



PSARC Canine Evaluator Criteria



Guidelines for Canine Evaluator Candidates:

1. The Candidate must complete the Canine Evaluator Application below.
2. The Candidate will forward the completed application and all additional documentation to the PA Search and Rescue Council Canine Education & Evaluation Committee, PSARC-CEEC, addresses listed at the bottom of the application when applying for Evaluator Apprenticeship.
3. The PSARC-CEEC will verify the Candidate's submission is complete and meets all requirements listed below.
4. The PSARC-CEEC will present the application for full committee review.
5. The PSARC-CEEC will recommend to approve or disapprove the application based on application content, resume/experience, and demand/need for additional evaluators in the discipline and physical area in which the applicant is located. The recommendation shall be presented to the PSARC Board of Directors for final review and approval within 30 days of application.
6. The PSARC Board of Directors will send written confirmation to the Candidate advising him/her that they have been approved or disapproved for the apprenticeship program.
7. Once approved the Candidate will be given contact information for current Canine Evaluators to complete the required Evaluator Apprenticeship.
8. To be an evaluator the Candidate must attend/conduct a minimum of (4) four evaluations as an observer/evaluator covering the specific certification procedures and paperwork related to the specific search discipline in which the Candidate is seeking Evaluator Status. A minimum of (3) three apprenticeship evaluations must have the Candidate serving as the Lead Evaluator under the supervision of a current Canine Evaluator.
9. The Candidate must receive a favorable recommendation from the Canine Evaluator(s) with which the Candidate has worked to complete his/her apprenticeship. The Candidate must have successfully performed the evaluations indicated in #8 above while under the supervision of a current PSARC Canine Evaluator as an apprentice and be recommended by the PSARC Evaluator(s) as acceptable to the PSARC-CEEC. The PSARC-CEEC will present its decision to the PSARC Board of Directors.
10. When the Apprenticeship is completed, the Candidate will receive his/her full Canine Evaluator appointment listing the effective date of the appointment from the PSARC Board of Directors. If the Candidate has received an unfavorable review he/she has (3) three months to appeal the decision and/or rectify unfavorable areas of performance, after which time the Candidate will be required to resubmit a new application.



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11. Appointed Canine Evaluators must make a reasonable attempt to be available for requested canine team evaluations. Failure to do so will cause the PA Search and Rescue Council Canine Education & Evaluation Committee to review the Canine Evaluator's appointment and make a recommendation to the PSARC Board of Directors as to their status.

12. Appointed Canine Evaluators will conduct themselves ethically and fairly, with impartiality; and concern for only the quality of service any potential canine team adds to Search and Rescue in Pennsylvania. Failure to do so will cause the PA Search and Rescue Council Canine Education & Evaluation Committee to review the Canine Evaluator's appointment and make a recommendation to the PSARC Board of Directors as to their status. At no time shall an evaluator test a K9 team with individuals that are members of their same team.

Canine Evaluator Candidates must:

- ☐ Be a member of PSARC in good standing and meet all the requirements within this document.
- ☐ Complete a Canine Evaluator Candidate Application.
- ☐ Submit a resume indicating Candidate's experience in search and rescue or related field
- ☐ Hold or have held a PA state certification within discipline the candidate is seeking to evaluate or a reasonably equivalent recognized certification (to be verified by PSARC-CEECC). In-house evaluations are not acceptable as recognized certification. (Any Candidate who is not currently working their own certified canine in search and rescue must be recognized within their own team and/or outside teams as consistently and currently active in training canine search and rescue teams.)
- ☐ Provide verifiable documentation that the applicant has responded as a field operative K-9 handler on at least five (5) documented missions.
- ☐ Have a minimum of five (5) years K-9 search and rescue experience.
- ☐ Provide a written letter from his/her team leader (president, board member, etc.) that the applicant served as the team's evaluator during in-house testing; or currently or previously, with success, served as the lead trainer or canine coordinator for their team.
- ☐ Provide K-9 resume documenting at least five (5) years of continuous training.

Canine Evaluator Application

Application is for:

- ☐ Canine Air Scent Evaluator
- ☐ Canine Trailing Evaluator



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Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Phone Number (Home)

Phone Number (Work)

Cell Number

E-mail Address

Current PSARC Team Affiliation

Team Contact Information (address, website)

Number of Years in K9 SAR

Position with Current Team

I testify that the information provided on this application and in the documents attached is true and accurate. I further confirm that I have not been convicted of a felony or any crime of an immoral nature; and that I will notify the PSARC Board of Directors immediately if convicted of any such crime in the future.

Signature of applicant

Date

Forward completed original application and supporting documentation to:

Vikki Coup-PSARC-CEECC, PO Box 72, Laport, PA 18626, K9kidds@evenlink.com

Forward one duplicate of the application and supporting documentation to:

Lou Ann Pomposelli – PSARC-CEEC, 117 McMunn Ave. PA 15205, pompjandl@aol.com