



NDRF CANINE TRAINING
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE



“Dogs invented unconditional love”

- ❖ *Napoleon Bonaparte, after being saved by a Newfoundland after slipping on his ship and falling overboard. He did not know how to swim, and was kept above water by the dog until he could be rescued.*

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01.AIM:

To ensure, efficient and coordinated K9's training in NDRF and enhance the search and rescue capabilities of NDRF with the use of K9's.

02. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this SOP is to provide procedure & guidelines for establishment and functioning of "Dog Training School" as decided by NDRF HQ and K9 squad of NDRF units.

03. SCOPE:

- To define a "Standard Operating Procedure" for establishment and functioning of Dog Training School at NDRF units to meet the Operational requirement of the NDRF.
- The SOP applies to all elements of the Bn as well as Sector who are responsible for ensuring efficient functioning of Dog Training School. It is also extended to all Bns of NDRF for ensuring training to the dogs which are authorized to them.

04. Responsibilities

(a) Unit Commandant

It shall be the responsibility of the Unit Commandant as well as supervisory staff to ensure that all necessary guidance and support is extended for the efficient functioning of the "Dog Training School" & BN K9 Squad.

(b) Unit Veterinary Staff :

It shall be the responsibility of the Unit Veterinary Doctor and his/her staff to ensure that Dog Training School and K9 squad functions in the utmost professional manner to carry out the assigned tasks.

05. METHODOLOGY:

Under the supervision of the Principal of the "Canine Training School", all the trainers of the school shall be imparting training to newly purchased pups cum their dog handlers as per the approved curriculum for the scheduled duration of the course.

06. PROCEDURE:

In order to ensure efficient functioning of the Canine Training School, it should have following parameters: -

Keeping in view the authorization as well as operational requirement of the dogs in the NDRF, it has been planned that “Dog Training Centre” should have training capacity 24 dogs at any given time.

- i. Well-equipped dog kennel having accommodation facility as per demand/requirement is required to be arranged by the Unit Commandant. He needs to arrange the required space out of available barracks or may construct out of available fund under head minor works under his financial competency on adhoc basis. There should be adequate provision of lighting. Suitable wooden platform for the dogs may also be got fabricated and arranged. There is also requirement of suitable accommodation for the dog handlers, nearby.
- ii. In order to impart proper training to the pups, following training aids and stores are required to be arranged.

A. For Canine Training School

Sl No.	Particular	Qty
a.	Training ground (Filled with sand) 80 mtrs X 60 Mtrs	01
b.	Alert tube	02
c.	Alert boxes	04
d.	Obstacles	10 (12 Feet long- 5, 8 Feet Long-5)
	• Ladders	
	• Wooden planks	10 (12 Feet long- 5, 8 Feet Long-5)
	• Iron Frames	05 (Can be made/modified requirement)
	• Square covers	20 (For uneven surface)
	• Round covers	20 (For uneven surface)
	• Small Round tubes for seesaw	02
	• Ropes	As per requirement

B. Training aids for BN:

Sl No.	Particular	Quantity
		BN
a)	Training ground (Filled with sand) 50 mtrs X 30 Mtrs	01
b)	Alert tube	01
c)	Alert boxes	02
D)	Obstacles	04
	• Ladders	
	• Wooden planks	06
	• Iron Frames/poles/rods	5 (for modifying equipment's)
	• seesaw	1
	• Ropes	As per requirement

(C) Training aids for RRC:

Sl No.	Particular	Quantity
		RRC
a)	Training ground	As per available space
b)	Alert tube	01
c)	Alert boxes	01
d)	Obstacles	02
	• Ladders	
	• Wooden planks	03

iv. Each dog handler is required to bring along with him following accessories for ensuring smooth conduct of the training of his/her designated dog:

Sl No.	Particulars	Qty
a	Training uniform (dangree)	02
	PT dress (T-shirt and Lower/Full pant)	02
	NDRF uniform	01
	Personal bedding with mosquito net	As per requirement
b	Rucksack should have:	01
	Water Bottle	
	Torch	01
c	Helmet with Lights	01
d	Knee protection	01 pair
e	Elbow protection	01 pair
f	Safety Goggles	01 pair
g	Safety boots (Hard toe)	01 pair
h	Safety gloves	01 pair
i	Cloth face mask	01 pair

v. Dog kit items/accessories for each under training pups provided by Canine Training School:

Sl. No.	Name of articles	Qty (Per Dog)	Life Span
1.	Grooming Brush	01	06 months
2.	Hand Towel	01	03 months
3.	Collar neck	01	06 months
4.	Body Harness/Tracking Harness	01	01 year
5.	Leash leather	01	06 months
6.	Bag Pack/ kit bag	01	02 Years
7.	Rope leash	01	06 months
8.	Coat Dog waterproof	01	40 months
9.	Chain chock neck collar	01	One in life
10.	Rubber Ball (small/large)	01	03 months
11.	Muzzle cover leather	01	03 years
12.	Nylon Leash	01	02 years
13.	Steel Comb (Small/medium)	01	01 Year
14.	Wooden Dumb bell	01	02 years
15.	Ground Sheet	01	01 year
16.	Blankets	01	02 years
17.	Tracking leash nylon	01	02 years
18.	Feeding bowl/plate (Steel/aluminium)	01	15 months
19.	Torch	01	05 years
20.	Torch cells as per requirement	02	06 months
21.	Large towel (Full size)	01	06 months
22.	Tweezer	01	03 Months
23.	Thermometer	01	01 year
24.	Bend scissor (Ear cleaning)	01	01 Year
25.	Cong Toy/Tug toy	01	03 months
26.	Grooming gloves	01	06 months
27.	Plastic bucket	01	01year
28.	Plastic Mug	01	01year
Common Kit Items			
1.	Weight Machine	01	lifetime
2.	Rubber hot bag	01	02 years
3.	Nail cutter	01	02 years

vi. Unit to keep two rubble fields maintained & ready well before commencement of the Basic Courses of the pups for the purpose of imparting specialized training to the dogs for B level/Class.

