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Purpose

The purpose of this document is to outline canine search team status for Nebraska Task Force 1 (NE-TF1) canine teams as they join the task force, initiate training, and complete certification. This document identifies expectations of teams for their continued affiliation with NE-TF1, and it also identifies roles and responsibilities of handlers and the NE-TF1 Canine Coordinator within the program.

Process

All canine team categorization, assessments, and testing will be conducted by the NE-TF1 Canine Coordinator. Re-categorization of teams will be determined when significant changes in capabilities occur.

New Canine Search Specialist Application Process

Anyone that wishes to become a Canine Search Specialist (canine handler) for NE-TF1 must be capable of meeting the general and specific position requirements as defined in the latest version of the FEMA US&R Canine Search Specialist Position Description at the time they initiate the application process. Anyone interested in applying for team membership can access information about the NE-TF1 canine program on the NE-TF1 Task Force public website at: <https://www.nebraskataskforce1.com/ne-tf1-canine-program>

The following are steps to follow to initiate training with the NE-TF1 Canine Team:

1. Read the Canine Search Specialist Position Description requirements located on the NE-TF1 Task Force public website listed above.
2. Contact the NE-TF1 K9 Coordinator via the link on the NE-TF1 website.
3. The NE-TF1 Canine Coordinator may send the individual an application if openings warrant, and contact the applicant for a brief interview.
4. If no current openings, the Canine Coordinator will maintain a list of interested potential handlers.
5. The task force supports 12 rostered canine team positions. When the Canine Coordinator anticipates possible future openings, selected handlers will receive invitations via U.S. Postal service or e-mail, inviting them to enroll in and attend the NE-TF1 Canine Handler Academy. The academy will run on an as needed basis, and participation in the academy will be by invitation. Handlers selected for the academy are encouraged to attend all scheduled classes and trainings and will be required to attend

at least 80% of the scheduled activities to remain active in the academy and to remain active in the canine program following completion of the academy.

6. Handler applicants that have previous experience in the FEMA/US&R system as a member of a FEMA task force and who have currently or previously attained FEMA certification with a US&R Canine or who have attended a FEMA approved Canine Search Specialist Course (or FEMA equivalency) may have the requirement to attend the Handler Academy waived upon the approval of the Canine Coordinator in conjunction with the Program Manager.
7. NE-TF1 has a standard policy of not accepting canines in our program. The goal of the NE-TF1 canine program is to train handlers through the handler's academy and to pair these handlers with suitable canines following their graduation from class. A handler may discuss a possible assessment of their personal canine by the Canine Coordinator. The Canine Coordinator's assessment and with subsequent dialog with the Program Manager as to the suitability of the canine will be final.
8. Upon completion of the handler's academy, a select number of handlers will be invited to initiate training with the canine team. When the applicant possesses a suitable canine, and there is an anticipated rostered position opening on the canine team, applicants may attend team trainings with their canine. Canines must pass an FSA prior to being granted a provisional position on the canine team. Once a canine team has achieved an FSA level and there is an opening on the canine roster, they will be invited to join the task force and will be rostered as a task force member.
9. If the current canine team roster is full, applicants with FSA level canines will be put on a wait list until a rostered position opens up on the canine team. FSA level canines will not be supported for CE opportunities until a position opens on the canine roster.
10. All canine team applicants will be contingent on final approval from the NE-TF1 Canine Coordinator and the NE-TF1 Program Manager.

Canine Team Training and Certification Levels

Certified Canine Search Team (CE)

A disaster search canine team who has achieved certification through the FEMA Canine Search Specialist Certification Process (CSSCP) to the Certification Evaluation (CE) level, and maintains the CE Level Certification with their canine.

Deployable

Per NE-TF1 policy, a Canine Search Specialist team who has passed an official FSA, completed both the NE-TF1 and FEMA requirements, and is awaiting an appropriate CE testing opportunity will be considered "Deployable" for local, in-state, or mutual aid response(s). The "Deployable" status of all canine teams will be confirmed by the NE-

TF1 Canine Coordinator prior to being activated. FSA level canine teams are not deployable under FEMA/US&R guidelines for federal response(s).

