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1. GENERAL

Vendors who have been previously registered with *****, should supply the number of dogs ordered by ***** and deliver those dogs on the dates requested. Vendors who do not have a previous relationship with ***** must make an appointment to have dogs evaluated.

The entire consignment period, to include medical examinations and performance/behavior evaluations for all dogs being considered for the ***** program is 20 days from arrival at the ***** training center.

All dogs presented to ***** for evaluation must have collars with the dogs' name affixed to the collar. All dogs must be generally alert, active, outgoing, curious, and confident. They must display basic socialization and tolerance of people.

Dogs should not be afraid, shy or nervous around people. An over-aggressive dog that is unable to work around people and other dogs or aggresses on handlers will not be considered for procurement. Dogs that are difficult to crate or un-crate will not be considered. Dogs that exhibit excessive panting not due to heat or exercise, will not be considered. Dogs will be observed indoors with different types of flooring surfaces, stairs and other distracting features. Dogs that exhibit sensitivity or fear to such surroundings will not be considered. Dogs that bite at their leash and will not release on command may not be considered. Dogs introduced to or trained to detect drugs and later trained to detect explosives or vice versa will not be considered.

2. PAYMENT

***** will pay 50% down upon arrival, or upon receipt of airway bill, of dogs at the ***** training center. ***** will then have 14 days to evaluate and process the dogs. The vendor will be paid the remaining balance within 14 days, once the dog(s) has passed the entrance evaluation. Reliable vendors may be able to get a guarantee of the number of dogs sold to ***** on a regular basis. Invoices submitted to ***** shall include all expenses such as shipping, crate charge, health certificate, etc. ***** asks that all expenses are itemized on each invoice.

3.. TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS

The **vendor** will be responsible for paying transportation costs for all dogs shipped to *****, for evaluation into the ***** program. If the dog is purchased, the vendor will be reimbursed for the cost of shipping incurred. Vendors are responsible for the crating and shipping of each canine submitted to *****. Canine vendors must provide a copy of the certificate of rabies vaccination for each dog. This certificate facilitates processing if the dog is to be returned. ***** requires that all dogs presented for evaluation have current vaccinations that will remain current for a minimum of 60 days after arrival at the ***** training facility.

Any vendor who chooses to drive their dogs to the ***** training center for evaluation **MUST** make an appointment to have the dogs evaluated.

Vendors are required to pay for return shipping on any dog that does not meet the evaluation requirements of *****. These requirements are set forth to vendors, prior to dogs being evaluated, to give vendors ample warning of what will and will not be accepted by *****.

4. CANINE REQUIREMENTS

German Shepherd, Belgian Malinois, and Dutch Shepherds are the preferred breeds for the ***** program. All dogs presented for evaluation must have a known birth date and must not be more than 36 months of age at the time of evaluation. Both male and female dogs are accepted for evaluation.

Single Purpose, Sporting Breed, Detection Dogs will be considered on a case by case basis or when specifically requested from a vendor.

Weight on all breeds must be proportional to the dog's frame and skeletal size. Dogs presented for evaluation must not be overweight or underweight for their conformation. Structural defects, such as degenerative hips, elbows, back, must be guaranteed for one (1) year.

All vendors must guarantee the general health of the dog to be considered for 90 days. The dogs skeletal system must carry a one (1) year guarantee. Workability must be guaranteed for 30 days.

5. MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

Vendors may submit diagnostic elbow and hip radiographs (x-rays) to ***** for non-binding evaluation of elbow and hip conformation. This may help the vendor determine whether to present the dog for evaluation. The cost of medical examinations performed by private veterinarians is not reimbursed by *****. Each dog presented to ***** will be evaluated by *****'s veterinary service. This evaluation will include complete physical examination; collection of blood, urine and fecal samples for routine testing; and anesthesia and radiographs of the hips and elbows.

6. COMMON DISQUALIFYING MEDICAL CONDITIONS

- Hematological abnormalities consistent with severe parasitism, infection, or metabolic disease.
- Poor body condition, either emaciation or obesity.
- Severe periodontal disease.
- Severe, non-resolving or intractable otitis externa or dermatitis.
- Radiographic signs of hip or elbow dysplasia.
- Transitional vertebrae of the caudal lumbar spine, lumbosacral junction or sacrum.
- Previous musculoskeletal injury which has or may lead to degenerative joint disease or conformational abnormality.

