

WYOMING TOAD DETECTION CANINE PROJECT

EVALUATION ASSESSMENT



Canine Evaluations

The evaluation of potential Wyoming Toad Detection Canines is an important step in ensuring success of the teams and training.

1. Initial Evaluation Form
2. Veterinary
3. Working assessment
4. Environmental & Sociability Evaluation

The process is as follows:

1. The attached questionnaire is completed by the canines handler
2. An assessment is completed based on the protocols detailed below and within the evaluation video on Chiron K9's YouTube channel.
3. The results are recorded on the attached form.
4. The assessment is videoed and the video and documents are sent to:
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Initial Evaluation Form

Wyoming Toad Detection Canine Project

Instructions

1. Please complete the Initial Evaluation Form using the criteria detailed below.
2. The answers are a Yes/No and if the canine does not quite meet the criteria please use the “No” column.
3. Just because a canine does, or does not, complete or possess, any of the tasks listed on the form does not preclude it from the project.

HANDLER	
Handler's Name	
Cell Phone	
Email	
CANINE	
Canine's Name	
Breed	
Age	
Chip Number	
Sex	Male / Female
Spayed/Neutered	Yes / No

OBEDIENCE			
	Yes	No	Comments
Clicker Trained			
AKC Good Citizen			
On-Leash			
Heel			
Sit			
Down			
Stay			
Come			
Off-Leash			
Heel			
Sit			
Down			
Stay			
Come			

SCENT WORK

Conservation			Species
Scent Club			Odors taught

REWARDS

Ball			
Kong			
Other Toy			Specify
Treats			Specify

BEHAVIORAL

	Yes	No	Comments
Accepts a Muzzle			
Dog Aggressive			
Possessive			
Resource Guards			
Lead Biter			
Fear Aggressive			
Protective			
Travel Sick			
Barker			

COMMENTS

Signature	Date
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CRITERIA

Clicker Trained

Has the canine been charged/bridged/imprinted on the clicker and been trained in any behaviors using the clicker?

AKC Good Citizen

Has the canine achieved a pass in the American Kennel Club Good Citizen Program?

On-leash

Heel

Does the canine walk on a loose lead at the side of the handler without pulling or wandering away from the heel position?

Sit

Does the canine adopt the sit position when told?

Down

Does the canine adopt the down position when told?

Stay

Will the canine remain in a sit or down position when told and the handler leaves the canine for at least 5 paces and the canine holds the down for at least 30 seconds until told to recall?

Come

Will the canine return to the handler when told to come?

Off-leash

Heel

Does the canine walk on a loose lead at the side of the handler without wandering away from the heel position?

Sit

Does the canine adopt the sit position when told?

Down

Does the canine adopt the down position when told?

Stay

Will the canine remain in a sit or down position when told and the handler leaves the canine for at least 10 paces and the canine holds the down for at least 30 seconds until told to recall?

Come

Will the canine return to the handler when told to come?

Scent Work

Conservation

Has the canine received any imprinting on any animal or reptile including as a hunting dog?
(specify odors taught)

Scent Club

Has the canine received any training in scent work to include club or competition training?
(specify odors taught)

Rewards

Ball

Does the canine enjoy playing fetch with a ball? *This must be more than one or two retrieves before it loses interest.*

Kong

Does the canine enjoy playing fetch with a Kong? *This must be more than one or two retrieves before it loses interest.*

Other Toy

Does the canine enjoy playing fetch with any other toy? *This must be more than one or two retrieves before it loses interest.*

Treats

Does the canine have high drive for treats or been trained previously using treats?

Behavioral

Accepts a Muzzle

Can the canine wear a muzzle without fighting or showing aggression?

Dog Aggressive

Is the canine aggressive to other dogs, on or/and off-leash?

Possessive

Does the canine hold onto toys and will refuse to release when told, refuse to return to handler with a toy?

Resource Guards

Does the canine ever guard its bed, food, toys etc.?

Lead Biter

Does the canine bite the lead when out walking?

Fear Aggressive

Is the canine scared of strangers to a point it will growl, snap or bite?

Protective

Is the canine protective of the handler in any day-to-day situations?

Travel Sick

Does the canine become ill during travel to include salivation, needing medication or/and vomiting?

Barker

Does the canine bark at strange objects, other canines, animals, vehicles etc.?

Comments

Please include any additional comments you feel are relevant.