Developing Handler /Canine Team

A Canine Search Specialist candidate is an individual who has; completed the NE-TF1 Canine Handler Academy, has initiated training with the NE-TF1 canine team, is actively training an NE-TF1-approved canine for US&R work and is pursuing minimum NE-TF1 and FEMA requirements. The canine and handler's progress will be documented, and lack of progress may result in termination from the program

Helper/Volunteer

Anyone who has successfully completed a NE-TF1 Canine Helper Academy (solely or in part through the NE-TF1 Canine Handler's Academy), is willing to assist in the development of canines for the task force and/or who does not currently have an NE-TF1 approved canine in training. This category includes handler candidates that are in the process of acquiring a US&R canine.

NE-TF1 Canine Participation Policy

It is important that handlers are working with canines that exhibit the ability and capability to do US&R work and are capable of reaching FSA and FEMA CE Level certification. Canines in training are informally assessed on a continual basis by the NE-TF1 Canine Coordinator during training activities. The Canine Coordinator will work with handlers and canines to reach FSA level and FEMA CE level certification. The Canine Coordinator shall discuss canine development or ability deficiencies that may limit the progress of the canine to reach FSA or FEMA CE level with; the handler and the NE-TF1 Program Manager. If/when, as a result of canine performance deficiencies or repeated failure of FSA or CE Level testing it is determined that the canine does not have the ability to reach FSA or CE Level certification, the handler will be informed that the canine is not suitable for US&R work. The task force will recommend that the handler seek or accept another canine. The task force will assist with acquiring another canine, if desired.

NE-TF1 Canine Team Training Policy

NE-TF1 handlers are required to attend 80% of required monthly canine team training as scheduled by the task force weather permitting. Additionally, the Canine Handler Academy also requires 80% attendance to successfully complete. Scheduled weekly training sessions should be attended whenever possible to build, enhance, and maintain skills. NE-TF1 will provide access to national level training opportunities to eligible handler/canine teams upon approval of the NE-TF1 Canine and Training Coordinator(s), in conjunction the NE-TF1 Program Manager. These may include locally offered

seminars/trainings with outside instructors or may involve travel to another location for several days of intensive training for canine teams. Any member wishing to attend these offerings should be of “deployable status”, meaning current on all NE-TF1 training requirements and attendance at monthly canine trainings is equal to or greater than 80%.

The task force will consider financial support for approved canine teams to attend outside training when funding is available based on the following; first priority will be to provide funding for official out of state training opportunities to FSA level canines currently working towards a CE, followed by funding for certified handlers. Handlers that don’t meet the 80% training requirements for monthly attendance will become “conditionally deployable” which means other team members who have met that 80% would be chosen first. The Canine Coordinator and Program Manager will discuss whether that team could and should deploy if a shortage of certified and deployable canines exists.

Deployment Policy

Requirements for deployable teams will be modified as necessary to conform to latest DHS/FEMA US&R Guidelines. NE-TF1 will only deploy Canine Search Specialist teams who have met the following criteria:

1. Federal Activation: FEMA CE Level teams ONLY
2. Local, In-State, Mutual Aid (non-Federal activation):
 - 1.1.1 a. FEMA CE Level teams receive first priority
 - 1.1.2 b. In the absence or shortage of FEMA CE Level teams, teams that have passed a valid FSA, have met all NE-TF1 and FEMA training requirements and are awaiting an opportunity to test or retest for national certification shall be considered. The NE-TF1 Canine Coordinator will be consulted to ensure that the teams with the highest level of training, qualifications, and preparation receive the highest priority.

CE Level teams will be deployed on a rotation basis when the number of teams exceeds four. The NE-TF1 Canine Coordinator, in conjunction with the NE-TF1 Program Manager, will establish and maintain the rotation schedule of canine teams.

The schedule will be based on teams that have been activated to prior deployments, with those who have more recently deployed moved to the end of the schedule and thus allowing those that did not deploy to move up. This schedule must also balance the requirement to deploy experienced handlers who have certified canines with deployment opportunities for newer certified teams. When possible, the task force will deploy with a minimum of two (2) canine teams with experienced handlers. An experienced handler is one who has deployed to a minimum of two (2) deployments in which canines were used extensively for live victim search operations. If two (2) experienced handlers are not available, the Canine Coordinator will work with the NE-TF1 Program Manager to select the appropriate canine teams for any deployment. CE level canine teams must be deployed for federal activations and have priority over FSA level teams for local, instate, and mutual aid activations. FSA level canines will only be considered when the task force is short of CE level teams. FSA and CE level teams must be current on all training logs, required training classes, and medical/physical and inoculation requirements for personnel and canines in order to be eligible for deployment.

