

American Working Dog Association

Tracking Certification Standard

Tracking Certification

The purpose of this certification is to determine the dog's ability to locate a suspected criminal or a lost person.

The track will consist of a minimum of three - (3) and a maximum of (5) of the following terrains.

- Field
- Gravel
- Leaves
- Creek Bed
- Dirt
- Concrete
- Woods
- Asphalt
- High Grass

The track will be a minimum of thirty (30) minutes and a maximum of one hour old.

The track will be a minimum length of three hundred (300) yards and a maximum length of five - (500) hundred yards.

There will be a one scent article placed along the track (dog team will not be penalized for failure to locate the article).

The tracking will be given a starting point, and the direction of travel by the evaluators.

There will be one cross-track laid. This person will remain in the area of the actual track, but must remain at a minimum distance of two hundred (200) yards from the actual track -layer. This cross track may be laid in prior to, or after, the actual track.

There will be a twenty (20) minute time limit to complete the track.

The team will successfully pass this certification by locating the actual track-layer.

If it is obvious to the evaluators if the dog is not tracking/trailing the evaluators may stop the test at anytime.