UPWDA Article Search Certification

This test is to determine the team's ability to find an unknown object in an open area. The canine must alert to human scent on the hidden articles.

There will be three items tossed into a field. The area to be searched shall be sixty feet by sixty feet. The grass shall be a minimum of four inches tall.

Items used will be credit cards, driver's licenses, keys, wallets, glasses, cell phones, matchbooks, paper ID cards, and/or similar items.

The type of items being used and their location within the open area will be unknown by the testing team. The items will sit within the testing area for a minimum of ten minutes prior to the search. The Master Trainer will determine where the items are thrown. The canine must give a positive indication of the article upon locating it. Positive indication may consist of a scratch, sit, down (lay). The handler must notify the Master Trainer each time his or her canine makes a find of one of the articles. The canine must find two of the three articles to pass the test. There is no specific time limit but the Master Trainer may decide to discontinue the search if he or she feels the canine is no longer searching. The handler may stop to give his or her canine water if he or she feels it is necessary.

The handler may do the search on or off leash as long as they have control of his or her canine.

So long as the member remains in good standing and his or her membership dues are current, this certification will be valid for one year from the date of issue.