2. Veterinary

Any canine undertaking surveys should be fit and health enough to take part in rigorous exercise. Surveys can cover multiple miles and may include the requirement to be agile. The canine must not tire easily as this will affect its detection (sniffing) capability.

Canines should be of appropriate weight for breed, size and age.

Canines less than 12 months should not be trained for surveys as over activity while young can be detrimental to its wellbeing.

The canine should be up to date with all vaccinations and tick/flea/worming regime.

For breeds susceptible to Exercise Induced Collapse (Including but not limited to pure breeds and cross-breeds of: Border Collies, Retrievers, Spaniels, Pointers) canines should be tested by a veterinarian and cleared before being selected for detection training.

3. Working Assessment

The working assessment is designed to measure the canine's drive for reward, desire to search and olfactory ability.

The canine is required to demonstrate a desire to maintain search behavior without losing interest or being distracted. The assessments should be conducted off-leash.

The canine's usual reward toy may be utilized throughout the assessment.

If the canine is food reward only then skip to the specific assessment for food reward canines.

RETRIEVE REWARD DESIRE

Static Test – on leash

Using a flat collar and lead hold the canine on full lead length. Place the reward on the ground out of reach of the canine.

The assessment is to determine if the canine maintains focus on the reward for 1-minute without losing interest, being distracted or moving away.

Wiliness to retrieve a reward – off-leash

In sight of the canine a reward will be thrown and canine is allowed to chase and retrieve the item. The reward is thrown at least 30ft from the canine in within sight (not in long grass or similar).

The canine should pursue the reward without deviation, collect in its mouth and return directly to the handler.

Wiliness to search

Part 1:

The retrieve assessment is repeated but this time the reward is thrown into long grass or similar so the canine must search to find it.

Part 2:

The wiliness to search assessment is repeated but this time the canine is restricted in observing where the reward lands (cover its eyes, spin in a circle as reward is thrown). The canine is then released to search for the reward.

Search duration

The same exercise is repeated however the reward is not thrown into the area. The canine is expected to maintain search duration of at least 90-seconds at which point the reward is thrown to allow the canine to find it.

Reward delivery

The canine must give the reward to the handler either on return or when told to do so.

The canine is expected to release the reward immediately and no desire to tug or fight.

FOOD DESIRE

Focus on food

This assessment should be completed utilizing the canines favorite treat type. First the handler should entice the canine with the treat then close their hand so the canine cannot get the treat. The canine should remain focused on the hand either passively or actively (without aggression). Canine should not be enticed to maintain focus.

Food desire - Wiliness to search

Part 1:

The treat is thrown into a grass area or similar so the canine must search to find it.

Part 2:

The above exercise is repeated however this time the canine is restricted in observing where the treat lands (cover its eyes, spin in a circle as reward is thrown). The canine is then released to search for the treat.

Search duration

The same exercise is repeated however the treat is not thrown into the area. The canine is expected to maintain search duration of at least 90-seconds at which point the treat is thrown to allow the canine to find it.

Criteria

Static Test

Exceed	Totally committed to reward, pays no attention to distractions in area, i.e. noise or movement.
Meet	Committed to reward, slightly distracted but continues to refocus immediately.
Below	Breaks from focus on reward to mark area or investigate distractions

Wiliness to retrieve a reward – off-leash

Exceed	Responds immediately to handler throwing the reward, chases and picks up reward then returns to handler directly and at pace.
Meet	Deviates slightly from direct route to reward. Requires mild verbal encouragement.
Below	Does not move at pace. Deviates from direct route to reward. Does not pick up reward or drops it on return to handler. Requires encouragement to chase or pick up reward.

Wiliness to search Part 1 & Part 2

Exceed	Covers area at speed and distance consistent with environment. Dog moves at speed over search area, evidently scenting. Shows no sign of degradation. Forces way through vegetation.
Meet	Covers area at speed and distance consistent with environment. Dog moves at speed over search area, evidently scenting. Shows no sign of degradation but moves around thicker vegetation and obstacles. May require verbal encouragement.
Below	Stays close to handler. During search dog moves at a walking pace and loses interest. Will not negotiate thicker vegetation and obstacles. Requires excessive verbal encouragement.

Search duration

Exceed	Works for longer than 90 seconds without losing interest.
Meet	Works for 90 seconds before showing signs of losing interest.
Below	Will not search for up to 90 seconds without losing interest.

