

Explosive Detection Dogs (EDD)

Working criteria

The dog team will use an evaluation sheet for each dog before deciding which animal will be used for a particular project. The evaluation is based on certain criteria that will assess each dog's capabilities. Each dog will be required to reach a minimum score before they are deployed.

The scores are based on the following criteria:

Discipline of the dog

Control by handler

Drive: will to work/search

Dogs concentration span

The ability to locate small fragments of explosives and mines

Handlers ability to read the dog's reactions

Ability of the dog to search 10m away from the handler

How the dog reacts to local conditions; i.e. heat, thick brush

Communication and relations between the dog and handler

Dog's health; eyes, ears, eating habits, body temperature, paws, pads, etc.



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