7. ENTRANCE TESTING

***** reserves to the right to utilize all the time allotted to evaluate dogs. ***** may return or make return shipping arrangements with a vendor regarding any dog that does not meet the evaluation standards within 21 days of the canine arriving at the ***** training center.

All dogs will be put through the standardized entrance evaluations which are broken down as follows:

Canine Health Evaluation

Temperament/Detection Evaluation

And Service Dog Evaluation.

Canine Health Evaluation includes evaluation of the:

Coat and skin, eyes, ears, nose, throat, mouth, teeth, gums, legs, paws, heart, abdomen, lungs, gastrointestinal system, urogenital system, anal sacs and x-rays of the hips, elbows and spine.

(See attachment 1 for full evaluation)

Temperament/Detection Evaluation includes:

General kennel behavior, loading/unloading, confidence on stairway, reaction to unexpected stimulus, reward persistence, hunt drive, reaction to gunfire test, and additional retrieve drive testing.

(See attachment 2 for full evaluation)

Service Dog Evaluation includes:

Several different sleeve bites under different conditions with different decoys, measure the quality of the grip and the commitment to obtain grip.

(See attachment 3 for full evaluation)

Vendor Agreement

_____ agrees to sell ***** dual purpose quality dogs per month at \$ _____, or single purpose sporting dogs on request at \$ _____.

Vendor Signature

***** Signature

Vendor Information:

Company Name (if applicable):

Contact Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

Banking Wire Information:

Bank Name:

Account Number:

Routing Number:

Additional Wire Instructions:

Return Shipping Information:

Receiver Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

**Entrance Evaluation
Attachment 1 – Health Check List**

Canine Name: _____

Date: _____

1. Coat and Skin

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|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appear Normal | <input type="checkbox"/> Oily | <input type="checkbox"/> Itchy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dull | <input type="checkbox"/> Shedding | <input type="checkbox"/> Parasites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scaly | <input type="checkbox"/> Matted | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dry | <input type="checkbox"/> Tumors _____ | |

2. Eyes

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appear Normal | <input type="checkbox"/> Infection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discharge | <input type="checkbox"/> Cataract: L____ R____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inflamed | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eyelid deformities: _____ | |

3. Ears

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appears Normal | <input type="checkbox"/> Tumor: L____ R____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inflamed | <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive Hair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Itchy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mites: _____ | |

4. Nose & Throat

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appear Normal | <input type="checkbox"/> Inflamed Tonsils |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nasal Discharge | <input type="checkbox"/> Enlarged Lymph Glands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inflamed Throat | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

5. Mouth, Teeth & Gums

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|--|--|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appear Normal | <input type="checkbox"/> Inflamed Lips | <input type="checkbox"/> Tumors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Broken Teeth | <input type="checkbox"/> Loose Teeth | <input type="checkbox"/> Ulcers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tartar Build-up | <input type="checkbox"/> Pyorrea | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | |

6. Legs & Paws

- | | | |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appear Normal | <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Lameness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nail Problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged Ligaments | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | |

7. Heart

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|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appears Normal | <input type="checkbox"/> Slow | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Murmur | <input type="checkbox"/> Fast | |

8. Abdomen

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appears Normal | <input type="checkbox"/> Abnormal Mass | <input type="checkbox"/> Enlarged Organs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tense/Painful | <input type="checkbox"/> Fluid | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | |

9. Lungs

- Appear Normal
- Abnormal Sound
- Coughing
- Other: _____
- Breathing Difficulty
- Rapid Respiration
- Congestion

10. Gastrointestinal System

- Appears Normal
- Parasites
- Anorexia
- Abnormal Feces
- Vomiting Problem
- Other: _____
- Excessive Gas

11. Urogenital System

- Appears Normal
- Abnormal Urination
- Genital Discharge
- Other: _____
- Enlarged Prostate
- Mammary Tumors
- Abnormal Testicles

12. Anal Sacs

- Appear Normal
- Infected
- Abcessed
- Other: _____
- Excessively Fill

13. X-Rays

- Hips
- Elbows
- Spine

Entrance Evaluation
Attachment 2 – Temperament/Detection Evaluation

Canine Name: _____

Date: _____

Pass Fail

Kennel Behavior _____

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Going into/out of doors (kennel and training building) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Loading into/out of kennels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Loading into/out of vehicles |

