

11.2 Physical Fitness Requirement

Effective Date 9/1/2013

Southwest Search Dogs handlers are required to maintain appropriate physical fitness for the tasks they will undertake. For field assignments, the ability to walk and carry a pack is required.

One demonstration of that ability is a hike on a measured course with a pack. Handlers shall hike eight miles with a twelve pound pack.

Other demonstrations may be approved by primary evaluators.

The hike shall be conducted by a field qualified handler, who may also take the fitness demonstration at the same time and be signed off by another field qualified handler. A copy of this physical fitness form shall be submitted to the Chief Operating Officer (COO). The fitness demonstration shall be repeated every two years at minimum.

Handler _____ SWSD # _____ Date _____

Evaluated by _____ SWSD # _____ Location _____

Hike ___ Other _____