vii. Laboratory test and treatment facility, liaise with nearest Government Veterinary Hospital or Veterinary College.

viii. In order to ensure smooth and effective training to the newly inducted pups in the BN of the NDRF, following supervisory and training staff shall be required for smooth conduct of the training for the Dog Training School:

- a. **Chairman** : Unit Commandant, NDRF BN
- b. **Principal** : Veterinary Doctor
- c. **Chief Instructor** : Inspector/Sub Inspector
- d. **Training SO's**: Two Inspector/Sub Inspector/Assistant Sub Inspector who shall be Master Trainers of the Search Component and expert in dog handling and management courses. One Sub Officer should be designated for Adm duties.
- e. **Training NCO and Adm NCO**: 06 HC/CT(GD), who are qualified in Basic Canine Search training (B Level) and Canine Instructor training shall be assistant trainers. A dog training squad will comprise maximum of 06 to 08 dogs for one instructor. For a dog training squad, one Training NCO will be allotted. One NCO should be designated for Adm duties.

ix. The duties of the various officials of the “Canine Training School” shall be as under:

A. Unit commandant/Chairman:

- (a) He shall procure all the necessary stores/training aids which are mentioned above for the smooth conduct of the training within his/her financial powers under appropriate head.
- (b) He will supervise and coordinate the works of the Principal, Chief Instructor, Training SO's, Training NCO's, Adm Staff etc.
- (c) He will issue standing instructions/orders for proper maintenance of dogs and their health records etc.
- (d) All training programmes/course with regards to of dogs will be scrutinized by him before sending for approval from higher Headquarters.
- (e) He would be inspecting the Training School at regular intervals.

B. Principal (Veterinary Doctor):

- (a) He will be the technical advisor to the Chairman in all matters relating to the “Canine Training School”
- (b) He shall ensure that adequate study materials are made available to the trainees.

- (c) He will supervise and coordinate the works of para-veterinary staff as well as the training staff of the school.
- (d) He will regularly check the health status (Immunization, proper deworming, communicable diseases etc.) of the dogs in the school as well as the availability of Vet medicine/instruments, training equipment's, the upkeep and preservation/ maintenance of the said items.
- (e) At the end of every month, he will submit the health report of all the dogs under his charge to the Chairman who in turn will forward the same to DG NDRF.
- (f) He will give timely advice to the Chairman/Unit Commandant regarding weeding out of unfit/diseased dog so as to avoid unnecessary expenditure on such dogs. He will also recommend the mode of disposal of the dog.
- (g) At the time of purchase of any dog for the training School he will ensure that the dogs to be purchased are selected strictly in accordance with the specification laid down for SAR dogs.
- (h) He will make regular liaison visit to Government/Civil Veterinary institutions in near vicinity to keep him updated regarding the latest development in the field of Veterinary and Dog training methods etc.
- (i) He will be responsible for all aspects of training imparted to the dogs, dog handlers and other instructional staff.
- (j) He will be responsible for the welfare of men and animals under his command.

C. Chief Instructor (Inspector/Sub Inspector):

- (a) He will be the technical adviser to the principal with regards to all training aspects of Pups/Dogs.
- (b) He will also be responsible for the supervision/conduct of all training programmes.
- (c) He will keep an eye on the progress and development of the pups in the training.
- (d) He will liaison with other instructors of other Para-Military/Military and update his knowledge with regards SAR dogs training.

(e) He will also be responsible for the sharing of training knowledge with his fellow instructors and conducting regular test to update their knowledge.

(f) He will regularly inspect his training equipment's and report to the Principal on a routine basis.

(g) He will prepare weekly training programmes of canine training and ensure implementation properly.

(h) He will apprise canine training programmes (Theory & Practical) to principle time to time.

D. **Training SO's:**

(a) They will be following the training schedules/drills prescribed by the chief instructor.

(b) They will also upgrade their technical knowhow in coordination with dog handlers and dogs.

(c) They will mark the progress of the dogs & dog handlers and their appropriate coordination in all training aspects.

(d) They will work in close coordination with Chief instructor and principal to improve the training in a very meticulous way.

(e) They will be responsible to update the professional knowledge to training NCOs.

(f) They will be responsible for welfare of canine and handlers.

E. **Training NCOs:**

(a) They will be responsible for conducting regular canine training on ground.

(b) They will follow canine training programme as per schedule.

(c) They will utilise all type of equipment's & resources in canine training.

(d) They will entirely be dedicated to canine training.

(e) They will report to Training Sos regarding canine training.

(f) They will prepare weekly training schedule as per ongoing canine training.