LONG THROW – Retrieve 1

- | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Anticipated Desire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Speed (maximum effort) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Strike |

LONG THROW – Retrieve 2

- | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Anticipated Desire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Speed (maximum effort) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Strike |

HIGH GRASS THROW, UPWIND – Hunt 1

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Anticipation/Desire to retrieve |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hunt Drive (maximum effort) – Timed 1 minute |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Strike |

HIGH GRASS THROW, UPWIND – Hunt 2

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Anticipation/Desire to retrieve |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hunt Drive (maximum effort) – Timed 1 minute |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Strike |

HIGH GRASS THROW, DOWNWIND – Hunt 3 (False Throw/Ball Drop)

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Anticipation/Desire to retrieve |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Maximum Effort/Works continuously |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hunt Drive – Timed 1 minute |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Strike |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Works Independently |

GUN TEST- Outside

- | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Gun Fire Test |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Recovery |

Comments _____

LOW CRAWL – Ball Roll 1

- Anticipation/Desire to retrieve
- Speed (maximum effort)
- Strike to Obtain Reward
- Reaction to vehicles (Start-up/Horn)
- Recovery

SLICK FLOOR - Retrieve 1

- Anticipation/Desire to retrieve
- Speed (maximum effort)
- Strike to Obtain Reward
- Distraction and noise sensitivity (TV on loud/with pan drop)
- Pan drop recovery

OVERALL

- Stairwell Walk with Ball (1st)
- Stairwell Walk without Ball (2nd)
- Reactive to unexpected Stimulus (opening umbrella)
- Recovery
- Reward Persistence/Carry
- Mental & Physical Possessiveness of reward object
- Hunt Drive – Timed 1 minute
- Works independently on Hunt
- Y N
- Exhibits Submissive Behavior

Entrance Evaluation
Attachment 3 – Service Dog Evaluation

Canine Name: _____

Date: _____

Outside Training Field:

Stakeout without bite – Decoy with no visible Equipment

Circle One:

No Reaction Defense Drive Fight Drive Prey Drive

Pass Fail

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sleeve bite, canine stationary (prey decoy) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Quality of “Grip” |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Commitment to Obtain “grip” |
|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sleeve bite, canine released (prey decoy) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Quality of “Grip” |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Commitment to Obtain “grip” |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sleeve bite, canine stationary (aggressive decoy) w/ stick or whip |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Quality of “Grip” |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Commitment to Obtain “grip” |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sleeve bite, canine released (aggressive decoy) w/ stick or whip |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Quality of “Grip” |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Commitment to Obtain “grip” |

Inside Building: Stakeout without bite

Pass Fail

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sleeve bite, canine stationary (prey decoy) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Quality of “Grip” |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Commitment to Obtain “grip” |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sleeve bite, canine released (prey decoy) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Quality of “Grip” |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Commitment to Obtain “grip” |
|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sleeve bite, canine stationary (aggressive decoy) w/ stick or whip |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Quality of “Grip” |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Commitment to Obtain “grip” |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sleeve bite canine released (aggressive decoy) w/ stick or whip |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Quality of “Grip” |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Commitment to Obtain “grip” |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Drop Sleeve/Hidden Sleeve |
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| Y | N | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Needs Additional Training |

CANINE - INITIAL SCREENING PROCESS

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These preliminary tests will determine the need for conducting the entire temperament test.

Evaluate on a scale of 1-3 with 1 - Fail, 2 - Average, and 3 - Excellent.

All candidates must possess the following criteria:

- High food drive
- Sociability
- Ability to Train
- Physical soundness

HIGH FOOD DRIVE.

Goal – Since their reward (motivation) is food, this must be their priority in life. Use a variety of treats.

1. Feed canine treats.

- Fail - Spits it out, not interested
- Average - Consistently takes treat
- Excellent - Inhales it, anticipates next.

2. Show dog treats and place the treats up high, low, and under something.

- Fail - Does not participate
- Average - Performs with encouragement
- Excellent - Performs on own, jumps, digs for treats.

