

UPWDA Area Search Certification

This exercise is to be completed off lead.

K9 Teams must obtain Obedience Certification and Aggression Control certification prior to testing for Area Search Certification.

- The handler will come to the search area and give their announcements.
- The handler will then send their dog into the search area.
- The dog must make an obvious alert as to the location of the decoy.
- The handler will enter the search area using cover and locate his dog.
- The handler will then confirm with the Master Trainer the location of the decoy.
- At the Master Trainer's discretion, the decoy may be hidden up high or on the ground and in an area that is available to use.

If the dog fails to alert at the location of the decoy, it is a failure.