(g) They will responsible for safety of canine during training. If pup/dog unwell during training immediate report to training So and Veterinary Nursing Assistant.

(h) They will be responsible ensure day to day cleaning and maintenance of kennel and dog training area.

Adm SO/NCO:

(a) They would be the back bone of the Adm of the training School.

(b) They would look into the feed, medicines, equipment etc. of each pup/dog coming into the School.

(c) They would also indent the types of feed prescribed by the Principal and take approval for the same from Chairman/Unit Commandant.

(d) They would be responsible to provide the medicine to all pups/dogs as per their requirements.

(e) They would be responsible to maintain the Leave register (i.e. EL, CL, ECL, PL etc.) for all the Dog handlers as well as other SO's in the training School.

(f) They should also train themselves as dog handlers so that they can handle dogs in emergencies.

(g) They would be responsible for maintenance of all registers pertaining to the Training School.

(h) The curriculum of the "Basic Course for the Pups" shall be as per the details given in the **Appendix- 'A'**

(i) The selection of the dog handlers should be properly done by the Units. Only those personnel should be detailed for dog handlers' course who are left with more than four years of service in the NDRF, should have qualified in Basic Responder Course and aptitude for the dog handlers' course as per the mandate.

(j) Smooth and effective functioning of Bn dog squad following staff should be required. This strength include: -

(i) Veterinary Officer - 01

(ii) Insp/SI(Vet) or Insp/SI (GD/Exe) - 02

(iii) Veterinary Nursing Assistant. - 01

(iv) Adm HC/CT - 02

(v) Dog Handler-As per availability of dogs, 03 personnel for 02 dogs.

(k) **Curriculum for Canine Training**:- Enclosed as Appendix “A”

(L) **Evaluation sheet**:- Evaluation sheet of “D”, “C” and “B” level enclosed as Appendix-“B”

(M) **Block Syllabus**:- Syllabus enclosed in Appendix-“C”

07. DOG FEED:

1. Balanced Diet Composition (Adult Dog) as per MHA guideline-

(a) **Chemical compositions of canine feed as below: -**

Sl No	Chemical Composition	Puppy Food	Working Dog Food
01	Crude Protein	28-32%	26-30%
02	Crude Fat	14-18%	13-16%
03	Crude Ash	6-8%	6-8%
04	Dietary Fiber (Max)	5%	5%
05	Moisture (Max)	9.5%	9.5%
06	Calcium	1-2%	0.7-1%
07	Phosphorus	0.8-1.2%	0.45-08%
08	Metabolized Energy	3700-4000 kcal/Kg	3700-4000 kcal/Kg

Ref. MHA letter no. 72/Vet/SSB/07/Vol-II/VC Dt-30.09.2010

(b) **Considerations**:

- Puppies need higher protein and fat for growth
- Senior dogs may require less calories but more fiber
- Working or highly active dogs need higher energy (fat-rich diets)
- Breed size and health conditions affect requirements

(c) **Commercial Feed- Following Dog feeds used in Battalion**

Chemical Composition	Dog food
Crude Protein	28-36% (Pup-30- 36%, Adult-28-30%)
Crude Fat	18%
Crude Ash	7.8%
Dietary Fiber (Max)	2.3-3.3%
Moisture (Max)	9-10%
Metabolized Energy	3700-4000 kcal/Kg.

- (i). Royal Canin-Puppy/Adult
- (ii). Pedigree Pro Active adult
- (iii). Farmina N & D (Chicken & Pomegranate)
- (iv). Canine creek adult
- (v). Farmina Vet Life Joint - for “support of joint metabolism in osteoarthritis and improve mobility.

(d) **Conventional feed used in Battalion:**

1. Rice, Mutton/, Chicken, Ragi, Daliya, Egg, Milk, Curd, carrot, Beet-root, pumpkin.

2. (i) Ration Scale for Pup/Dog

- (a) Pups (04 weeks to 05 weeks) - 150 -200 grams/Day
- (b) Pups (06 Weeks to 06 Month) - 200-500 grams/Day
- (c) Adult Dog (6 Month to Above) - 500-650 grams/Day
- (d) Pregnant Bitch/Female - Additional 15-20% adult ration

(ii) Feed and Substitutes items for Dog

S.No	Standard Items	Scale/ day in grams	Substitutes items for Dog in grams	Scale per day per Dog in grams	Remarks
1	Atta /Rice	480	Bread	720	-
2	Dog biscuits	30	Atta/Rice/Service Biscuits (Sweet)	30	-
3	Meat dressed with bones	680	Milk fresh and eggs	1.18 liters 02 Nos	-
4	Vegetable fresh	230	(i) Tablet Vitamin ‘A’ (ii) Tablet Vitamin ‘C’ 100mg	1 No. 1 No.	-

5	LPG gas	110	Firewood common or Coke soft and Firewood	2300 1600 600	-
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The preparation of feed and feeding of dog is as under:

- Boil the meat in water and remove the bones.
- Mix chapatti/boiled rice and cooked chopped green vegetable in the boiled meat.
- No sugar, salt or spices are to be added.
- Mix the meat, meat soup, rice gruel, chapattis/bread pieces in feeding basin and feed it to the dog when it becomes lukewarm.
- For sake of variety in the absence of meat, provide alternate preparations consisting of rice gruel/milk/curd and two boiled eggs.
- Feed twice a day i.e. morning and evening. Adjustments can be made as per requirement. (Recommended to use one time commercial and second time Conventional feed in a day).
- The utensils should be cleaned with suitable detergent and immersed in boiling water.

