

National Search Dog Alliance (NSDA)

PREREQUISITES for All K-9 Tests

Proof of the following shall be presented to the Evaluator(s) in a binder before the test.

- **Proof that K-9 is at least one (1) year of age (AKC registration or certificate from veterinarian).**
- **Proof of current rabies vaccination by an accredited veterinarian.**
- **Proof of K-9s successful completion of a temperament evaluation (present an AKC Canine Good Citizen or Therapy Dog International certificate, a Schutzhund title, AKC obedience title, or other nationally known obedience title).**
- **Proof of successful completion of ICS 100, 200, 700 (present certificates).**
- **Proof of current basic first aid certification or higher (present certificate / card) from American Red Cross or other recognized organization.**
- **Proof of current CPR certification (present certificate/card from American Heart Association, American Red Cross, or other organization meeting their criteria).**
- **Current training logs for this team for the past twelve (12) months.**
- **Proof of passing the NSDA written tests.**

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/canine team. NSDA has published a 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 canine.**

Specific disciplines may have additional requirements for that discipline i.e. Avalanche requires an Avalanche Class.