



Florida Department of
Law Enforcement

CANINE COURSE EQUIVALENCY CHECKLIST

Incorporated by Reference in Rule 11B-27.013(3)(b)2., F.A.C.



CJSTC 70A

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

Name of Course _____

Name of training school, agency, or private provider delivering training _____

Evaluator's Name: _____ Contact Phone Number: _____

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

I attest that I have evaluated 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 the Commission-approved Canine Team Training Course number 1198 not delivered at a Commission-certified training school or 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. For a previously Commission-certified handler assigned a new canine, equivalent training is the 80-hour minimum training requirement. A Commission-approved evaluator shall not approve equivalent training that he or she delivered. The employing agency submitting form CJSTC-70 shall provide documentation of equivalent training to the Commission-approved evaluator for verification for Commission certification.

| Canine Academics (Not required for previously certified handlers) | Yes/No/NA |
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| 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 laws, state statutes, and case laws that govern canine deployments | |
| Canine Deployment Report Writing - documentation of canine team deployment based on agency specific policies and procedures | |
| Courtroom Testimony - preparation and presentation for courtroom testimony | |
| Patrol | Yes/No |
| 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 Topics | Yes/No/NA |
| Tracking & Trailing | |