Items **bolded** below are requirements that must be demonstrated to the Evaluator. Non-bolded items are training steps that may be introduced in class and are helpful for achieving the requirements. All behaviors must have been taught or re-taught to the dog (preferably using a new cue), using only positive reward-based methods.

☐ Dog is comfortable with the backpack and will allow the empty pack to be draped across his shoulders

☐ Dog will allow the empty backpack to be strapped on and adjusted and will walk on a loose leash while wearing the empty pack

☐ Dog will wear the backpack containing a light load

☐ Dog will wear the backpack containing a heavier load, including all required items

☐ **Handler can choose a pack appropriate for the dog, can put the pack on the dog and adjust it, and can distribute the weight of the pack evenly**

☐ **Dog will carry the backpack containing all of the required items for a hike of at least 3 miles; dog does not have to heel while hiking but must maintain a loose leash**

☐ **Dog may not chase wildlife while hiking**

☐ **Dog demonstrates a quick response to a 'leave it' cue**

☐ **Dog demonstrates that he can safely meet a friendly stranger while hiking**

☐ **Handler demonstrates responsible dog ownership on the trail and cleans up after the dog by bagging and packing out the dog's waste and disposing of it properly**

☐ **Handler always carries at least 3 clean up bags when hiking**

☐ **Handler demonstrates an understanding of and always follows the 'leave no trace' principles**

☐ **Handler must demonstrate that he/she is able to identify and locate poison ivy and/or other dangerous plants; handler can identify other dangers that might be encountered while hiking in his/her area**

☐ **Handler must name, from memory, the 12 items required to be carried in the dog's pack without looking at a list or in the pack**

☐ **Handler and dog must complete a minimum of 6 miles of hiking, including the 3-mile hike described above; dog must wear the pack containing all of the required items while hiking**