3. As you are feeding treats to the canine, have a stranger distract the dog. DO NOT USE DOG'S NAME.

- Fail - Chooses people over food
- Average - Vacillates (hesitates) between people and food
- Excellent - Chooses food over people

SOCIABILITY.

Goal – These dogs will be used at airports and border crossings. They must be comfortable around all ages, races, gender as well as persons with disabilities.

1. Initial greeting.

- Fail - Canine does not approach, displays submissive wetting
- Pass - Loves all persons.

2. Environment (people, vehicles, and noises).

- Fail - Afraid, will not immediately recover
- Average - Rarely startles, but recovers immediately
- Excellent - Stable, comfortable in any situation.

3. Stranger test – Have stranger to act in an unusual manner. Have the dog attached to a fence in an unfamiliar setting with a 4 to 6 foot leash. The stranger will make eye contact with dog from 20 to 30 foot away; when dog makes eye contact, the stranger should begin acting in an unusual manner, i.e., making loud noises, waving arms, moving from side to side, and advancing towards dog but always maintaining at least a 10 foot distance from the dog. Then the stranger should become friendly with the dog.

- Fail - Canine retreats and/or shows any aggression toward stranger
- Average - Canine startles, backs up a few steps, but when person acts friendly the dog immediately wants to greet stranger
- Excellent - Canine maintains friendly posture and does not startle.

ABILITY TO TRAIN.

Goal – the canine must be able to comprehend and complete repetitive tasks.

1. Negative conditioning – Bring hand back and make quick hand motion towards the dog’s face.

- Fail - Cowers and goes to ground and/or displays submissive wetting
- Average - Blinks and/or squints, however, maintains friendly posture
- Excellent - Shows no signs of abuse and does not blink or squint.

2. Aptitude for scent work – This should be done in an enclosed yard off leash but may be done on leash. NOTE: Make sure dog is relieved prior to testing. Show dog treats; put treat on ground and tell the dog to “Find It”. Do three repetitions of command. Then cover the dog’s eyes and throw 10 treats into the wind in random fashion in high grass; release dog and observe tracking techniques.

- Fail - Could not and did not locate treats. The dog is more interested in other things
- Average - Located some treats in 2 to 3 minutes
- Excellent - Located most or all treats in 1 minute or less.

PHYSICAL SOUNDNESS.

Goal – The canine must be able to endure several years of detection work. They need to be agile enough to perform while on conveyor belts, on their hind legs, and climb and navigate over obstacles such as luggage, boxes, and car seats.

EXAMINE APPEARANCE.

1. Look for overall symmetry. Stand 5 feet away from dog and look at the dog from side to side, front and rear and ask yourself these questions: Is the dog well balanced? Does the front of the dog look in proportion to the rear of the dog?

2. Examine nails. Are some different lengths than others? Which ones?

3. Examine teeth. This will tell the approximate age of the dog. NOTE: If there is dental tarter half way down on teeth or on rear molars, chances are the dog is more than 3 years old. When in doubt, have a veterinarian verify age.

4. Look in eyes. Check for excessive tearing, tumors, cataracts, entropion (lids curving inward), ectropion (droopy lids).

5. Have the dog move away and towards you. Is the dog limping and/or have a strange gait? Does the dog skip with rear?

* If you answered yes to any of the above 4 questions, please consult the NDDTC *

Example of

DHS/CBP requirement for canines

Statement of Work

STATEMENT OF WORK

1. GENERAL

On March 1, 2003 the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) was formed. This resulted in the merger of the U.S. Customs Service and U.S. Border Patrol into a new agency entitled U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). CBP currently maintains two separate canine training facilities to meet its needs—(1) the Canine Enforcement Training Center (CETC), Front Royal, VA and (2) the National Canine Facility (NCF), El Paso, TX. Both facilities are located within CBP's Office of Training and Development (OTD).

As their core mission, CBP Officers use specially trained detector dogs to combat terrorism, interdict narcotics and other contraband while helping to facilitate and process legitimate trade and travel within the core processes of CBP. Occasionally, these canines need to be replaced due to injury, disease, age or death. Therefore, CBP has a requirement for canines for a base period plus four option years. This contract will also be available for use by other activities within DHS who acquire canines. The successful contractor(s) shall supply canines in accordance with the specific requirements set forth in this document.

2. REQUIREMENTS

Canines shall meet the following requirements.