08. Cleaning and Hygiene:

Dog hygiene is an essential aspect, that should not be overlooked. Regular grooming, including bathing, brushing, and nail trimming, is essential for maintaining dog's health and well-being. Additionally, maintaining good hygiene practices in kennel is crucial for preventing health issues and unpleasant Odors.

(i) Cleaning and Hygiene items: -

Proper hygiene for dogs and kennels is essential for maintaining their health. Following Cleaning and Hygiene items is required in dogs and kennel.

Sr.no.	Name of items	Remark
1	Dettol liquid	(a) Cleaning and hygiene items are for using for in Kennels, Dog and Dog Handler during duty.
2	Handwash/Soap	
3	Kennel wash/cleaner	
4	Cotton	(b) Demand of items as per requirement.
5	Vim Bar/Exo bar	
6	Wiper	
7	Dust bin	
8	Broom	
9	Mop	
10	Washing soap	
11	Washing Powder	
12	Scrubber	
13	Dustpan	

09. GROOMING:

i. (Grooming Parade :

The entire grooming parade is 30 minutes. It includes: -

- (i) Body checking and De-ticking - 05 Min
- (ii) Massage with fingertips (Direction of Hair) - 05 Min
- (iii) Massage with fingertips (Against Direction of Hair) - 05 Min
- (iv) Brushing (Right Side) - 05 Min.
- (v) Brushing (Left Side) - 05 Min.
- (vi) Towelling - 02 Min
- (vii) Combing - 02 Min.
- (viii) Final Checking - 01Min

(ii) Dog Grooming Kit items:-

1. Grooming Gloves	9. Muzzles Cover
2. Nail Cutter	10. Kit Bag
3. Forceps/Tweezer	11. Ground Sheet
4. Steel Comb	12. Cotton
5. Hand Towel	13. Plastic Bottle with Kerosine (For Ticks collection)
6. Large Towel	14. Face Mask
7. Grooming Brush/ Slicker Brush	
8. Neck Collar	

10) Daily Routine:

The daily routine of Canine Training School/BN Dogs of NDRF: -

- (a) Early morning walk for 5-10 minutes and kennel out for stool site.
- (b) Walk and run exercise for 3-5 km in 45 minutes and agility work/training.
- (c) Practice as per training schedule/task with intermittent break.
- (d) Grooming for 30 minutes as per existing order.
- (e) Feeding.
- (f) Kennel out for stool site.
- (g) Mid-day rest.
- (h) The afternoon routine is repetition of light exercise and trade training practices with special reference to any weakness in performance observed earlier.

i.K9 Daily training activity (Monday to Saturday):

Sr. No.	Time	Activity
1	0600 hrs to 0615 hrs	Kennel Out
2	0620 hrs to 0700 hrs	P.T Exercise /Run & Walk/ Training activity
3	0700 hrs to 0715 hrs	Kennel Maintenance (Cleaning)
4	0900 hrs to 0945 hrs	Training Activity/ Ground training
5	1000hrs to 1030 hrs	Grooming
6	1030 hrs to 1055 hrs	Feeding, Stool and kennel in
7	1100 hrs to 1200 hrs	Indoor classes/ Area maintenance (Dog training area / Rubble site)
8	1200 hrs to 1530 hrs	Dog and Handler rest
9	1530 hrs to 1545 hrs	Kennel out/stool site
10	1545 hrs to 1700 hrs	Training activity/ Ground training
11	1700 hrs to 1730 hrs	Grooming
12	1730 hrs to 1800 hrs	Feeding, Stool and kennel in
13	1800 hrs to 0600hrs	Rest

Sunday/GH:

Sr. No.	Time	Activity
1	0630 hrs to 0700 hrs	Kennel Out
2	0730 hrs to 0900 hrs	Rest
3	0900 hrs to 1100 hrs	Kennel Maintenance (Cleaning), Grooming and feeding.
4	1100 hrs to 1630 hrs	Rest
5	1630hrs to 1730 hrs	Grooming and feeding
6	1730 hrs to 0600 hrs	kennel in and Rest

Note:-

- (i) Training programme and time may fluctuate as per Bn topography and Operational commitment.
- (ii) Night search exercise /practice should be conducted 2-3 times in a month.
- (iii) Familiarization/outside area visit such as market, Railway Station, Bus stand and other crowded places etc. should be conducted 02 times in a month.
- (iv) Collapsed structure/site/rubble pile should be identified in Bn AOR for search practice in different time and season to enhance Canine search ability. (Safety of canine always be considered)

11. Qualities of Dog Handler:

- (a) Individual should be willing to work as Dog Handler and friendly towards Dog.
- (b) Individual should be average and above average in intelligence.
- (c) Individual must have patience and perseverance quality.
- (d) Individual should be mentally and physically fit.
- (e) Individual should be self- disciplined and unwavering towards task/training.
- (f) Dog Handler should be resourceful having additional responsibility of dog.
- (g) Individual should be educated, confident, self-motivated, similarly dedicated and determination towards task.
- (h) Individual should be security conscious about dog.
- (i) Individual must be able to handle unexpected situations/conditions.
- (j) Individual having prior canine handling / training experience should be given preference.
- (k) Age limit should be maximum 35yrs for CT/GD and 40yrs for HC/GD.
- (l) In case of Mahila DH please refer MHA order NO. MHA/Police K9/2021/688732 dated 22.09.2021” Selection of dog handler (DHs) in CAPF’s Para 2, Point (e)”.

