

# MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE

## Search Dog Team Certification Standard Appendix F

### **Certification Tests: Wilderness Article Search/Clue Detection**

#### **I. Application**

- A. This test applies to a Type I, Kind E, search dog team which performs searches in wilderness locations for articles or evidence (per ASTM F1848-98, "Standard Classification for Search and Rescue Dog Crew/Teams").
- B. Only dog teams currently certified as a Type II, Kind A, F, and/or G per ASTM F1848-98, "Standard Classification for Search and Rescue Dog Crew/Teams" may be certified after passing this test.

#### **II. Certification Test**

- A. Type II, Kind E - Article Search/Clue Detection
  - 1. The search area shall be 50 yards by 50 yards.
  - 2. Five scent articles shall be placed in the search area, 1-3 hours before the test. Of these articles, three shall be small items like a wallet, set of keys, or mitten, while the other two shall be large items such as a pack, shirt, or jacket.
  - 3. The scent articles shall be hidden from sight.
  - 4. The dog team will be allowed only one sweep through the area.
  - 5. The dog team shall locate at least three of the scent articles hidden in this area.