Breed – The canine shall be a recognized working or sporting breed, such as the following: Labrador Retriever, Golden Retriever, German Shepherd, Dutch Shepherd or Belgian Malinois. The exact breed required will be specified in the orders issued under the contract.

Lineage—The canine shall be European born or of European lineage traceable by two generations. Proof of lineage shall be provided with each delivery. The absence of proper documentation will be grounds for rejecting a canine. American-bred canines may be accepted on a case-by-case basis as determined by the Government.

Age—The canine shall have a documented age between twelve (12) and thirty-eight (38) months.

Weight—The canine shall weigh no less than forty-five (45) pounds nor more than ninety (90) pounds.

Size—The canine shall measure no less than twenty-two (22) inches nor more than thirty (30) inches at the shoulder.

Sex—The canine may be either male or female.

The canine shall be delivered with a collar around its neck.

3. SELECTION CRITERIA

CBP OTD personnel, either at the NCF in El Paso, TX or CETC in Front Royal, VA, will administer a series of tests on the canine to determine whether it has the capability of working for CBP. The canine is required to pass these tests in order to be accepted in the canine training program. The CETC/NCF representative will make the determination as to the acceptability/unacceptability of a canine for the CBP Canine Program.

3.1 Selection Criteria for the CETC Canines

Canines acquired by the CETC will be tested in Front Royal, VA and must successfully pass the following tests:

- a. The canine must possess a sound temperament and demonstrate a bold and confident attitude. There should be no signs of either shyness or aggressiveness in any manner.
- b. The canine should be willing to work in confined areas, willing to go on elevated objects and have no fear of being on any object that moves.
- c. The canine will have to demonstrate a strong, frantic desire to retrieve and possess a thrown object in the following areas:
 1. Open area
 2. Under vehicle
 3. Under objects (i.e., milk crate, laundry basket or rubber mat)
 4. Hunt test (i.e., will search for object when it is out of sight)
 5. Slick floor
 6. Luggage Belt

Temperament testing also includes:

- a. Crowd of people (a group closely approaches canine in non-threatening manner)
- b. Hailing Taxi (someone steps out from around the corner, calls out and waves)
- c. Meet and Greet (an individual approaches the dog and officer with his hand out and shakes hands)
- d. Opening an Umbrella (canine enters a room the umbrella is repeatedly opened and closed)

These tests are designed to reveal any signs of timidity or aggression. After initial acceptance testing will continue for a period of 20 working days to insure consistency in the canines performance and include medical evaluations. At the end of 20 working days the canine acceptance will be determined.

3.2 Selection Criteria for NCF Canines

Canines acquired by NCF will be tested in El Paso, TX and must successfully pass the following tests:

3.2.1 Suitability Tests

A detection canine candidate shall exhibit an obsession to play with objects, have stable character, and be gun-sure and willing to surmount difficult obstacles. The canine should prefer to play with objects more than having food, water, or the attention of its handler. No commands will be given for the canine to retrieve.

Listed below are several tests that provide insight into a candidate's suitability as a detection canine.

a. **Stable Character Test** — The canine will be brought around several people to judge how it responds. It should not be afraid or act aggressively toward anyone who approaches it; a happy, social attitude should be seen in its behavior. The canine will be walked on smooth tile floors to see if it is sure-footed. The canine should display no fear or discomfort. While the canine is standing or walking on leash in a passive state, an umbrella will be opened suddenly in its face. The canine may show a slight startled reaction but should recover quickly. The canine will be tested for gun sureness with several unusually loud gunshots fired from about 50 feet behind it in which the canine should show little or no reaction. The canine will be taken into tight places to see how it responds. It should confidently enter and investigate these areas without hesitation. In addition to the above tests, a search of a vehicle with the engine running may be performed at the discretion of the Government.

b. **Retrieval Prey Drive Test** — The canine will be evaluated to see if it will pursue not only objects it is familiar with, but also strange, hard and soft objects. This test will be conducted in a ravine or on a hill. The canine, handler, and evaluator will stand downhill and the handler will throw each object uphill and out-of-sight. With each object, the canine will be held on-line and will be released with no command. One by one, several objects, familiar and strange, will be thrown uphill for the canine to pursue. The canine will be judged on its alertness, speed, hunt and grab of each object. The purpose is to determine if the canine will hunt for and play with strange objects while being physically stressed. Examples of strange objects are: a piece of PVC pipe, a block of wood, a piece of metal pipe, etc. The canine's behavior in this test will be assessed against the following ideal behavior:

1. **Alertness** — The canine should show undistracted interest when presented with each object and pull hard against the leash as the object is being thrown.
2. **Speed** — Upon being released, the canine should demonstrate extreme physical effort in running to the area where the object fell.
3. **Hunt** — Upon reaching the area, the canine must show effective use of its olfactory senses in locating the object.
4. **Grab** — Upon locating the object, the canine should immediately grab it in its mouth and show a desire and satisfaction in playing with the object.

c. **Perseverance Test** — The canine will be pre-stimulated with an object that will then be placed under a heavy object (cement block, tire, etc.). The canine will then be released. The canine will be evaluated on its drive and desire to work out the problem and obtain the object. The purpose is to determine whether the canine possesses a sufficient desire to work to obtain the object and to determine the canine's natural indication behavior (passive/aggressive). Ideal behavior for this test is, upon reaching the location of the object, the canine immediately engages in frantic biting and scratching behavior in an effort to dig and obtain the object, or a frozen stare at the location of the object.

d. **Water Conflict Test** — After the retrieve/prey test, the canine will be taken to a location where there will be a small pond, stream or container of water. The canine will be shown the water and pre-stimulated with the object that will be thrown beyond the water. The canine will then be released. The ideal behavior is that the canine goes directly to the object without stopping to take a drink.

e. Food Conflict Test — A test similar to the water conflict will be conducted with food. The canine will be pre-stimulated with the object that is then thrown downwind of the food. The canine will then be released. The desired behavior is that the canine disregards the food and pursues the object.

f. Handler/Object Conflict Test — The canine will be brought to a location where there will be a six-foot high chain link fence or an overturned milk crate or like item. The canine will be pre-stimulated with an object that will be placed behind the fence or under the milk crate. The canine will then be released and the handler will walk out of sight. The canine should go to the object, show keen interest and remain unaffected by the absence of the handler.

g. Hunt Drive Test — The canine will be brought to a location where there will be a high degree of grass or brush. The canine will be pre-stimulated with an object, which will be thrown deep (over 40 yards) into the grass or brush. The purpose is to determine the level of the canine's hardness in pushing through the brush and if the canine will search for an extended period of time without losing interest. The ideal behavior for this test is that the canine crashes through the brush with maximum physical effort. Once in the brush, the canine must exhibit concentrated and frantic hunting behavior utilizing its olfactory senses. The canine is expected to maintain this behavior for an extended period (4 to 5 minutes) without any assistance from the handler until such time as it locates the object. Upon locating the object, the canine should immediately grab the object in its mouth and demonstrate satisfaction in playing with it.

h. On-line Search Test — The canine will be brought to a search area (shelves, vehicles, building, etc.). The canine will then be pre-stimulated with an object that will be placed out of sight in the search area at a location above ground level. The canine will then be directed through a systematic search of the area on a leash. Included in this search will be several areas above waist level. The purpose is to determine the degree of trainability and handler sensitivity in the canine. Ideal behavior for this test is that the canine will follow all directional commands and signals made by the handler. The canine must demonstrate effective use of its olfactory senses in searching the area where it is directed. Upon reaching the hidden object, the canine should show quick recognition of the object's odor and display an undistracted desire to follow this odor and obtain the object.

3.2.2 Temperament and Genetic Drives

Throughout the selection phase, the canine must show that it possesses the temperament and genetic drives to work within a Border Patrol environment based on the following criteria:

- a. Socialization — The canine must possess a sound temperament that will allow it to be approached by and work around groups of people without showing fear, distraction, or reacting aggressively.
- b. Courage/Confidence — The canine must display lack of fear and not be distracted by the following situations and environments:
 1. Unsure footing (slick floors, rubble, etc.)
 2. Tightly enclosed spaces
 3. Moving vehicles
 4. Loud noises (weapons fire, etc.)
 5. Other live animals and their odors
 6. Startling situations (unforeseen events which the canine perceives a danger)

c. Drives - The canine shall possess, in varying degrees, the following genetic drives (drives are defined as subconscious impulses to react to stimuli):

