

Narcotics Detector Dog Certification Scenarios

Successful performance in the following scenarios are considered important for the seasoned/veteran Narcotics Detector Dog.

1. **Human Clothing Sniff Scenario.** The Handler shall deploy the Dog in a scenario which has been prepared to examine the Dog's ability to locate two separate stashes of narcotics which have been hidden among six (6) piles of human clothing. This represents the environment which may be encountered in residential deployments. A diversion will also be placed within the search area. Three piles of clothing will have neither narcotics odor nor a diversion inside. These piles shall constitute a blank search in this scenario.



2. **Residential Sniff.** The Handler shall deploy the Dog in a scenario which has been prepared to examine the Dog's ability to locate three (3) separate stashes of narcotics which have been hidden in a residence consisting of at least three (3) rooms. This represents the environment which may be encountered in residential deployments. A diversion will also be placed within the search area. Three areas of the residence will have neither narcotics odor nor a diversion inside. These areas shall constitute a blank search in this scenario. In order to validate that the Dog is focusing on the target odor, a common cutting agent used in illegal drug trafficking (i.e., sugar, baking soda, etc.) shall also be hidden in the search area.



3. **Automobile Sniff.** The Handler shall deploy the Dog in a scenario which has been prepared to examine the Dog's ability to locate two (2) separate stashes of narcotics, one (1) which has been hidden on the exterior and one (1) which has been hidden in the interior, of an automobile. This represents the environment which may be encountered during traffic stops or other vehicular deployments. A diversion will also be placed within the search area. For Utah POST certification, this diversion shall be uncirculated currency. If it should occur that the Dog locates both drug stashes prior to encountering the currency, the Dog shall be required to sniff the vicinity where the currency is hidden, to determine if the Dog exhibits a neutral response to its presence. At least one additional vehicle will have neither narcotics odor nor a diversion inside. This vehicle/s shall constitute a blank search in this scenario.



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4. **Business Establishment Sniff.** The Handler shall deploy the Dog in a scenario which has been prepared to examine the Dog's ability to locate two (2) separate stashes of narcotics which have been hidden in a business establishment or stockroom/storage facility. This represents the environment which may be encountered during a criminal investigation or a request from a proprietor to audit the facility. At least one additional room will have neither narcotics odor nor a diversion inside. This room shall constitute a blank search in this scenario.



5. **Livestock/Stable Sniff or Equivalent.** The Handler shall deploy the Dog in a scenario which has been prepared to examine the Dog's ability to locate two (2) separate stashes of narcotics which have been hidden in a barn or in animal stalls. This represents the environment which may be encountered in a rural circumstance. At least one additional stall will have neither narcotics odor nor a diversion inside. This stall shall constitute a blank search in this scenario. Some agencies/Handlers may feel this to be a lesser-priority incident. For Utah POST certification, this scenario may be substituted with another higher-priority scenario of comparable difficulty at the request of the Agency/Handler.



6. **Dark Room Sniff.** The Handler shall deploy the Dog in a scenario which has been prepared to examine the Dog's ability to locate two (2) separate stashes of narcotics which have been hidden in a totally dark search area such as a cellar, bunker, etc. This represents the environment which may be encountered when no electricity is available in a search area. In this search the only illumination shall be by hand-held flashlight. In order to validate that the Dog is focusing on the target odor, a common packaging material used in illegal drug trafficking (i.e., cellophane, duct tape, etc.) shall also be hidden in the search area.



7. **Buried Stash Sniff or Equivalent.** The Handler shall deploy the Dog in a scenario which has been prepared to examine the Dog's ability to locate one (1) stash of narcotics (1000 grams) which has been buried in an 800 square yard field/forest search area. At least one additional burial site will have neither narcotics odor nor a diversion inside. This hole/s shall constitute a blank search in this scenario. Some agencies/Handlers may feel this to be a lesser-priority incident. For Utah POST certification, this scenario may be substituted with another higher-priority scenario of comparable difficulty at the request of the Agency/Handler.



