



Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

MEMORANDUM

FOR: US&R
Search Work Group Chair

DATE: 7-28-03

FROM: Canine Subcommittee
Bruce Speer--Subcommittee Chair

SUBJECT: Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Please find the attendance and agenda items addressed at the recent Canine Subcommittee Conference Call.

MEETING DATE(s) >>		7-24-03	call #62
MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE			
Bruce Speer [chair]			
Member	Y/N	Member	Y/N
Shirley Hammond	Y	Elaine Sawtell (Evaluator)	N
Chris Selfridge	Y	Mike Marks (Evaluator)	N
Teresa MacPherson	Y	Ed Apple (Evaluator)	N
Anne Trout	Y	Hilda Wood (Evaluator)	N
	Y	Tony Sargedas (Evaluator)	N
Bruce Berry (SWG)	N	LaFond Davis (Evaluator)	N
Rory Rehbeck (SWG)	N		

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AGENDA ITEMS/DISCUSSION

- New Agility Policy

PROPOSED ACTIONS

- Amend Policies as follows to reflect the clarification of the Agility element:

“The handler is responsible for the welfare and safety of his canine. If this ground rule is compromised, the Evaluator(s) may intercede with a warning and/or termination of the element or the evaluation for that team. The handler should not use an unreasonable amount of attempts when the dog is obviously unable or unwilling to comply. The canine should be willing to negotiate unfamiliar obstacles based on his training and his confidence in his handler.”