Teams certified to FSA Level and CE Level will be eligible to be issued a full complement of task force personal gear and safety equipment and are eligible to be rostered as a task force team member. Essential items needed for training will be permitted to be issued to the handler. Remaining personal gear items will be stored at the NE-TF1 Warehouse and maintained in a state of readiness for deployment. Non-CE or non-FSA level teams shall not be deployed or issued task force gear other than limited personal safety gear and protective clothing, if available, from task force inventory. K9 handlers will gain official task force membership upon reaching FSA Level and being rostered with the task force provides the opportunity for the handler to participate in required task force training, become eligible for annual comprehensive medical physicals and preventative inoculations, and execute a provisional task force member contract for compensation and reimbursement for approved task force activities and deployments. If the handler/canine team does not reach CE level within the six (6) month FSA qualification period, or a reasonable amount of time, as determined by the availability of CE's and as determined by the Canine Coordinator, the team will be reclassified to a suitable classification ("developing handler/canine team" or "helper/volunteer") and provisional task force member contract and eligibility for compensated activities shall be placed in suspension until FSA or CE levels are achieved.

Human Remains Detection (HRD)

Since FEMA's current mission for the task force is to locate live, trapped victims, handlers training for US&R operations are discouraged from engaging in human remains training with their live find canine.

If current canine handlers have a second canine they wish to train for HRD work and potential deployment as an HRD resource, the handler will be required to meet the deployable status requirements as outlined in this Canine Guide. The Canine Search Specialist must also be a currently rostered team member of NE-TF1. The Canine Coordinator will work with the NE-TF1 Program Manager to select the appropriate canine teams for any deployment.

Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) Level Policy

In order to be endorsed by the task force to participate in a FEMA Certification Evaluation (CE), a team must have successfully completed an FSA conducted in accordance with FEMA guidelines and administered by a minimum of two (2) FEMA-approved evaluators, or 1 FEMA-approved evaluator and a designee of the canine coordinator's choosing. Canine teams that wish to participate in an FSA shall require the endorsement of the NE-TF1 Canine Coordinator and the NE-TF1 Program Manager. This FSA may be an "in house" test that should involve travel and be conducted on equipment and rubble where the team does not regularly train. The FSA shall be conducted and validated in accordance with NE-TF1 and/or FEMA guidelines for FSA qualification. The team shall also demonstrate additional skills as prescribed by the NE-TF1 Canine Coordinator. Canine teams that are not able to pass an FSA after 2 attempts will be reviewed by the NE-TF1 Canine Coordinator to evaluate the suitability of the team to perform the work with a recommendation made to the NE-TF1 Program Manager.

Canine Preparation (CP) Policy

Teams who have passed an approved FSA and maintained FSA training and skills in preparation for the FEMA CE are eligible to apply to attend a FEMA-sanctioned Certification Prep (CP) activity. NE-TF1 encourages FSA handlers to attend a CP prior to taking the CE when available. The task force will provide financial assistance for travel related expenses for a qualified team to attend 1 CP in preparation for the CE process. Teams seeking participation in a CP must receive approval and endorsement from the NE-TF1 Canine Coordinator(s) and the NE-TF1 Program Manager.

Certification Evaluation (CE) Level Policy

Teams wishing to enter the CE process for the first time or re-certify to the CE level must have successfully completed an FSA and maintained FSA level training and skills prior to the scheduled CE test date in accordance with the FEMA CSSCP. Teams seeking participation in the CE process must receive approval and endorsement from the NE-TF1 Canine and Training Coordinator and the NE-TF1 Program Manager. NE-

TF1 will provide financial support to approved canine teams for 1 CE testing opportunity if they have already participated in a CP, or will provide financial support for 2 CE opportunities if they did not participate in a CP. NE-TF1 recommends that teams test within their region if possible. Canine teams that fail to pass the CP/CE process after 2 attempts will be evaluated by the NE-TF1 Canine Coordinator to determine the suitability of the team to perform the work with a recommendation made to the NE-TF1 Program Manager.

Physical Requirements for Canine Handlers

In general, US&R deployment involves long days of often stressful events; and in the case of a Canine Search Specialist, accessing and traversing rubble and/or collapsed or damaged structures. Therefore, Canine Search Specialist, should demonstrate:

- 1.) No obvious medical problems
- 2.) Physical endurance
- 3.) Mental Stability
- 4.) Ability to traverse rubble
- 5.) Ability to be a buried victim
- 6.) Ability to crawl through a tunnel
- 7.) Ability to climb a ladder

Items 2 through 7 will be informally assessed at regularly scheduled team training sessions, which involved long hours, varied activities and sometimes stressful situations. Any problem apparent at a training session will be magnified on deployment and will therefore be further assessed. If necessary a doctor's letter may be requested to verify the physical capabilities of the handler.

