Why a survey:

- To share best practice information among ICAR canine handlers
- To share experiences
- To enable us to learn
- To answer questions
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WASATCH BACKCOUNTRY RESCUE
How many total members in your organization.
How many canine teams in your organization.
What is your primary discipline with search canines

- Avalanche rescue: 58.3%
- Structure collapse rescue
- Cadaver recovery
- Disaster / Urban Search and Rescue
- Wilderness Search and Rescue
- Police / Security Work
- Water Recovery and Rescue: 41.7%
If dual certified, what is your secondary discipline with search canines

- Avalanche rescue: 16.7%
- Structure collapse rescue: 8.3%
- Cadaver recovery: 8.3%
- Disaster / Urban Search and Rescue: 25%
- Wilderness Search and Rescue: 25%
- Police / Security Work: 8.3%
- Water Recovery and Rescue: 8.3%
- Not applicable: 1/2
How often does your canine group train together / organized group training.
Do you require a minimum attendance of training per year.

- Yes: 66.7%
- No: 33.3%
Is your organization regional or country organized

- Regional: 66.7%
- Country: 25%
- Not Applicable: 8.3%
- Other:
Is your organization non-governmental or governmental organized

- Non-Governmentally: 66.7%
- Governmental organized: 33.3%
- Not Applicable:
Is your organization volunteer, part paid or paid professional

- Volunteer: 66.7%
- Part Paid: 25%
- Paid: 8.3%
- Not Applicable: 

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Do you require regular medical checks on canines

- Yes: 50%
- No: 50%
Does your organization provide veterinarian care for canine emergencies

50% Yes
50% No
Are the canines owned by the handlers or the organization

- Handler is primary owner of K9: 75%
- Organization is primary owner of K9: 8.3%
- Mixed of both handler and organization ownership: 16.7%
At what age do you start formal training in the primary search discipline

- 6 - 8 weeks old: 58.3%
- 6 months: 25%
- 12 months (1 year): 16.7%
- 18 months (1.5 years)
- 24 months (2 years)
- 36 months (3 years)
- Other
Do you have a mandatory canines retirement age

- 91.7%
- 8.3%
- 8 year old
- 9 year old
- 10 year old
- 11 year old
- No required retirement age
- Other
Do you have a time limit on certification test's

- Yes 66.7%
- No 16.7%
- No time limit 8.3%
- Somewhat conditions dependent. Dogs are expected to prove they can work for up to 45 min, regardless of when they make their finds (example all finds happen in 10 min, you keep working).
What is your time limit on certification test's

- 20 minutes: 8.3%
- 30 minutes: 8.3%
- 1 hour: 16.7%
- 1.5 hours: 8.3%
- 2 hours: 16.7%
- 2.5 hours: 8.3%
- 3 hours: 8.3%
- Depend on conditions on place: 1/2
12 responses

83.3% Yes
16.7% No
What is your minimum certification search area requirements

- 50 X 50 meters
- 100 X 100 meters
- 200 X 200 meters
- 300 X 300 meters
- Greater than 300 X 300 meters
- 1000m x 1000m
- Non of the alternatives.
- Areas should be approximately 90 minutes to search, so size varies depending on terrain and conditions.
Do you have minimum requirements to be a rescue canine handler

REC3 (first aid) and Mountain Skills Assessment
Yes
We want them to be mountain Requers or the same quality.
NO
Just full trained mountain rescuer may become dog handler
Minimum age of 18, Be a full member of a Mountain Rescue Team, & hold the Mountain Rescue England & Wales Casualty Care Certificate
Must be a member of another voluntary search and rescue team and must have proven competence navigating in wilderness areas
Yes, you must be a certificat rescuer from a rescue statione station
Have to pass the elimatory tests and get the mountain rescue brevet, which is yearly re-newed.
Yes, CAA level 1, 80hr first aid, backcountry skills evaluation by and ACMG guide, member of a ski hill, guiding operation or SAR group responding to avalanche terrain
Mountain Skills and 1st Aid certs
Do you have minimum requirements to be a rescue canine instructor in your organization

- Must have qualified a... 1 (9.1%)
- To be a rescue canin... 1 (9.1%)
- Recommendation from... 1 (9.1%)
- Yes 2 (18.2%)
- Yes, have qualified a... 1 (9.1%)
- Yes long successful hi... 1 (9.1%)
- Yes, you m... 1 (9.1%)
Do you have minimum requirements to be a rescue canine certification tester in your organization
Any additional information you would like to share about your organization would be welcome

Go to bhsi.is
We are a part of the Swedish Mountain Rescue that is run by the Swedish Police. In the "civilian" part we are about 400 requers and ca 20 doghandlers. The police have 400 doghanlers that can beuset in reque to, (some of them).

We do also cadaver search and disaster search
We are also members of NSARDA and all of our Dog teams must be assessed by at least 2 internal assessors and 1 external assessor from another team during certification assessments. Assessments take place over 3 consecutive days and require passing 4 out of 5 of the 90 minute search areas as a minimum. Dog teams are novice after passing first qualification to become active for deployment and then its ‘upgrade’ within 18 months of novice qualification to become a fully qualified Dog team. After this dog teams must re-certify a minimum of every 3 years.

Our group is not a government training group persay, but our certification standards are provincially/government based. Scented articles used in certifications are buried the day before the exam both for time for scent to rise, but also to limit the ground disturbance and surface scent clues that would be around if we buried them same day.
Do you use human scented articles on certification testing, wool article, ruc sack, pack pack, etc... (avalanche)
Do you use artificial human scent for training or testing (avalanche)

- Yes: 75%
- No: 25%
- Not applicable: 0%
Do you have a minimum required burial depth for certification testing (avalanche)
What is your required minimum burial depth for certification testing (avalanche)

- 50% - Not Applicable
- 33.3% - 1 meter
- 8.3% - .5 meter
- 16.7% - 1.5 meter
- 5% - 2 meter
What is your required human scent rise time on certification testing (avalanche)

- 10 minutes: 25%
- 20 minutes: 33.3%
- 30 minutes: 41.7%
- Greater than 60 minutes: Not applicable
Minimum required find on certification testing

12 responses

- 33.3%: All bodies in all search areas found. Number of bodies varies.
- 16.7%: One to three, unknown to test team...
- 8.3%: 0-4
- 8.3%: Three find
- 8.3%: Two find
- 8.3%: One find

we are testing only wilderness search

4 areas out of 5, 2 to 3 finds per area
Is your organization familiar with the ICAR avalanche flagging system (avalanche)

- Yes: 66.7%
- No: 8.3%
- Not applicable: 25%
If your organization uses the ICAR avalanche flagging system, what color is your dog indication flagging (avalanche)?

- Red: 50%
- Orange: 8.3%
- Green: 8%
- Yellow: 0%
- Blue: 16.7%
- Not applicable
- Snow probe stick there is indication
- Blue wands but usually with Dog name written on it
- Depends on who your asking?
If your organization uses the ICAR avalanche flagging system, what color is your clue indication flagging (avalanche)