

## GOVERNING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION

### CURRENCY DETECTION CANINES

The purpose of this test is to evaluate the ability of a canine to detect and find currency concealed in various locations. All certifications are good through December 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. (ie: if you certify on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, your certification will not expire until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Currency testing will not be available at the National Trials.

#### **1. TESTING:**

A. The test will consist of two parts: vehicles and interior rooms of a building.

The following aids may be used: Every attempt should be made to use at least three of the four aids listed below.

- **Circulated Currency – unshreaded**
- **Circulated Currency – shreaded**
- **Uncirculated Currency - unshreaded**
- **Uncirculated Currency- shreaded**

Circulated and uncirculated currency should be obtained from a bank. The currency should not be more than a year old. (Meaning it should not be more than a year since the currency was obtained from the bank.)

B. **Amounts:** A minimum of 300 bills will be used for testing. \$1 (one) bills are typically the best option.

C. All testing aids will be placed so the dog cannot retrieve or come in physical contact with the aid.

D. The soak time for the target substances will be 30 minutes before the first search.

## **2. SCORING:**

Maximum total point score of 200 is possible. Certification (passing) is 140 points. See score sheets for areas of evaluation.

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### **VEHICLE SEARCH PHASE**

- A. Five vehicles will be used. The vehicles may be of any type or model and may include autos, trucks, buses, airplanes, boats, etc.
- B. The currency aid can be placed on the outside of the vehicle or placed inside where scent is available to the canine from the outside.
- C. The order of the vehicles will be approved by the Chief Judge and will permit teams easy access for searching.
- D. No two hides will be placed on the same vehicle.
- E. If only the outside of the vehicles are searched, there will be a 10 minute time limit total with a 2 minute warning at the 8 minute mark. If the interior of a vehicle is searched, there will be an additional one minute per vehicle added to the total time. If all 5 vehicle interiors are searched, a maximum time limit of 15 minutes will be allowed with a 2-minute warning.

### **INDOOR / INTERIOR SEARCH PHASE**

- A. The indoor search will consist of three rooms. Each room will be a minimum of 200 square feet. There will be a time limit of one and one half (1.5) minutes for every 100 square feet. Large rooms can (optional) be sectioned off with a makeshift or temporary barrier to reduce it to the 200 square foot minimum. The unused part of this room cannot be used as one of the three required searchable rooms. (i.e. A large classroom can be divided off to create a 200 ft search area, but the rest of the room cannot be used for the trial)
- B. The rooms must be furnished and can be kitchens, workshops, offices, schoolrooms, or other rooms containing furnishings and/or equipment.

- C. There will be two currency aids within the three rooms, but only one hide can be placed in a room.
- D. There will be a two (2) minute warning given before the expiration of time. At the expiration of time, the handler will call his/her finds. The handler can elect to end the search before time expires and call the location of the aids.
- E. The handler can use the allotted time to search any of the rooms at their discretion.

**Chief Judges are responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the paperwork.**

**Upload the Scoring program at [www.uspcak9.com](http://www.uspcak9.com) under the certification tab.**

Or E-mail completed trial paperwork to include: (within 30 days of the trial)

- Original Master score sheet
- Judges and Scorekeepers list with events judged
- The high-low sheets showing the scores of all judges.

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