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Dog Kilo Breed Belgian Malinois Dog Whelped 1 January 2008 (whelping date is required for computer records, if unknown enter "best guess" date)

Handler John Doe DOB 21 May 1974 Date of Cert 15 April 2014

Department Anywhere Police Department

Full Address 1234 Anyplace Street, Anywhere, ST 00000

Contact: Work 000-000-0000 Cell 000-000-0000 Email johndoe@xxxxxxxx.xxx

Total Exam grade points 77 / 28 = Overall rating of 2.75

Total Indication points 39 / 14 = Indication rating of 2.79

Total Searching points 21 / 7 = Searching rating of 3.00

Total Handler points 17 / 7 = Handler rating of 2.43

Odors Identified Aaaaaaaa, Bbbbbbbb, Cccccccc, Dddddddd

Judge(s) Judge #1, Judge #2, Judge #3, Judge #4

Explanation Evaluation Criteria

- Superior Performance.....Flawless and exemplary.....Letter Grade (A)
Commendable Performance...Notably skillful display.....Letter Grade (B)
Typical Performance.....Comparable to veteran Narco Dog.....Letter Grade (C)
Suitable Performance.....Consistent with deployment needs.....Letter Grade (D)
Improvement Needed.....Falls below streetworthy performance.....Letter Grade (I)
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Grading Scale or Increments

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Grading Curve

- 1.00-1.74 = Superior Performance.....Flawless and exemplary.....Letter Grade (A)
1.75-2.49 = Commendable Performance..Notably skillful display.....Letter Grade (B)
2.50-3.24 = Typical Performance.....Comparable to veteran Narco Dog..Letter Grade (C)
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Dog Kilo Handler John Doe Dept Anywhere PD Date 15 Apr 2014**Each Scenario MUST be Passed on its own Merits - No False Indications are allowed**

