

NATIONAL SEARCH DOG ALLIANCE (NSDA)

Suggested Pack List

A pack check is not a pre-test requirement but the handler is expected to carry adequate first aid, supplies and water for the handler/K-9 team. NSDA provides this recommended equipment list but it is the responsibility of the handler to be adequately equipped and attired.

Although a pack check is not part of the evaluation, lack of adequate equipment may be a reason for the exam to be stopped and considered a failure. For example, if the handler runs out of water, the Evaluator may stop the test if there is a danger to the health and well being of the handler and K-9.

Medical Kit

Personal medications & glasses
Gloves: latex, vinyl or nitrile
Waterless hand sanitizer
Pocket mask or CPR Micro shield
Antihistamines
Aspirin or equivalent
Electrolite replacement drink
Band-Aids, various sizes
Sterile dressings (4x4)
Triangular bandage
Roller gauze (Kling, Kerlex) 2" & 4"
Waterproof tape, 1" or 2"
Elastic (Ace) bandage
Moleskin
Space blanket
Trauma sheers or scissors
Forceps/tweezers
Antiseptic ointment (tube)
Cotton swabs
Hot & cold chem packs/hand warmers

Food and Water

Food: 2,000 calories/day
Trail food, non perishable:
nuts, dried fruit
Water containers, 2 separate,
1 quart each minimum
Water purification system, filter or chemical
Food prep equipment, fuel & utensils
Metal drinking cup, heatable, 8 oz minimum

General Items

Pack, large enough for equipment needed
Compass, orienteering type
Signal mirror (may be with compass)
Flashlight & bulb
Flashlight, small backup or headlamp
Whistle, plastic, pea-less
Watch or equivalent
Knife, multipurpose
Note paper and pencil
Waterproof permanent marker pen
Flagging tape, 1"
Measuring device, 18" minimum
Duct tape/electric tape
Large leaf bag
Candle, long burning
Waterproof wooden matches in dry
container or magnesium bar
Chem light sticks, 12 hour
GPS unit
Radio, holder, extra battery
Batteries for all devices
Nylon rope, twine or parachute cord
Webbing, nylon 1" x length to make your
seat harness (20')
Ziplock bags, 1 or 2 gallon size

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Clothing, Boots, Protection

Sturdy boots, adequate for climate/terrain
Clothing, extra, adequate for climate/terrain
Extra socks
Rain gear, durable
Bandana
Gloves, wool
Gloves, leather
Gaiters
Goggles, safety glasses
Sunglasses, UV protection
Helmet
Shelter for conditions, tent/bivy
Sleeping bag, rated for conditions
Sleeping pad

Personal Items

Personal I.D.
Tissue or baby wipes
Insect repellent
Sunscreen, lotion or cream
Lip balm with sunscreen
Antacid/Laxative

K-9

I.D.
Vet records
Leash
Vet wrap
Gauze pads, 4x4
Gauze roll
Adhesive tape, 1" & 2" rolls
Dog boots
Hemostat
Toenail clippers
Thermometer
Irrigation syringe for wounds
Stop Bleed powder
Immodium-AD
Pepto-Bismol
Eyewash
Ear wash (Oti-Clen-R)
Neomycin, Polymycin
Baking soda (bee stings)
3% Hydrogen peroxide (disinfectant)
Apomorphine (to induce vomiting)