Canine Airline Travel Policy

NE-TF1 will provide FSA and CE level Canine Search Specialists with a NE-TF1 Travel Letter to an air carrier requesting that the Canine Search Specialist be permitted to allow for their canine to travel in the passenger cabin of the aircraft. This letter will be made available for those Canine Search Specialists, who are traveling on official business (enroute to, or from, deployment, FEMA or NE-TF1 sponsored training or other authorized travel). This letter is to provide for a formal request and is not an absolute assurance that a canine will be permitted to travel in the aircraft passenger cabin. Handlers should contact the airline prior to travel to determine any restrictions that may apply. Handlers should always be prepared and have an airline suitable kennel available with them in the event that the airline refuses to permit the canine in the passenger cabin. Under no circumstances will Canine Search Specialists misrepresent

themselves as a member of the task force when traveling on non-task force business by requesting this privilege from the airline.

A travel letter of authorization can be requested by contacting either the NE-TF1 Canine Coordinator or the NE-TF1 Administrative Assistant. Except for actual deployment circumstances, this request should be made well in advance to allow time for processing and mailing. Under emergency conditions, authorization may be faxed to the Canine Search Specialists or directly to the airline (if fax number is available.) The request should include the name of the event, name of the airline, flight departure and return dates, departure and destination cities, flight numbers, canine's name and certification/category level, and handler's address and email contact information if not already on file with the task force.

FEMA Canine Search Specialist (CSS) Training Opportunities

The policy of NE-TF1 is to nominate the most qualified canine search team(s) for the FEMA Canine Search Specialist Training Course (CSST). Determination of personnel attending the FEMA CSS course is the responsibility of the NE-TF1 Canine Coordinator, in conjunction with the NE-TF1 Training Coordinator and/or the NE-TF1 Program Manager.

Completion of this course is a requirement for FEMA certification and deployment. Only qualified teams at an FSA level or above will be endorsed for this training. The cost for transportation, course work, lodging and per diem will be provided upon approval of properly completed task force Request to Attend (RTA). NE-TF1 will utilize FEMA-sponsored CSS schools only, except in extenuating circumstances. Other training opportunities may become available when sponsored by other Canine Search Specialists or task forces. NE-TF1 will support FSA and CE level canine handlers by reimbursing for registration and travel expenses (when funding is available).

Canine Support Funding

NE-TF1 will provide bi-annual stipends to support CE level Canine Search Specialists for the care and support of CE level canines. The handler must be a task force member in good standing and be actively working with their canine and be current on their training requirements. Additional costs that are reimbursable include annual canine physicals; x-rays as dictated by age, breed, or heritage; blood sampling and screening procedures; periodic or annual inoculations as indicated; necessary surgeries, and prescribed medications or supplements, when funding is available. In conjunction with the canine's annual physical, handlers shall have the veterinarian complete the annual veterinary exam form and submit it to the NE-TF1 Grants Coordinator with a request for

reimbursement. The handler shall prepare an annual veterinary care cost estimate by March 1st of each year for canine care and support and forward to the NE-TF1 Canine Coordinator for review and approval by the NE-TF1 Program Manager. An annual veterinary care cost estimate and current veterinary exam record must be on file with the task force in order for the canine to be designated as “deployable”.

Following a deployment, all deployed canines must have a complete vet exam done immediately on return from the deployment and repeated 60 days following a deployment. The Post Deployment Veterinary form must be submitted to both the NE-TF1 Canine Coordinator and Training Coordinator in order to track any canine health related concerns resulting from the deployment.

Task Force Issued Gear Use

NE-TF1 issued clothing, safety gear or equipment may be used while training with NE-TF1 or during FEMA/US&R related activities. Examples include: individual training, team training, and group training, FEMA/US&R sponsored activities, NE-TF1 sponsored activities, approved demos or upon approval from the NE-TF1 Canine Coordinator. Any misuse or misrepresentation of NE-TF1 or the FEMA/US&R program will result in termination from the task force.

Task Force Canine Team Support Funding

The following are guidelines for task force support funding that may be made available to authorized NE-TF1 canine teams. Special circumstances and exceptions may be considered.