- I. Bunt — (high degree required) — The drive to search for thrown objects utilizing all senses.
2. Air Scent — (high degree required) — The drive to use its olfactory capability to search for and locate thrown or hidden objects.
3. Prey — (required in the absence of retrieve) — The drive to chase, pick up and play with all thrown objects (hard or soft).
4. Retrieve — (required in the absence of prey) — The drive to bring thrown object back to the handler.
5. Activity — (some degree required) — The drive to be constantly in motion, engaged in activity and possessing abundant energy (commonly referred to as “hyper”).
6. Trainability — (some degree required) — Happily and willingly follows handler directions.

3.3 Testing for Other DHS Agencies

Other agencies within DHS are authorized to use this contract for Canines they may need. Those agencies will specify in the orders issued where the acceptance test will be performed and whether the selection criteria in 3.1 or 3.2, above applies to the canines being acquired.

4. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

The following documentation shall accompany the canine at the time of delivery:

- a. Current vaccination records
- b. Current health certificate administered by a board certified veterinarian. It will address the items listed in Paragraph 5.2, below.
- c. Current X-ray's (obtained less than sixty (60) days from the date of delivery) of the pelvis and hip area and the elbow of each forequarter in accordance with 5.3, below.
- d. Pedigrees, registration certificates, scorebooks, breed surveys and other proof of lineage or related paperwork if applicable.

5. PHYSICAL

5.1 In general, all canines acceptable for purchase must be in excellent health with no acute or chronic disease or condition. At the time of evaluation, each canine must be medically able to enter training

5.2 A complete medical examination of the canine shall be performed by a licensed veterinarian prior to delivery. The results of the examination will be included on a health certificate provided with the canine. The medical examination will include:

- a. Gait – Canine displaying any gait abnormality, which could affect the canine's ability to perform normal duty shall be disqualified.
- b. Skin/Coat – Skin and coat should be healthy and not have any evidence of chronic dermatitis, allergies, infections, injuries or external parasite infestations.
- c. Teeth/Jaws – All canines must have normal dental occlusions. There shall be no evidence of canine teeth (all four) weakened by notching, enamel hypoplasia, or abnormal wear. Oral infection or excessive periodontal disease may be disqualifying.

d. Heart/Lungs – The canine’s heart rate, sounds, and rhythms must be normal. Cardiovascular and respiratory system, in general, must be normal at rest or upon exercise. Current heartworm disease is disqualifying.

5.3 Complete Orthopedic Foundation of America (OFA) quality radiographs, issued by a licensed veterinarian, shall be provided with the canine to ensure that the bones, joints and muscles are healthy. The following applies:

Limbs/Joints – Any condition of the bones, joints or muscles that will hamper or restrict the normal performance of duty will be disqualifying, i.e., Hip or elbow dysplasia, degenerative joint disease, arthritis, or chronic lameness, fractures which are unhealed and/or healed fractures which may restrict normal performance of duty, ligament or tendon damage, and muscular deficiency.

5.4 A certified veterinarian will perform a full physical (including x-rays) after the canine successfully completes the selection process to verify that the canine complies with the preceding physical requirements.

Temperament Evaluation Worksheet

Temperament Evaluation Worksheet

Evaluator's Name:

Evaluation Date:

Canine's Name: _

Evaluation Location:

Alias:

Age Appropriate:

Weight: Overweight Ideal

Sex: Altered: Yes or No

Thin Breed:

Section 1: Reactions to Various Stimuli / Situations

Section 1 is divided into five parts (A-E). Rate the canine's reaction to each of the listed stimuli or situations under each part. Use a scale of 1 to 5, where the rating of 1 means poor and 5 means excellent.

Rating Explanation:

Circle the number that represents your rating. At the end of each part, add your ratings, divide the sum by the total number of items in that part to get a mean (average) rating, and record the mean rating in the space provided. If the sum of the mean ratings is 18 or above, then consider whether to continue.