12. Guidelines for Purchase of Pups:

Puppy selection is important factor in dog squad. Volhard’s puppy Aptitude test (VPAT) should be followed for selection/purchase of pups.

(i) While selecting and purchasing a pup/dog the following must be observed:

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- (a) Pups should be true to breed (Photocopies of breed specifications attached)
- (b) Breed in order of preference will be Labrador Retriever.
- (c) Pups should be purchased from reputed breeders.
- (d) Buy pups between 08 weeks to 12 weeks of age.
- (e) Pup should be free from diseases and abnormalities.

(f) Pedigrees pups should be of established pedigree, if possible (He/She) look at the sire as well as the dam. Do not merely go by a certificate.

(g) Male dogs are better, as bitches cause trouble in season. They require looking after and isolation during that period.

(h) Observe a pup from a distance without disturbing it preferably in whelping area to observe in movements and reaction to your approach. An intelligent pup will give a definite reaction to your approach.

(i) The pup should have sound well-developed body. It should have well developed bone, proportioned body, strong back, shining cast, deep chest, muscular feet with well cushioned pads.

(j) All limbs should be sturdy, well-formed and graceful.

(k) Look out for fault such as bend in feet, poor shoulder placement, lack of coordination in limbs or a poor body configuration.

(l) Do not select pups with running nose and eyes. It may indicate distemper disease.

(m) A puppy with enlarged tummy indicates poorly managed kennel and under nutrition.

(n) Examine the pup's mouth for overshot/under shot jaw (photocopy attached for comparison)

(o) Cast should be shining and free from the rashest, thrash and dull skin indicates poor health as well as skin ailments.

(p) Eyes should be clear and bright; the nose and mouth should be according to breed specifications.

(q) Ears should be clean and odorless.

(r) The pup should give an impression of being vigorous, sensitive, intelligent, energetic and aggressive and not timid or excitable.

13.Training of New Handlers with trained dog :

NDRF is a deputation force, generally when dog handler had to complete deputation tenure and he/she become repatriated to their parent force but dogs remain in NDRF till retirement i.e. 08 years. Therefore, new handler should be trained for the dog. Training programme/Syllabus of duration 24 weeks is prepared and enclosed in **Appendix- "D"**

14. Annual Refresher training:-

Refresher training of dog and Dog Handler will be organized at Canine training schools of NDRF annually, it is compulsory for all K9 unit to undergo annual refresher course and pass test. If, in case a Dog and handler fails in training, then their training will be extended for two weeks.

15. CONCLUSION:

The dog is known to be the one of Man's best friend since emergence of the civilization. Therefore, we might Endeavour ours best to train the dog and dog handlers to be a best friend to each other, with this co-ordination we shall be able to pursue our goal of **Saving Precious Human lives** by the way of Search & Rescue in NDRF.

16. References:

This SOP is prepared with help of following references as well as discussion with Vet Officers of NDRF.

01. Dog Feed: No. I-17018/28/PROV/DG- NDRF/2011-12-/4237 dated 09.07.2011.-Reg. Approval for feeding Commercial palleted dog feed to pups/dogs of CPMFS.

02. "Canine Training School" provides the following Dog kit items/accessories for each under training pups: vide NDRF HQ Msg. No.I- 17018/TRG/HQ NDRF/2023/2625 dated 03.08.2023).

3. SOP on selection of Dog handler in CAPF's: No. I-17018/TRG/HQ NDRF/2021/1659 dated 23.09.2021.

04. Puppy purchase:

- i. HQ NDRF ION-I-17018/ Trg/HQ-NDRF/2022/268 dated 31.01.2022, SOP for purchase of Pups/Canine in NDRF Bns.
- ii. HQ NDRF Letter No. I-17018/Prov/1054/HQ DG NDRF/2025-1229 Dated 15.12.2025.

05. Puppy selection: Volhard's puppy Aptitude test (VPAT) should be followed for selection/purchase of pups.

06 NDRF Training Regime: HQ NDRF vide letter No. 2276 dated. 24.11.2016 and new training regime issued by HQ NDRF in January-2024.

07. Training manual of BSF, SSB, ITBP & Indian Custom

08. Transportation:

- i. F. NO. MHA/PM/Police k-9/2020/19 Dated 08/01/2020, SOP for Transportation of animals of CAPFs, NSG and Assam Rifle.
 - ii. NDRF HQ Msg. No. I-17018/Adm/IRCTC Train/HQ NDRF/ 2024- 10243 Dated 19.12.2024.
09. Casting:
- (I) F. NO. MHA/PM/Police k-9/2020/19 Dated 08/01/2020
 - (II) F. NO. MHA/PM/Police k-9/2020/g 544-591 Dated 17/12/2024 SOP for Casting and Disposal of Old/ Worn Out/Unfit Animals of CAPFs, NSG and Assam Rifles.