1. The task force will inform the NE-TF1 Canine Coordinator of funding that is available for NE-TF1 canine training, travel, equipment, and/or supplies. Individual handler or canine team requests for consideration of funding support shall be made to the NE-TF1 Canine Coordinator. The NE-TF1 Canine Coordinator shall contact the NE-TF1 Program Manager to inquire about the status of funding available to support canine activity.
2. FSA and CE level canine search teams may be reimbursed for fuel or mileage for out-of-state training (carpooling encouraged when more than 1 handler is traveling to the same activity) and other travel expenses, when funding is available and approved in advance by the task force, and out of state FSA and CE level canine search teams shall receive mileage and motel expenses for a set number of required monthly team training travel.
3. FSA Level or CE teams going to out-of-state Certification Prep (CP), Certification Evaluation (CE), or re-certification are eligible for reimbursement of travel costs, rental car, per diem, and lodging expenses when use of funding is approved per

task force travel policy for a maximum of 2 travel events per CP & CE Policy above. Only teams who have met FEMA and NE-TF1 requirements will be endorsed for testing or be eligible for task force financial support. Travel costs for CP, CE, or re-certification after 2 travel events and FSA's which involve travel expenses after 2 failed attempts will be funded by the handler.

4. Handlers who have had a previously certified canine that has been retired from service and are actively training a replacement canine are eligible for task force support for the category to which they are assigned with the replacement canine.
5. All requests for consideration of approval for expenditure or reimbursement of costs for travel or canine support expenses must be documented with a request to attend form and/or expense estimate (see RTA documents on the canine website) and must follow the NE-TF1 written policy for RTA's (included on the canine website). These must be filled out in advance of the training, travel, or anticipated expenses and approved by the task force. For reimbursement, an expense report shall be filled out and all receipts properly submitted or reimbursement will not be provided.

Safety and Responsibility During Training

All personnel involved with the NE-TF1 canine program are responsible for their safety and the safety of others and canines during training activities. All personnel should wear appropriate personal safety equipment as indicated by the training activity being conducted. All training exercises should be evaluated for safety prior to execution.

Personnel should be physically fit in order to participate in training and should not push themselves beyond their capability. When necessary, and/or as indicated, NE-TF1 will work to provide personal safety equipment to help minimize the potential for injury. Handlers in training and volunteer helpers are not considered task force members and therefore are not provided access to supplemental insurance for injuries that may be incurred during training. Costs incurred for injuries to any personnel during non-sanctioned training will be the responsibility of the individual. NE-TF1 Management Policy 1000.06 outlines the levels of insurance for personnel participating in task force activities.

Changes in Status

Any Canine Search Specialist who is unable to maintain their self or a canine in a deployable status may be reclassified to an appropriate level. This may necessitate the return of NE-TF1 equipment issued and may result in ineligibility for compensation or reimbursement of costs.

Appendix A

Training Progression

The following training progression will provide a guideline for successful canine development. The five stages of training are broken down into goals to be achieved in each stage and the process by which the goal is to be reached. The NE-TF1 Handler Academy will provide the foundation for the training progression process. Canine teams should work to consistently perform the elements in one stage before advancing to the next stage. The task force trainer(s) will assist with training techniques for the specific skills.

1. Foundation Stage:
 - a. GOAL: Identify handlers and/or canines with potential. Eliminate teams with no potential to attain certification; lay correct foundation to progress.
 - b. PROCESS: Assess canines and handlers for mental and physical endurance and ability, assess canines for basic drive, mental stability and physical ability; build drive and reward system; teach solid bark; develop search drive
2. Teaching Stage:
 - a. GOAL: Teach handler and/or canine necessary skills; identify and correct problems before bad habits develop.
 - b. PROCESS: Handler learns how to be a good victim; practices timing and rewarding canines correctly. Canine learns what his task is, develop alert behavior and commitment to victim (victim loyalty); begin to combine search/alert at barrel; progress in obedience, direct-ability, agility, play on rubble (no alerts or searches).
3. Training Stage:
 - a. GOAL: Proficiency in individual elements and combination of these elements into an effective team. Proficiency of handler as a trainer and helper.
 - b. PROCESS: Develop alert to solid on cold shot with distractions; continued commitment to victim (victim loyalty); increase difficulty of search/alert problems (off rubble); develop proficiency in obedience, direct-ability and agility to level of test requirements; alerts begin in rubble and progress to searches in rubble.
4. Proofing Stage:
 - a. GOAL: Develop reliable, consistent disaster search dog team; attain deployable status; attain certification.
 - b. PROCESS: Alert behavior amid distractions, including cold shot alerts; add multiple victims; combine agility and direct-ability; combine direct-ability and rubble, increase difficulty of searches.

