



Florida Department of Law Enforcement

CANINE COURSE EQUIVALENCY CHECKLIST

Incorporated by Reference in Rule 11B-27.013(3)(c), F.A.C.



**CJSTC
70A**

Commission-approved Canine Team Training Course number 1198 **OR** Equivalent Canine Training Course

Name of Equivalent Course if not Course 1198: _____

Criminal justice agency or private provider delivering training equivalent course: _____

The course, which shall be verified by a Commission-approved evaluator, shall be taught using Commission-certified Canine Instructors, and shall be documented on the Canine Course Equivalency Checklist, Form CJSTC-70A.

Name of Instructor: _____ Last four digits of Social Security Number: _____

Name of instructor: _____ Last four digits of Social Security Number: _____

Evaluator's Name: _____ Contact Phone Number: _____

Last Four Digits of the Evaluator's Social Security Number: XXX-XX-_____

I attest that I have evaluated that the topic areas of the canine training course referenced above against the Commission-approved Canine Team Training Course number 1198 on the _____ day of _____, 20____, pursuant with Rule 11B-27.013, F.A.C., and determined that the canine training course above was

Equivalent NOT Equivalent

Evaluator's Signature: _____ Evaluator's Renewal Date: _____

Equivalent training is any canine team training course other than the Commission-approved Canine Team Training Course number 1198. Equivalent training must be a minimum of 480 hours and must comply with the goals and objectives of the Canine Team Training course number 1198. A Commission-approved evaluator shall not approve equivalent training that was delivered by the evaluator. The employing agency submitting form CJSTC-70 shall provide documentation of equivalent training to the Commission-approved evaluator for review and approval prior to conducting a performance evaluation for Commission certification.

Canine Academics – Canine Team Training Course number 1198 Topic Areas	Yes/No
Historical Background of Canines - use of canines in the criminal justice field from a historical perspective	
Record Keeping - proper documentation of deployments, certifications, maintenance, veterinarian care, and storage of training records	
Canine Health, Routine Care, and Maintenance - routine care and maintenance that is necessary to maintain the canine's health and how it provides an important process in the handler-canine bonding process	
First Aid and Emergency Situations - causes and symptoms of canine injuries, how injuries can create situations requiring emergency first aid, and how to stabilize the animal before or while transporting to a veterinarian	
Canine Psychology - basic canine psychology, conditioning, drives, character, and behavioral traits	
Aspects of Canine Training - canine training techniques and concepts that will facilitate the criminal justice canine team mission.	
Scent Theory and Canine Olfactory System - anatomy of the canine olfactory system; how the canine uses this system to recognize and discriminate scent	
Legal - federal law, state statute, and case laws that govern canine deployments	
Canine Deployment Report Writing - documentation of canine team deployment based on agency specific policy and procedures	
Courtroom Testimony - preparation and presentation for courtroom testimony	
Patrol	
Obedience - how to control the canine using proper obedience commands	
Criminal Apprehension - legal use of a canine in the apprehension of a suspect through less than lethal force	
Building Search - conduct a safe and tactical search of a building utilizing the canine's senses to locate a suspect	
Area Search - conduct a safe and tactical search of an area utilizing the canine's senses to locate a suspect	
Patrol Scenarios - demonstrate how to conduct a building search, an area search, apprehend a suspect, and respond to a handler down scenario	
Optional Topic	
Tracking & Trailing	