Reward Delivery

Exceed	Totally committed to reward, pays no attention to distractions in area, i.e. noise or movement. Maintains contact with reward until required to deliver to handler.
Meet	Committed to reward, slightly distracted but continues to possess reward. Does not immediately release reward when told.
Below	Drops reward to mark area or investigate distractions. Does not return to handler with reward. Does not hold reward and loses interest quickly. Shows very little interest in a reward. Requires second reward or treat to release toy.

FOOD DESIRE

Focus on food

Exceed	Focuses for longer than 60 seconds without losing interest.
Meet	Focuses for 30 seconds before showing signs of losing interest.
Below	Will not focus on treat in hand and loses interest.

Food desire - Wiliness to search Part 1 & Part 2

Exceed	Covers area at speed and distance consistent with environment. Dog moves at speed over search area, evidently scenting. Shows no sign of degradation. Forces way through vegetation.
Meet	Covers area at speed and distance consistent with environment. Dog moves at speed over search area, evidently scenting. Shows no sign of degradation but moves around thicker vegetation and obstacles. May require verbal encouragement.
Below	Stays close to handler. During search dog moves at a walking pace and loses interest. Will not negotiate thicker vegetation and obstacles. Requires excessive verbal encouragement.

Search duration

Exceed	Works for longer than 90 seconds without losing interest.
Meet	Works for 90 seconds before showing signs of losing interest.
Below	Will not search for up to 90 seconds without losing interest.

4. Environmental & Sociability Evaluation

Environmental

The canine must demonstrate soundness within the environment. The following assessments are required:

1. Walking at a loose heel through urban area
2. Walking on loose lead through urban area with traffic
3. Walking on loose lead in area with other canines
4. Walking on loose lead in area with animals (cattle, horses etc.).
5. Walking off leash in rural area

Sociability

The canine should be able to walk up to a person or persons on lead:

- Without jumping up
- Showing aggression
- Being over timid

Be exposed to social situations:

6. Walk on loose lead around an area with people (Lowes, Home Depot or similar)
7. Play off-leash with other canines without aggressive tendencies

Criteria

Environmental soundness

Exceed	Shows no interest in distractions within search environment, such as wildlife, domestic animal, humans or vehicles.
Meet	May show interest in distractions within the search environment but will immediately work on once enticed.
Below	Approaches distractions within the search environment and will not leave distraction. Concentrated on distraction despite being moved from immediate area and worked on.

Sociability

Exceed	Shows no change or interest in distractions.
Meet	May show interest in distractions but will immediately break focus once enticed.
Below	Flinches and pulls at leash or exhibit a change of temperament. Pulls away from handler in an attempt to escape. Approaches or focuses and will not leave distraction. Concentrated on distraction despite being moved from immediate area. Any other adverse / nervous or aggressive reaction.

**Working Assessment
Wyoming Toad Detection Canine Project
(Retrieve Reward)**

Handler	Canine	Breed	Age
Chip Number	Assessment Date	Vaccinations	Veterinary
		Yes / No	Yes / No

Evaluation Assessment

Assessment	Exceed	Meet	Below
Working Assessment			
Static Assessment			
Willingness to retrieve a reward – off-leash			
Willingness to search			
1. Part 1			
2. Part 2			
Search duration			
Reward delivery			
Environmental soundness			
1. Walking at a loose heel through urban area			
2. Walking on loose lead through urban area with traffic			
3. Walking on loose lead in area with other canines			
4. Walking on loose lead in area with animals (cattle, horses etc.).			
5. Walking off leash in rural area			
Sociability			
6. Walk on loose lead around an area with people			
7. Play off-leash with other canines			

Comments	
Signature	Date

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Working Assessment
Wyoming Toad Detection Canine Project
(Food Desire)

Handler	Canine	Breed	Age
Chip Number	Assessment Date	Vaccinations	Veterinary
		Yes / No	Yes / No

Evaluation Assessment

Assessment	Exceed	Meet	Below
Working Assessment			
Static Assessment			
Wiliness to search			
1. Part 1			
2. Part 2			
Search duration			
Environmental soundness			
1. Walking at a loose heel through urban area			
2. Walking on loose lead through urban area with traffic			
3. Walking on loose lead in area with other canines			
4. Walking on loose lead in area with animals (cattle, horses etc.).			
5. Walking off leash in rural area			
Sociability			
6. Walk on loose lead around an area with people			
7. Play off-leash with other canines			

Comments	
Signature	Date