5. Maintenance Stage:

- a. GOAL: Broaden experience, strengthen search endurance, and maintain physical condition of certified teams
- b. PROCESS: Provide training at different location; watch for and correct training problems; maintain canine's physical status.

Appendix B

Canine Training Responsibilities and Assignments

NE-TF1

1. Both the NE-TF1 Canine Coordinator and the NE-TF1 Training Coordinator will be appointed by the task force program manager to assist in development of the canine program and categorization of handler/canine teams

NE-TF1 Training Coordinator

1. Maintain monthly contact with the NE-TF1 Canine Coordinator regarding current status of canine teams.
2. Provide access to essential safety equipment
3. Provide administrative assistance
4. Maintain master records files
5. Maintain FEMA required training records
6. Maintain canine handler contact information
7. Provide copies of documentation as required
8. Provide access to LF&R-NE-TF1 US&R training facilities

NE-TF1 Canine Coordinator

1. Assist in categorization of teams and development of the canine program
2. Manage and review documents needed for Travel, Certification, and training. (Via the NE-TF1 Grants Coordinator)
3. Make announcements that pertain to canines and teams
4. Assist in coordinating canine handler courses.
5. Assist in identifying teams with potential to certify and oversee FSA and certification application process for members.
6. Assist canine team members in understanding the canine program and answer any questions pertaining to training or the program.
7. Develop and provide all necessary training curriculums
8. Provide all required training rosters to the NE-TF1 Training Coordinator

Canine Handlers

1. All handlers are responsible for:
 - a. Training his/her own dog
 - b. Maintaining control of his/her dog
 - c. Safety of his/her dog
 - d. Pick up after his/her own canine
2. All handlers are responsible for assisting in set up and break down of equipment during trainings

3. All handlers are responsible to assist in training their team-mates canines by being well trained as a helper and acting as a victim/helper for the others canines, and attending and arriving on time for scheduled team trainings
4. FSA and CE level handlers must submit monthly training logs to NE-TF1. Developing canine/handler teams are encouraged to document the progress of their training but are not required to submit training logs.
5. In general, FSA and CE level handlers will be responsible for assisting with canine training sessions
 - a. All handlers who are assisting in canine training sessions will follow the approved NE-TF1 Canine Handler Academy curriculum and training progression sequence listed in the appendices of this document.

Appendix C

Annual Veterinary Expense Estimate for 2018

<u>Procedure</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Core Vaccines – Required	
Canine Parvovirus (CPV-2, MLV)	\$_____
Canine Distemper Virus (CDV, MLV) or recombinant Canine Distemper Virus (rCDV)	\$_____
Canine Adenovirus-2 (CAV-2, MLV parenteral)	\$_____
Rabies 1-year (killed) or 3-year (killed)	\$_____
Non-Core Vaccines – Based on Individual Considerations	
Parainfluenza Virus (CPIV, MLV-parenteral)	\$_____
Bordetella bronchiseptica (killed bacterin or cell wall antigen extract, parenteral)	\$_____
Borrelia burgdorferi (Lyme borreliosis killed whole bacterin or Lyme borreliosis [OspA])	\$_____
Leptospirosis (illed bacterin) – serovar specific for endemic types:	\$_____
Leptospia interrogans with canicola and icterohaemorrhagiae; Also available with serovars grippityphosa and Pomona	\$_____
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Additional Costs: (please list)	

Other Services as indicated may include:

Baseline Complete Blood Panel \$ _____

Baseline Complete Chemistry Panel \$ _____

Eye Exam (as indicated) \$ _____

Hip X Rays (once unless indicated via symptoms) \$ _____

Elbow X Rays (once unless indicated via symptoms) \$ _____

Spinal X Rays (as indicated by symptoms) \$ _____

Total Estimated Costs: \$ _____

Appendix D

NETF1 Annual Canine Health Check

Owner: _____ Canine: _____

Breed: _____ DOB: _____ M/F Neutered/Spayed (circle)

