seesaw, bringing the elevated end to the ground and proceed to the end of it. The DH is not allowed to accompany the dog until the dog has tipped the plank and the DH is not allowed to touch either the dog or the seesaw. Upon completion of the exercise the dog must resume the start-position. The dog must traverse the whole board without any signs of fear.

3. Horizontal ladder

10 Pts

Obstacle: Wooden ladder laid over two supports approx. 0.5 m high, length of the ladder approximately 4.0 m, 0.5 m wide, rungs 0.3 m apart, 5 cm wide, with a plank from the ground providing access .

Voice signal: „Voran, Fuss“ („Go on, Heel“)

The start-position must be assumed at an appropriate distance from the obstacle. On vocal and hand signal the dog must climb the access plank and cross the ladder via the rungs and until the last rung. At the end of the obstacle the dog must be lowered by the DH, and must resume the start-position. The DH may walk next to the ladder without touching it or the dog.

4. Long jump

5 Pts

Obstacle: Width: 1.50 m, height: 0.30 m, depth: 1.0 m e.g. water trench

Voice signal: „Hopp, Steh, Fuss“ („Jump, Stop, Heel“)

The start-position must be assumed at an appropriate distance from the obstacle. At the DH's vocal and hand signal the dog must jump over the obstacle and then remain standing (vocal or hand signal). Upon the TJ's command the DH must go to the dog and proceed to the next obstacle.

5. Crawl exercise

5 Pts

Obstacle: Crawl space, approximately 0.5 m in diameter, approximately 3.0 m long.

Voice signal: „Kriech, - optional - , Fuss“ („Crawl, - Optional -, Heel“)

The start-position must be assumed at an appropriate distance from the obstacle. Upon a vocal and hand signal the dog must crawl through the obstacle. After the crawl space has been cleared the dog must stop on the vocal and hand signal of the DH. The dog may stand, sit or lie down. Upon the judges command the DH must go to the dog and resume the start-position.

6. Traversing of unpleasant surfaces

5 Pts

Obstacle: an area of approximately 3 x 3 meters of tin, plastic, construction materials, rubble, e.g..

Voice signal: „Fuss“ („Heel“)

The start-position must be assumed in front of the obstacle. The DH heels the dog off leash over the surfaces and back showing at least one stop while going back. After leaving the area the DH must resume the start-position.

7. Directability at a distance

10 Pts

Marking: 1 pylon and 3 well-marked points approx. 40 m apart; palettes, barrels e.g. height max. 0.60 m.

Voice signal: „Revier oder Voran, Hopp, Hier, Fuss“ („Revier or Go out, Jump, Heel“)

The start-position must be assumed approx. 20 m from the pylon. From that point upon the judges command the DH must send the dog to the pylon, using a vocal and hand signal. Remaining stationary and using vocal and hand signals the DH must direct his dog to the first obstacle indicated by the TJ. On the vocal or hand signal the dog must jump on to the obstacle and remain. The same procedure must be followed for the second and third obstacles. The TJ determines the sequence in which the obstacles have to be climbed at the begin of the exercise. After the third obstacle the DH recalls the dog with a vocal or hand signal. The dog must approach the DH and sit immediately in front of him. On a vocal or hand signal the dog must resume the start-position.

8. Carrying and handing over the dog

5 Pts

Voice signal: optional.

The DH or any other person must pick up the dog from ground or a higher level (e.g. a table) and carries the dog 10 m away and then hands the dog over to the DH or any other person who carries it another 10 m away before putting the dog down. Upon the command of the TJ the dog handler must call his dog, takes the start-position, puts his dog on leash and goes to the TJ. The dog is not allowed to show any aggression towards the DH or the assisting persons.

This exercise is concluded when the TJ announces the score.