

Supplement -- Application for Canine Program Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group

Your Name:

A. Your Background

Briefly describe your experience with dogs, as well as any applicable experience with other animals:

Describe any reading you have done on search and rescue dogs, and dog training in general (any favorite books or authors?):

If you do not presently own a dog whom you intend to work in SAR, skip to section C

B. Your Dog

Dog's name:

Age:

Sex:

Neutered: Y N

Owned by you since what age?

Breed or mix or best guess:

Approximate weight:

Obtained from:

Please describe your dog's prior training:

Is your dog reliable off leash (always comes, stays near)? Y N

Is your dog friendly or neutral to all people? Y N

Is your dog friendly or neutral with other dogs? Y N

Is your dog friendly and reliable around other kinds of animals? Y N

Does your dog enjoy trying new things and exploring? Y N

Does your dog travel well in the car? Y N

Is your dog in excellent physical health and current on all vaccinations? Y N

Please explain any no answers to the above:

Please let us know of any concerns you have about your dog's behavior, or any general training goals you would like to meet:

If your present dog does not work out as a SAR partner, are you willing to obtain another puppy for training? Y N

If yes, what would you do with your present dog?

C. Your Expectations

Are you available to train on most Sundays for, well, pretty much forever? Y N

Are you prepared to train with your canine partner for up to two years before being considered an operational team? Y N

Are you prepared to discontinue other activities (e.g. obedience competition, sleeping) that may be incompatible or pose time conflicts with canine SAR? Y N

Are you prepared to undergo training in general SAR, wilderness medicine, survival, and other "non-canine" topics? Y N

Are you prepared to travel for additional training (conferences, seminars, exercises, etc.)? Y N

During your training period, will you be available to respond to SAR incidents as a ground searcher, without your dog? Y N

Are you committed to meeting rigorous internal and external operational standards, even if this will entail significantly more time and effort than might be required of you by another organization? Y N

If for any reason you do not become a canine SAR handler, are you still interested in volunteering as a SAR responder? Y N

Please explain any no answers to the above:

Why are you interested in canine SAR?

What strengths do you believe you would bring to a SAR team?

Use the back of these pages if necessary for any detailed answers