CURRICULUM FOR CANINE TRAINING FOR NEW PUP

1. In order to impart proper training to the newly purchased pups, for the purpose of the training, dogs are divided into four categories / classes according to levels of the training. It takes minimum 1.5 years to reach A category/class from D category/ class with well-structured training. The four categories/ classes are as under: -

Sl No	Class	Status	Duration of training in weeks		Phase/ Activity
1		Pup	00 weeks to 08 Weeks	08 weeks	Preparatory and Familiarization
2	D	Pups	08 weeks to 20 Weeks	12 weeks	Learning
3	C	Youngsters	20 weeks to 42 weeks	22 weeks	Learning/ Consolidation
4	B	Should have passed basic test	42 weeks to 56 weeks	14 weeks	Consolidation
5	A	Should have passed basic test & pre test	56 weeks to 80 weeks	24 Weeks	Consolidation/ Application

Note:- Initially, in first 00 weeks to 08 Weeks, newly purchased pups will be put up in quarantine for 02 weeks; if required can be increased for another 01 week also, after that 04 weeks House manner and Marrying up training will be started, followed by kennel management training including training area and Stool area management.

2. The syllabus of all four levels of the trainings are given below:

TRAINING SYLLABUS OF “D” CLASS: - LEARNING PHASE

Sl No	Block Syllabus	Remarks
a	Alert box feeding	The pup is given feed in alert box for developing barking / digging/ penetration qualities.
b	Playing / Fetch	Motivation
c	Open alert	Introduction with victim
d	Basic house discipline/ Obedience	Sit, Heel, Pee Manners etc.
e	Basic alert tube training with teasing	Introduction of alert tube/ Close alert
f	Basic rubble proofness	Pups are introduced to small rubble
g	Open alert in rubble field	Introduction of open alert as per the progress in alert tube and rubble proofness
h	Close alert in rubble field	Semi close/ Close victim is introduced.
i	Regular outdoor visit to Railway station, Bus station, market etc.	To introduced pups with outdoor environment for acclimatizing with crowded places
j	Swimming classes	A real fun & good exercise for pups

TRAINING SYLLABUS OF “C” CLASS:- LEARNING PHASE

Sl No	Block Syllabus	Remarks
a	Alert tube with teasing & playing	Developing continuous barking, digging & Penetration
b	Alert tube without teasing	Developing barking, digging & Penetration for close victims
c	Open & Close alert in obedience ground	To keep the motivation of dog high (victim plays with the dog)
d	Open & Close alert in rubble field	To improve the search drive
e	Basic obedience	i. Sit, stand, laying down, sleep and roll ii. Send Out iii. Call in

		iv. Remote control v. Obstacles vi. Heel
f	Harness training	To introduce high rise search & rescue environment.
g	Knowledge of dog handler	INSARAG Guidelines, Knowledge of collapse area and Possible dangers/ Hazards.
h	Regular outdoor visit to Railway station, Bus station, market etc.	To acclimatize with crowded places
i	Swimming classes	Exercise with fun
j	Preparation for basic test	The canine team is evaluated for basic obedience and Basic rubble search work

**TRAINING SYLLABUS OF “B” CLASS: - LEARNING PHASE
AND CONSOLIDATION PHASE**

Sl No	Block Syllabus	Remarks
a	Basic test qualified	--
b	Search work in one rubble field having minimum two victims	To improve search drive of dog for multiple victims
c	Basic obedience as per standard of basic test	Evaluated regularly
d	Alert tube work- 20 seconds	Evaluated regularly
e	Knowledge of dog handlers	Evaluated regularly
f	Swimming classes	Exercise with fun
g	Regular Search training in two independent sites for 20 Minutes each with 10 minutes break	Preparation for pre-test

**TRAINING SYLLABUS OF “A” CLASS: - CONSOLIDATION
AND APPLICATION PHASE**

Sl No	Block Syllabus	Remarks
a	Basic test & pre-test qualified	--
b	The team should have the capability to search two independent sites as per standard	Evaluated on regular basis
c	Regular training for basic obedience / Harness training/ Outdoor visit/ Search work / Knowledge of dog handler/ Swimming etc.	Evaluated on regular basic
d	Regularly trained for 04 or more independent sites (as per Availability)	Preparation for mission readiness test
e	Regularly trained for 04 or more independent sites (as per Availability)	Mock drills are conducted in nearby cities having collapse structures
f	Canine team participates in rescue operations with another team members in case of any collapse	Can perform search work in real collapse situation

Appendix-“B”

EVALUATION SHEET OF DIFFERENT CLASS OF SAR TRADE :-

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SCORE SHEET FOR "C" CLASS

Part B: Nose

Place/Date: NDRF	Start Nr.
Rank: Qualification:	Total Point:
Name of the dog: Breed:	Part A: Part B: Part C: Total:
Sex: Male Female	
Name of the handler:	

Alert at the Alert hole	Points	Points	Remarks
Barking	15		
Digging / Penetration	15		
Behavior of the dog handler	30		
Behavior / intensity of the dog	30		
Guidability	10		
Part B: Total Points	100		Passed with 80 Points

work (Alert / Search)

Part A: Obedience / Guidability

Obedience	Points	Points	Remarks
Off leash heeling	10		
Sit, call into front position	10		
Send, out and stay, continuing to send out, laying down	10		
Obedience, distraction 5Min.	10		
Guidability			
Obstacle 1	10		
Obstacle 2	10		
Obstacle 3	10		
Obstacle 4	10		
Directional control:	20		
Part A Total Points	100		Passed with 70 Points