1. Locate/Indicate two separate stashes of narcotics hidden among six (6) piles of human clothing. A diversion will also be placed within the search area.
 Searching Skill 3 Comments (if any) Intense, focused, slight open mouth
 Indication #1 3 Odor #1 Aaaaaaaaa Intense, focused, fidgeting sit
 Indication #2 2 Odor #2 Bbbbbbbb Intense focus at source
 Diversion **Pass** Fail Type of Diversion Dog food kibble
 Handler Skill 3 Comments (if any) Efficient handling, observant
 Name of Judge Judge #1
2. Locate/Indicate three (3) separate stashes of narcotics in a residence of at least three (3) rooms. A diversion will also be placed within the search area.
 Searching Skill 3 Comments (if any) Intense with slight hectic behavior
 Indication #1 4 Odor #1 Cccccccc Strong alert with 4-5 second Sit
 Indication #2 2 Odor #2 Dddddddd Slight pause but hypnotic focus
 Indication #3 3 Odor #3 Bbbbbbbb Backed up 4' from source
 Diversion **Pass** Fail Cutting Agent (Powdered Sugar) Sniffed and passed
 Handler Skill 2 Comments (if any) Noticed high alert shown from 20'
 Name of Judge Judge #3
3. Locate/Indicate two (2) separate stashes of narcotics, one (1) exterior and one (1) interior, of an automobile. A diversion of uncirculated currency will also be placed within the search area. The Dog shall be required to sniff the currency, to determine if the Dog exhibits a neutral response to currency.
 Searching Skill 3 Comments (if any) Slight open-mouth, slight using eyes
 Indication #1 1 Odor #1 Cccccccc Froze/Stared, Residual Odor Only
 Indication #2 4 Odor #2 Aaaaaaaaa Indicated, broke, self-corrected
 Diversion **Pass** Fail Uncirculated Currency Sniffed intensely then passed
 Handler Skill 3 Comments (if any) Proper voice tones, almost stumbled
 Name of Judge Judge #2
4. Locate/Indicate two (2) separate stashes of narcotics hidden in a business establishment or stockroom/storage facility.
 Searching Skill 4 Comments (if any) Intense, focused, open-mouth
 Indication #1 2 Odor #1 Aaaaaaaaa Immediate, focused, staring
 Indication #2 6 Odor #2 Bbbbbbbb Not found, Handler halted @ 20 mins
 Handler Skill 2 Comments (if any) Skillful during dog fatigue
 Name of Judge Judge #4
5. Locate/Indicate two (2) separate stashes of narcotics hidden in a barn or in animal stalls. For Utah POST certification, this exercise may be substituted with a scenario of comparable difficulty at the request of the Handler/Department.
 Searching Skill 3 Comments (if any) Steady, calm closed-mouth sniffing
 Indication #1 3 Odor #1 Bbbbbbbb Slite pause then stable indication
 Indication #2 4 Odor #2 Cccccccc Paused, indicated, looked at Handler
 Handler Skill 3 Comments (if any) Handled calmly throughout scenario
 Name of Judge Judge #1
6. Locate/Indicate two (2) separate stashes of narcotics hidden in a totally dark search area such as a cellar, bunker, etc. Only a flashlight may be used.
 Searching Skill 3 Comments (if any) Slight rowdy but very intense
 Indication #1 2 Odor #1 Dddddddd Fast & steadfast, glanced at Handler
 Indication #2 1 Odor #2 Exemplary, all elements displayed completely
 Diversion **Pass** Fail Packaging Mat1 (Cellophane Baggies) Sniffed then passed
 Handler Skill 2 Comments (if any) Used light beam skillfully
 Name of Judge Judge #4
7. Locate/Indicate one (1) stash of narcotics (1000 grams) buried in an 800yd² field/forest search area. For Utah POST certification, this may be substituted with a scenario of comparable difficulty at the request of the Handler/Department.
 Searching Skill 2 Comments (if any) Substituted 200 school lockers
 Indication #1 2 Odor #1 Aaaaaaaaa Fast & Steady, glanced at Handler
 Handler Skill 2 Comments (if any) Very attuned to K-9's Alert
 Name of Judge Judge #3

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Department _____

Full Address _____

Contact: Work _____ Cell _____ Email _____

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Total Indication points _____ / _____ = Indication rating of _____

Total Searching points _____ / _____ = Searching rating of _____

Total Handler points _____ / _____ = Handler rating of _____

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 Indication #1 _____ Odor #1 _____
 Indication #2 _____ Odor #2 _____
 Diversion Pass Fail _____ Type of Diversion _____
 Handler Skill _____ Comments (if any) _____
 Name of Judge _____

2. Locate/Indicate three (3) separate stashes of narcotics in a residence of at least three (3) rooms. A diversion will also be placed within the search area.
 Searching Skill _____ Comments (if any) _____
 Indication #1 _____ Odor #1 _____
 Indication #2 _____ Odor #2 _____
 Indication #3 _____ Odor #3 _____
 Diversion Pass Fail _____ **Cutting Agent** _____
 Handler Skill _____ Comments (if any) _____
 Name of Judge _____

3. Locate/Indicate two (2) separate stashes of narcotics, one (1) exterior and one (1) interior, of an automobile. A diversion of uncirculated currency will also be placed within the search area. The Dog shall be required to sniff the currency, to determine if the Dog exhibits a neutral response to currency.
 Searching Skill _____ Comments (if any) _____
 Indication #1 _____ Odor #1 _____
 Indication #2 _____ Odor #2 _____
 Diversion Pass Fail _____ **Uncirculated Currency** _____
 Handler Skill _____ Comments (if any) _____
 Name of Judge _____

4. Locate/Indicate two (2) separate stashes of narcotics hidden in a business establishment or stockroom/storage facility.
 Searching Skill _____ Comments (if any) _____
 Indication #1 _____ Odor #1 _____
 Indication #2 _____ Odor #2 _____
 Handler Skill _____ Comments (if any) _____
 Name of Judge _____