Note to Veterinarians: The *FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Program* utilize K9 search teams to search through rubble and debris in disaster environments in search of live, trapped victims. This work entails potentially dangerous work environments for the K9 which may include exposure to toxins, cuts, abrasions and punctures as well as requiring these k9's to work in often chaotic and highly stressful work environments for prolonged periods. The *Nebraska Task Force* requires an annual exam for canine teams, outlining any health related issues which may affect their ability to perform their job on a regular and continuous basis through regular training as well as in the event of a deployment. Please examine this dog with these things in mind and determine if, in your professional opinion, this K9 is able to function effectively for this work. (Note: K9's are required to pass a pre-mission veterinary check prior to deployment and will be re-examined by a veterinarian post deployment)

Please attach copies of test and radiograph results with this form

1. General notes: (include patient's history, attitude, hydration, mucous membrane color, capillary refill time, skin and general appearance):

Temperature: _____ Heart rate: _____

Note any concerns for:

Eyes (including pupils and retinas):

Ears: _____

Nose: _____

Mouth/Throat: _____

Peripheral Lymph Nodes: _____

Lungs/Respiration: _____

Abdomen: _____

Urogenital System: _____

Perineal and Rectal Exam: _____

Musculoskeletal System: _____

Neurologic System: _____

2. Blood Work – Annual

CBC (note any concerns): _____

Biochemical Profile (note any concerns): _____

Heartworm Test: Pos/Neg (circle)

3. Additional Testing – Annual

Urinalysis: _____

Fecal Exam: _____

Preventive Medications – Annual

Heartworm preventative (list brand): _____

Flea and Tick Control (list brand):

EKG and Thoracic Radiographs (recommended biannually) date taken: _____

Results:

4. Vaccinations –Guidelines as per AAHA

*Core Vaccines – Required

Canine Parvovirus (CPV-2, MLV) date administered:

Canine Distemper Virus (CDV, MLV) or recombinant Canine Distemper Virus (rCDV)

Date administered: _____

Canine Adenovirus-2 (CAV-2, MLV parenteral) date administered:

Rabies 1-year (killed) or 3-year (killed) date administered: _____

Non-Core Vaccines – Based on Individual Considerations

Parainfluenza Virus (CPIV, MLV-parenteral) date administered:

Bordetella bronchiseptica (killed bacterin or cell wall antigen extract, parenteral)

Date administered: _____

Borrelia burgdorferi (Lyme borreliosis killed whole bacterin or Lyme borreliosis [OspA])

Date administered: _____

Leptospirosis (illed bacterin) – serovar specific for endemic types:

Date aministered: _____

Leptospia interrogans with canicola and icterohaemorrhagiae; Also available with serovars grippotyphosa and Pomona

date administered: _____

EXAME INCLUDES ANY FURTHER TESTING OR X-RAYS BASEED ON ANY ABNORMALITIES FOUND IN THE PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Veterinary Signature: _____ Date: _____

Federal recommendation for exams and vaccinations:

http://disasterdog.org/pdf/medical/passed_as_guidelines_2008.pdf

Vaccination Guidelines 2006

Since 2003, the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) Canine Vaccine Task Force has made recommendations regarding vaccination protocols specifically for canines. The latest set of recommendations was published in 2006, and is summarized in the table on page 2.

These vaccines have been divided into 3 categories: core vaccines are recommended for all dogs, non-core are optional and based on a dog's lifestyle and risk/benefit ratio and should be discussed with your local veterinarian, and not recommended which may not provide adequate immunity or are associated with complications.

The change from the standard yearly vaccinations to every 3 years for most of them is due to advances in vaccine products and extended duration of immunity (DOI). Also there have been no increases in infectious diseases in adequately immunized dogs since that time.

Understand that these are guidelines based upon expert opinions, personal experiences, published and unpublished scientific data. The full text of information is intended as a guide with which to make vaccination decisions specifically for an individual dog or group of dogs.

Further detail and information are available on the AAHA website www.aahanet.org.

Canine Vaccine Summary

Vaccinations – Guidelines as per AAHA

Core Vaccines - Required

Canine Parvovirus (CPV-2, MLV)

Canine Distemper Virus (CDV, MLV) or recombinant rCanine Distemper Virus (rCDV)

Canine Adenovirus-2 (CAV-2, MLV parenteral)

Rabies 1-year (killed) or 3-year (killed) as per state legislation

Non-Core Vaccines

– based on individual considerations and recommendations from your local veterinarian

Parainfluenza Virus (CPIV, MLV-parenteral)

Bordetella bronchiseptica (killed bacterin or cell wall antigen extract, parenteral)

Borrelia burgdorferi (Lyme borreliosis killed whole bacterin or rLyme borreliosis[OspA])

