

American Working Dog Association

Personal protection standard

Personal Protection Personal Protection dog are tested on courage and willingness to defend the handler in a variety of situations. These dogs will be tested on a variety of surfaces, such as slick floors, stairs, dim rooms or outside areas. These dogs will also be tested for gunfire soundness.

The Obedient Phase Each team must pass advanced obedience to continue on to the agitation testing phase!!! Each team must do a heel on and off leash, down on command, Stay on command in site of handler and out of site of handler. The down stay out of site of handler will be a minimum of 3 minutes, a maximum of 5 minutes.

Control in a crowd. Each k9 must be walked on leash in a weaving pattern around a minimum of 4 people, to test the dogs social behavior. At no time will anyone approach the dog, but no outward aggression can be demonstrated by the k9. The dog must approach people at a minimum of Four(4) feet.

The Heel will consist of A minimum of 300 paces with a minimum of 4 turns. Two(2)left and Two(2) right at the direction of the evaluator. The down stay will be on and off leash, At the end of the heel routine. The handler will be removed from the site of the k9 for a minimum of Three(3) minutes.

The handler will return to his /her k9 re-leash the dog and two(2) shots will be fired at a maximum of 100 yards. The k9 must stay. Shyness at any point during this or any phase will be an automatic failure.

There will be a total of (2) two different areas tested. (By random drawing)

- Outside field
- Outside woods
- Dim rooms
- Parking lots
- Stairs
- Inside car

Each k9 will be tested to see if he /she will stand his/her ground (defensively) on leash during a normal warning from the handler. During the agitation phase a hidden sleeve or full body suit will be used. When the agitator moves to within the boundary of a 6' foot leash the k9 must engage the agitator. Once the agitator stops moving the dog will be commanded to out, the k9 has 3 seconds to out or fail the agitation phase. Gunfire maybe used in each or all phases of testing