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 Indication #2 _____ Odor #2 _____
 Handler Skill _____ Comments (if any) _____
 Name of Judge _____

6. Locate/Indicate two (2) separate stashes of narcotics hidden in a totally dark search area such as a cellar, bunker, etc. Only a flashlight may be used.
 Searching Skill _____ Comments (if any) _____
 Indication #1 _____ Odor #1 _____
 Indication #2 _____ Odor #2 _____
 Diversion Pass Fail _____ **Packaging Mtl** _____
 Handler Skill _____ Comments (if any) _____
 Name of Judge _____

7. Locate/Indicate one (1) stash of narcotics (1000 grams) buried in an 800yd² field/forest search area. For Utah POST certification, this may be substituted with a scenario of comparable difficulty at the request of the Handler/Department.
 Searching Skill _____ Comments (if any) _____
 Indication #1 _____ Odor #1 _____
 Handler Skill _____ Comments (if any) _____
 Name of Judge _____

COMPARATIVE GRADE CHART

Internationally, Police Dog performance is evaluated via the scale listed on the previous Gradesheet. In order to assist Officers and Administrators in the United States of America to understand the overall "grade" achieved by the K-9, the following Comparative Chart has been created. It compares several different grading scales utilized in the USA.

International		USA 4.0 Scale		7pt Scale		100pt Scale
1.000-1.150	=	3.900-4.000	=	A	=	100
1.151-1.300	=	3.800-3.899	=	A	=	99
1.301-1.450	=	3.700-3.799	=	A	=	98
1.451-1.600	=	3.600-3.699	=	A	=	97
1.601-1.750	=	3.500-3.599	=	A	=	96
1.751-1.876	=	3.326-3.499	=	A	=	95
1.877-2.001	=	3.161-3.325	=	A	=	94
2.002-2.125	=	2.996-3.160	=	A	=	93
2.126-2.250	=	2.831-2.995	=	B	=	92
2.251-2.375	=	2.666-2.830	=	B	=	91
2.376-2.500	=	2.500-2.665	=	B	=	90
2.501-2.575	=	2.392-2.499	=	B	=	89
2.576-2.650	=	2.293-2.392	=	B	=	88
2.651-2.725	=	2.194-2.292	=	B	=	87
2.726-2.800	=	2.096-2.193	=	B	=	86
2.801-2.875	=	1.996-2.095	=	C	=	85
2.876-2.949	=	1.897-1.995	=	C	=	84
2.950-3.024	=	1.798-1.896	=	C	=	83
3.025-3.099	=	1.699-1.797	=	C	=	82
3.100-3.174	=	1.600-1.698	=	C	=	81
3.175-3.250	=	1.500-1.599	=	C	=	80
3.251-3.325	=	1.410-1.499	=	C	=	79
3.326-3.400	=	1.365-1.409	=	D	=	78
3.401-3.475	=	1.319-1.364	=	D	=	77
3.476-3.550	=	1.274-1.318	=	D	=	76
3.551-3.625	=	1.228-1.273	=	D	=	75
3.626-3.669	=	1.183-1.227	=	D	=	74
3.700-3.744	=	1.137-1.182	=	D	=	73
3.745-3.849	=	1.092-1.136	=	D	=	72
3.850-3.924	=	1.046-1.091	=	D	=	71
3.925-4.000	=	1.000-1.045	=	I	=	70
4.001-4.030	=	.975--.999	=	I	=	69
4.031-4.058	=	.950--.974	=	I	=	68
4.059-4.087	=	.925--.949	=	I	=	67
4.088-4.115	=	.900--.924	=	I	=	66
4.116-4.144	=	.875--.899	=	I	=	65
4.145-4.172	=	.850--.874	=	I	=	64
4.173-4.201	=	.825--.849	=	I	=	63
4.202-4.229	=	.800--.824	=	I	=	62
4.230-4.258	=	.775--.799	=	I	=	61
4.259-4.286	=	.751--.774	=	I	=	60
4.287-4.315	=	.726--.750	=	I	=	59
4.316-4.344	=	.701--.725	=	I	=	58
4.345-4.372	=	.676--.700	=	I	=	57
4.373-4.401	=	.651--.675	=	I	=	56
4.402-4.429	=	.626--.650	=	I	=	55
4.430-4.458	=	.601--.625	=	I	=	54
4.459-4.486	=	.576--.600	=	I	=	53
4.487-4.515	=	.551--.575	=	I	=	52
4.516-4.543	=	.526--.550	=	I	=	51
4.522-4.572	=	.500--.525	=	I	=	50