Leptospirosis (killed bacterin) - serovar specific for endemic types:

- Leptospira interrogans with canicola and icterohaemorrhagiae
- Also available with serovars grippityphosa and Pomona

Not Recommended

Killed vaccine versions (not modified live virus -MLV) of parvovirus and adenovirus

Canine coronavirus – killed and MLV

Giardia killed vaccine

Appendix E

Post Deployment Veterinary Exam **(Complete immediately on return and again 60 days later)**

NE-TF1 Post Deployment Canine Health Check

Owner: _____ Canine: _____

Breed: _____ Deployment Title: _____

Dates of deployment: _____ Deployment Location: _____

Date of Exam (repeat at 60 days): _____

Note to Veterinarians: The *FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Program* utilize K9 search teams to search through rubble and debris in disaster environments in search of live, trapped victims. This work entails potentially dangerous work environments for the K9 which may include exposure to toxins, cuts, abrasions and punctures as well as requiring these k9's to work in often chaotic and highly stressful work environments for prolonged periods. The *Nebraska Task Force* requires all canines returning from a deployment mission be examined by a licensed veterinarian immediately following their return from deployment and again, 60 days later. Please note any health concerns on this form.

Please attach copies of test and radiograph results with this form

1. General notes: (include patient's history, attitude, hydration, mucous membrane color, capillary refill time, skin and general appearance):

Temperature: _____ Heart rate: _____

Note any concerns for:

Eyes (including pupils and retinas):

Ears:

Nose:

Mouth/Throat:

Peripheral Lymph Nodes:

Lungs/Respiration:

Abdomen:

Urogenital System:

Perineal and Rectal Exam:

Musculoskeletal System:

Neurologic System:

2. Blood Work

CBC (note any concerns):

Biochemical Profile to include liver, renal, and electrolyte assessment (note any concerns):

3. Additional Testing

Urinalysis:

Fecal Exam:

EKG and Thoracic Radiographs (if indicated) date taken:

Results:

EXAME INCLUDES ANY FURTHER TESTING OR X-RAYS BASEED ON ANY
ABNORMALITIES FOUND IN THE PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Veterinary Signature: _____ Date: _____

Appendix F

Pre-Mission Veterinary Exam

Date _____ Task Force _____ Incident _____
 Time _____ Location _____

<u>Handler</u>	<u>Canine</u>
Name _____	Name _____ DOB _____
Phone _____	Breed _____ Weight _____
Email _____	Sex _____ Spayed/Neutered _____ Color _____

History (illness, trauma, surgery) _____

Allergies [] Yes [] No; If yes, to what _____

Medications Heartworm Preventative [] Yes [] No Flea/Tick Repellant [] Yes [] No

Other _____ Adequate Supply [] Yes [] No

Current Concerns

Coughing	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Lethargy	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	PU	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Sneezing	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Anorexia	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	PD	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Vomiting	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Depression	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	PP	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Diarrhea	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Breathing	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Lame	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION	Temperature _____ °F
Attitude _____	Hydration _____
MM _____	CRT _____
EENT _____	PLNs _____
Heart Rate _____ b/m	Rhythm _____ Murmur <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Pulses <input type="checkbox"/> Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Weak	Pulses <input type="checkbox"/> Synchronous <input type="checkbox"/> Asynchronous
Lungs _____	Resp Rate _____ br/m
Integument _____	Pads/Nails _____
Orthopedic _____	Gait/Lame _____
Neurologic _____	
U/G-Male (penis/prepuce, scrotum/testes) _____	
U/G Female (mammary glands, vulva) _____	
Notes _____	

Deployment Recommendation	
[] Accepted [] Rejected Reason for rejection _____	
Veterinarian (print) _____	
Veterinarian (sign) _____	Date _____

Attachment B

Health Certificate Options

(1) Certificate of Veterinary Inspection

Issued by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). Generally accepted for domestic travel. May be completed by any licensed veterinarian.

http://www.avma.org/issues/policy/inspection_certificates.pdf

(2) APHIS Form 7001

Issued by Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and the US Department of Agriculture (USDA). Universally accepted for domestic as well as international travel. Any licensed veterinarian may use this form, but for international travel the veterinarian must be USDA certified.

These are pre-printed forms and may be ordered:

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/library/forms/pdf/APHIS7001.pdf>

(3) Individual States

Each individual state has its own specific health certificate requirements.

Veterinarians may acquire the forms through their state office. These certificates do not ensure that the canine will be in compliance with a different state's requirements.