Instructions for Part A:

Poor:

- Canine will not eat treats at all
- Canine shows no interest in food
- Canine sniffs food and walks away
- Canine startle and does not recover
- Canine goes off end of leash

Fair:

- Canine sniffs / licks treat
- Canine will occasionally spit treats out when stimuli is present
- Canine startles and is hesitant to repeat task

Average:

- Canine casually consumes treats (spends time on chewing them up)
- Canine's attention cannot be held with a treat
- Canine startles but recovers with encouragement

Good:

- Canine will consistently take a variety of treats
- Canine shows desire for more treats
- Canine will only take a certain kind of treat
- Canine startles but recovers immediately

Excellent:

- Canine is attentive and focused on you or the task at hand
- Canine wants treats over people / stimuli
- Canine locates treat pouch
- Canine prefers food over any other kind of reinforcement
- Canine does not startle

Part A: Food Incentive

Food Incentive Stimuli or Situations	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent
Takes food from hand	1	2	3	4	5
Takes food from floor	1	2	3	4	5
Takes food from up high	1	2	3	4	5
Takes food from under things	1	2	3	4	5
Other	1	2	3	4	5

Food Incentive Stimuli or Situations Mean Rating: (Must achieve a mean of 4 or above

REMARKS:

NOTE: An asterisk (*) means this portion of the test apply to large breed only.

Part B: Social

Social Stimuli or Situations	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent
Children, infant, toddlers, teenagers	1	2	3	4	5
Adults	1	2	3	4	5
Small groups	1	2	3	4	5
On-on-one	1	2	3	4	5
Playfulness	1	2	3	4	5
Uniformed Personnel	1	2	3	4	5
People with Disability					
Other:	1	2	3	4	5

Social Stimuli or Situations Mean Rating: (Must achieve a mean of 4 or above)

REMARKS:

Part C: Environmental

Environmental Stimuli or Situations	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent
Baggage Carts	1	2	3	4	5
Conveyances	1	2	3	4	5
Fork Lift (Vehicle ON)	1	2	3	4	5
Fork Lift (Vehicle OFF)	1	2	3	4	5
Baggage carousels	1	2	3	4	5
Doorways	1	2	3	4	5
Tight quarters	1	2	3	4	5
Strange/new areas i.e. bathrooms,	1	2	3	4	5
Auditory Stimuli i.e. horns, intercom,	1	2	3	4	5
Loud noises / voices	1	2	3	4	5
Strange dogs / cats	1	2	3	4	5
Containment / crate	1	2	3	4	5
Leash / slip collar	1	2	3	4	5
Umbrella	1	2	3	4	5
Falling baggage	1	2	3	4	5
Clip board drop	1	2	3	4	5
Other	1	2	3	4	5

Environmental Stimuli or Situations Mean Rating: (Must achieve a mean of 4 or above)

REMARKS:

Part D: Footing

Footing Stimuli or Situations	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent
Conveyor belt ON	1	2	3	4	5
Conveyor belt OFF	1	2	3	4	5
Stairs	1	2	3	4	5
Title	1	2	3	4	5
Escalator Approach	1	2	3	4	5
Other	1	2	3	4	5

Footing Stimuli or Situations Mean Rating: (Must achieve a mean of 4 or above)

REMARKS:

Part E: Obstacles

Obstacles Stimuli or Situations	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent
Baggage	1	2	3	4	5
Trolleys / carts	1	2	3	4	5
Natural objects	1	2	3	4	5
Palates	1	2	3	4	5
Vehicles	1	2	3	4	5
Other	1	2	3	4	5

Obstacles Stimuli or Situations Mean Rating: (Must achieve a mean of 4 or above)

REMARKS:

Section 2: General Impression

Rate your general impression of the canine for each item in Section 2. Use a scale of 1 to 5 where the rating of 1 means not at all and 5 means very great degree. Circle the number that represents your rating.

General Impression Items	Not At All	Very Little	Some Degree	Great Degree	Very Great Degree
Does the canine make eye contact?	1	2	3	4	5
Will/does the canine make body contact?	1	2	3	4	5
Is it apparent that the canine has had previous training?	1	2	3	4	5
Is it apparent that the canine has had negative conditioning?	1	2	3	4	5
Will the canine sniff objects	1	2	3	4	5
Is the canine nervous?	1	2	3	4	5
Does the canine startle?	1	2	3	4	5
Other	1	2	3	4	5

REMARKS:

Comments:

Explain canine's recovery time. If the canine is startle, it should take no longer then 3 to 5 seconds to recover. Note if any technique was used to add in the recovery process.