

RESCUE DOG DISASTER TEST LEVEL B RH-T 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: 40 minutes maximum for the search not including the alert exercise. Rubble field 400 sq. metres - 800 sq. metres, in one level or divided in several floors, 5 victims.

General Rules:

Five victims however are to be hidden with no visual contact or physical access for the dog. Distractions include: smouldering fire, running motors, hammering, drumming etc. as well as gun shots in the vicinity of the rubble field. Prior to the search the handler (DH) is to inform the judge (TJ) how the dog will indicate (by barking, Bringsel or recalling). Search-ready dogs may be outfitted with I.D. jacket and / or a collar. Dogs which indicate by „recalling “ are 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. The handler may proceed from the starting point only when the permission is given by the TJ. The victims are to be approx. 10 m apart and in position 15 minutes prior to the first search exercise. Victim hiding places used by the preceding dog must be kept open, they are to be alternated after every search. Used hiding places may be reused. Immediately before and during the test at least three people are to be actively crossing the rubble field.

Alert Exercise:

The exercise is to begin at a marked point on the ground, 10 m in front of a pipe with lid or a closed box in which a subject is hidden. The alert exercise area is to be set up outside of the search exercise area, and be clearly defined and shown to the DH. On command from the TJ the DH sends his search-ready dog to the subjects hiding place. Once the dog has obtained the scent source it is to show an alert. Upon a command from the TJ, the DH may go up to the dog. The dog is to be brought into the „down-stay position“ 3 m away from the subjects location. The dog is to remain calm and may not interfere in any way the rescue. The DH is to assist in freeing the subject. As soon as the opening is large enough, the DH is to bring his dog and allow to crawl in towards the subject. On command from the TJ the DH is to collect his dog and report to the TJ. A vocal and simultaneous hand signal are permitted at the start of the exercise. Vocal or hand signals pressuring the dog into an alert are not permitted.

Search test:

The DH and dog are to wait out of sight until summoned. The DH is to send his search-ready dog in the direction that he deems correct, he may not, however, start the dog from the side from which the victims entered. Following the handlers directions, the dog is to zigzag the area searching for the scent. Wind direction must be taken into consideration. The Intensity of Working and Directability of the dog will be assessed. The dog is to indicate the victims location convincingly and the DH is then to signal the find to the TJ and is not to approach his dog until directed to do so by the TJ. If the find is indicated by barking, the dog is to remain in close proximity to the victim straying not more than 2 m. In the case of a dog using a Bringsel for indication or in case of recall, the find will maintain 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**