Open alert in rubble field	Points	Points	Remarks
Penetration	15		
Barking	20		
Digging	15		
Close alert in rubble field			
Penetration	15		
Barking	20		
Digging	15		
Part C: Total Points	100		Passed with 80 Points

Part C: Open Alert and Close Alert in Rubble field

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SCORE SHEET FOR “B” CLASS

Part B: Nose work (Alert / Search)

Place/Date: NDRF	Start Nr.
Rank: Qualification:	Total Point:
Name of the dog: Breed: Sex: Male Female Name of the handler:	Part A: Part B: Part C: Total:

Alert at the Alert hole	Points	Points	Remarks
Barking	15		
Digging / Penetration	15		
Search (Rubble)			
Tactical situation	5		
Behavior of the dog handler	25		
Behavior / intensity of the dog	30		
Guidability	10		
Part B: Total Points	100		Passed with 80 Points

Part A: Obedience / Guidability

Obedience	Points	Points	Remarks
Off leash heeling	10		
Sit, call into front position	10		
Send, out and stay, continuing to send out, laying down	10		
Obedience, distraction 5Min.	10		
Guidability			
Obstacle 1	10		
Obstacle 2	10		
Obstacle 3	10		
Obstacle 4	10		
Directional control:	20		
Part A Total Points	100		Passed with 70 Points

Success	Points	Points	Remarks
Penetration on 1st victim	15		
Barking	15		
Success	20		
Penetration on 2nd victim	15		
Barking	15		
Success	20		
Part C: Total Points	100		Passed with 80 Points

Part C: Success

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Block Syllabus of B class Basic Canine Search Training**Duration of course - 56weeks**

SL NO.	OUTDOOR TOPICS	INDOOR TOPICS
01	House Manner and Marrying up	House Manner and Marrying up
02	Heel with/ without leash, Playing and Teasing with toy, Calling with toy	History of dog, Various Breeds of dog
03	Basic obedience (Baitho, Utth, Samthal, Laito, Roll)	Facts about Dog
04	Long Stay and distraction, Salute	Introduction of dog training.
05	Alert Box feeding	What is Grooming, Advantage of Grooming, What is Feeding, Types of Dog Feed, Scale Of Dog Feed, Kennelling and Exercise, What is Agility/Negotiation with difference Obstacles
06	Open Alert, Close Alert in obedience ground	Selection of pups, Quality of SAR Dog and Dog Handler, Selection of Dog Handler Duties of Dog Handler, Dog Kit items
07	Send out, stay, continue to send out and call in	Principle of dog training, Basic Senses and Sense Organ of Dog, Dog Behaviour and Body Language
08	Obstacles/Agility training	Reward, Type of Reward, importance of reward in Dog training
09	Remote/ Direction Control	De-worming, De-worming schedule and De-worming advantages & Vaccination, vaccination schedule and Vaccination Advantages
10	Alert Tube with/without teasing and playing	Type of search, Rescue dog and their use in different disaster
11	Swimming Classes,	Dogs Learning Theory and Methods of Dog Training, Scent theory and factors affecting scent
12	Familiarization at inside and outside campus area (Bus stand, Railway Station, Market etc..) to acclimatize with different environments	Importance of night exercise, direction control, send out and call in, alert tube.
13	Rubble search, open alert and close alert in rubble field.	Different types of collapse pattern void spaces possible dangers/hazards in collapse area, INSARAG Guidelines
14	Search work in 01 Rubble field having minimum 02 victims	Tactical situation Analysis in confirmation of canine search
15	Rubble search training at two independent site (rubble field)	Safety measures and control of dog in rubble search.
16	Night Exercise	Factors affecting scent in rubble search.
17	Mock Exercise	Correction and consolidation of alert indication in rubble search
		Health management of dogs, Common diseases of dogs
		Dos and don'ts in basic canine search training.

Syllabus for Training of New Handler with Trained Dog

SL No.	Training week	Outdoor Training activity	Indoor classes	Remarks
1	1st week	Playing and Teasing, Familiarization at campus area	Introduction of dog and dog training. Assessment of selected trainees.	One month familiarization with dog and Assessment of trainees has been done.
2	2nd week	Open alert and call in with toy, Basic obedience (Baitho)	History of dog, Facts about Dog, Basic senses and sense organ of dog. Quality of SAR Dog and Dog Handler. Selection of dog handler. Marring up with new pup..	
3	3rd week	Heel, Open alert and call in with toy, Basic obedience (Baitho)	Kennel management (Grooming, kenneling, Feeding and exercise).	
4	4th Week	Heel, Open alert and call in with toy, Basic obedience (Utth), Playing and Teasing, Familiarization at campus area.	Vaccination and Deworming schedule and its advantages.	1 st Snap Test
5	5th Week	Heel, Open alert, introduction of obstacle, Basic obedience (Samatal), Play ing and Teasing, Familiarization of outside area.	Procurement of dogs and its Associated. Selection of pups. Dog behavior and body language, Principle of dog training.	