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International		USA 4.0 Scale		7pt Scale		100pt Scale
4.573-4.590	=	.490--.499	=	U	=	49
4.591-4.607	=	.480--.489	=	U	=	48
4.608-4.624	=	.470--.479	=	U	=	47
4.625-4.641	=	.460--.469	=	U	=	46
4.642-4.658	=	.450--.459	=	U	=	45
4.659-4.675	=	.440--.449	=	U	=	44
4.676-4.693	=	.430--.439	=	U	=	43
4.694-4.710	=	.420--.429	=	U	=	42
4.711-4.727	=	.410--.419	=	U	=	41
4.728-4.744	=	.400--.409	=	U	=	40
4.745-4.761	=	.390--.399	=	U	=	39
4.762-4.778	=	.380--.389	=	U	=	38
4.779-4.795	=	.370--.379	=	U	=	37
4.796-4.812	=	.360--.369	=	U	=	36
4.813-4.829	=	.350--.359	=	U	=	35
4.830-4.846	=	.340--.349	=	U	=	34
4.847-4.863	=	.330--.339	=	U	=	33
4.864-4.880	=	.320--.329	=	U	=	32
4.881-4.898	=	.310--.319	=	U	=	31
4.899-4.915	=	.300--.309	=	U	=	30
4.916-4.932	=	.290--.299	=	U	=	29
4.933-4.949	=	.280--.289	=	U	=	28
4.950-4.966	=	.270--.279	=	U	=	27
4.967-4.983	=	.260--.269	=	U	=	26
4.984-5.000	=	.250--.259	=	U	=	25
5.001-5.041	=	.240--.249	=	U	=	24
5.042-5.081	=	.230--.239	=	U	=	23
5.082-5.121	=	.220--.229	=	U	=	22
5.122-5.161	=	.210--.219	=	U	=	21
5.162-5.201	=	.200--.209	=	U	=	20
5.202-5.241	=	.190--.199	=	U	=	19
5.242-5.281	=	.180--.189	=	U	=	18
5.282-5.321	=	.170--.179	=	U	=	17
5.322-5.361	=	.160--.169	=	U	=	16
5.362-5.401	=	.150--.159	=	U	=	15
5.402-5.441	=	.140--.149	=	U	=	14
5.442-5.481	=	.130--.139	=	U	=	13
5.482-5.520	=	.120--.129	=	U	=	12
5.521-5.560	=	.110--.119	=	U	=	11
5.561-5.600	=	.100--.109	=	U	=	10
5.601-5.640	=	.090--.099	=	U	=	9
5.641-5.680	=	.080--.089	=	U	=	8
5.681-5.720	=	.070--.079	=	U	=	7
5.721-5.760	=	.060--.069	=	U	=	6
5.761-5.800	=	.050--.059	=	U	=	5
5.801-5.840	=	.040--.049	=	U	=	4
5.841-5.880	=	.030--.039	=	U	=	3
5.841-5.920	=	.020--.029	=	U	=	2
5.921-5.960	=	.010--.019	=	U	=	1
5.961-6.000	=	.000--.009	=	U	=	0