



Florida Department of  
Law Enforcement

## CANINE COURSE EQUIVALENCY CHECKLIST

Incorporated by Reference in Rule 11B-27.013(3)(b)2., F.A.C.



# CJSTC 70A

Commission-approved Canine Team Training Course number 1198  OR Equivalent Canine Training Course  OR Canine Team Change

Name of Course \_\_\_\_\_

Name of training school, agency, or private provider delivering training \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Four Digits of the Evaluator's Social Security Number: XXX-XX-\_\_\_\_\_

I attest that I have evaluated the topic areas of the canine training course referenced above against the Commission-approved Canine Team Training Course number 1198 on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, pursuant with Rule 11B-27.013, F.A.C., and determined that the canine training course above was

Equivalent       NOT Equivalent

Evaluator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Evaluator's Renewal Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Equivalent training is the Commission-approved Canine Team Training Course number 1198 not delivered at a Commission-certified training school or any canine team training course other than the Commission-approved Canine Team Training Course number 1198. Equivalent training must be a minimum of 480 hours and must comply with the goals and objectives of the Canine Team Training course number 1198. For a previously Commission-certified handler assigned a new canine, equivalent training is the 80-hour minimum training requirement. A Commission-approved evaluator shall not approve equivalent training that he or she delivered. The employing agency submitting form CJSTC-70 shall provide documentation of equivalent training to the Commission-approved evaluator for verification for Commission certification.

Canine Academics (Not required for previously certified handlers)	Yes/No/NA
Historical Background of Canines - use of canines in the criminal justice field from a historical perspective	
Record Keeping - proper documentation of deployments, certifications, maintenance, veterinarian care, and storage of training records	
Canine Health, Routine Care, and Maintenance - routine care and maintenance that is necessary to maintain the canine's health and how it provides an important process in the handler-canine bonding process	
First Aid and Emergency Situations - causes and symptoms of canine injuries, how injuries can create situations requiring emergency first aid, and how to stabilize the animal before or while transporting to a veterinarian	
Canine Psychology - basic canine psychology, conditioning, drives, character, and behavioral traits	
Aspects of Canine Training - canine training techniques and concepts that will facilitate the criminal justice canine team mission.	
Scent Theory and Canine Olfactory System - anatomy of the canine olfactory system; how the canine uses this system to recognize and discriminate scent	
Legal - federal laws, state statutes, and case laws that govern canine deployments	
Canine Deployment Report Writing - documentation of canine team deployment based on agency specific policies and procedures	
Courtroom Testimony - preparation and presentation for courtroom testimony	
<b>Patrol</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>
Obedience - how to control the canine using proper obedience commands	
Criminal Apprehension - legal use of a canine in the apprehension of a suspect through less than lethal force	
Building Search - conduct a safe and tactical search of a building utilizing the canine's senses to locate a suspect	
Area Search - conduct a safe and tactical search of an area utilizing the canine's senses to locate a suspect	
Patrol Scenarios - demonstrate how to conduct a building search, an area search, apprehend a suspect, and respond to a handler down scenario	
<b>Optional Topics</b>	<b>Yes/No/NA</b>
Tracking & Trailing	