6	6th Week	Heel, Open alert, introduction of obstacle, Basic obedience (Samatal), Playing and Teasing, Familiarization of outside area.	Do's and Don'ts in Dog Training, Dogs Learning Theory and Methods of Dog Training.	
7	7th Week	Heel, Closed alert at ground, introduction of obstacle, Basic obedience (Salute), Swimming, Familiarization at inside and outside of campus area.	Scent theory and factors affecting scent..	
8	8th Week	Heel and calling, Alert Tube, , Basic obedience (Leto), Familiarization at inside and outside of campus area.	Introduction of Search and Rescue Training, Dog Kit items.	2 nd Snap Test
9	9th Week	Heel, Open and closed alert, alert tube, introduction of obstacle, Basic obedience (Roll), Familiarization at inside and outside of campus area.	Type of search, Rescue dog and their use in different disaster, SAR Dog indication and its importance.	
10	10th Week	Heel, Open and closed alert, alert tube, introduction of obstacle, Basic obedience	Reward, Type of Reward, importance of reward in Dog training	

		(Roll), Swimming, Familiarization at inside and outside of campus area.		
11	11th Week	Directional control, Heel, alert tube, introduction of obstacle, Basic obedience (Roll), Familiarization at inside and outside of campus area	Victim play and its importance in Dog Training. Remote control training and its importance. Open alert and closed alert training.	
12	12th Week	Introduction of rubble field. Directional control, Heel, Basic obedience, playing and teasing with toy, Familiarization at inside and outside of campus area	Agility Training and its importance, Introduction of rubble Search, Difficulties and Problem solving in Rubble search.	3 rd Snap Test
13	13th Week	Introduction of rubble field. Send out, Directional control, Heel, Basic obedience practice, Swimming, Familiarization at inside and outside of campus area	Factors affecting scent in rubble search, Tactical situation Analysis in confirmation of canine search, INSARAG Guideline.	
14	14th Week	Introduction with uneven surface, Open alert and playing at rubble field, Heel and alert tube practice,	Safety measures and control of dog in rubble search, Rubble search with	

		Direction control, Send out and Call in Front position. Night exercise. Familiarization at campus area	live conscious and unconscious victim, Night exercise and its importance.	
15	15th Week	Introduction with uneven surface, Open alert and playing at rubble field, Heel and alert tube practice, Close alert at Ground, Send out and Call in Front position. Familiarization at campus area	Health management of dogs, Common Disease of dogs and first aid, Positioning of victim in rubble field and its importance. Do's and Don'ts for victims in rubble search.	
16	16th Week	Closed alert at rubble field, Stay and Calling, Directional control, Heel, Basic obedience practice, open alert and alert tube practice, Swimming, Familiarization at inside and outside of campus area	Correction and consolidation of alert indication in rubble search.	4 th Snap Test
17	17th Week	Closed alert at rubble field, Stay and Calling, Directional control, Heel, Basic obedience practice, open alert and alert tube practice, Obstacle Practice, Night exercise, Familiarization	Familiarization of dog with different disaster like situation and its effect on K9 search.	

		at inside and outside of campus area.		
18	18th Week	Close alert at rubble field, Stay and Calling, Directional control, Heel, Basic obedience practice, open alert and alert tube practice, Swimming, Familiarization at inside and outside of campus area	Basic of MFR, Life Saving techniques and Search techniques.	
19	19th Week	Search at rubble field, Long Stay and Basic obedience practice, Directional control, Heel and alert tube practice, Obstacle Practice, Close alert at Ground, Send Out and Call in Front Position Familiarization at inside and outside of campus area	Knowledge of Collapsed area and Possible dangers/Hazard .	1. Outside Search Practice at independent Sites to acclimatize with Crowded Place 2. Night exercise
20	20th Week	Search at rubble field, Long Stay and Basic obedience practice, Directional control, Heel and alert tube practice, Obstacle Practice, Close alert at Ground, Send Out and	History of dog training, Principle of dog training. Selection of pup and dog handler. Marring up with new pup	5 th Snap Test

		Call in Front Position Familiarization at inside and outside of campus area.		
21	21st Week	Search at rubble field, Basic obedience practice, Directional control, Heel, , Close alert at Under Construction building, Send Out and Call in Front Position Familiarization at inside and outside of campus area.	Dog behavior and body language. Do's and Don'ts in Dog Training, Dogs earning Theory and Methods of Dog Training.	1. Outside Search Practice at independent Sites to acclimatize with Crowded Place 2. Night exercise
22	22nd Week	Search at rubble field, Basic obedience practice, Directional control, Heel, Open alert and Alert tube, Send Out and Call in Front Position, Night exercise, Familiarization at inside and outside of campus area.	Scent theory and factors affecting scent. Quality of SAR Dog and Dog Handler. Introduction of Search and Rescue Training	

23	23rd Week	Search at rubble field, Basic obedience practice and Long stay, Directional control, Heel, Open alert and Alert tube, Send Out and Call in Front Position, Obstacle Practice, and Familiarization at inside and outside of campus area.	Type of search, Rescue dog and their use in different disaster, SAR Dog indication and its importance. Reward, Type of Reward, importance of reward in Dog training. Health management of dogs, Common Disease of dogs and first aid, Positioning of victim in rubble field and its importance. Do's and Don'ts for victims in rubble search.	Outside Practice independent acclimatize h Crowded Place. Search at Sites to wit
			Correction and consolidation of alert indication in rubble search.	
24	24th Week	Revision and final evaluation	Indoor test	