



# The New Mexico Search and Rescue Council

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## Canine Requirements and Protocol

Dear Search and Rescue Canine Handlers,

The New Mexico Search and Rescue Council (NMSARC) is honored to host our Canine Search and Rescue Volunteers at ESCAPE. The definition of a Canine Search and Rescue Volunteer is a dog that is specifically trained (or in training) to find lost, missing or deceased individuals. Strict adherence to this protocol will ensure that our sponsor locations and the NMSARC can continue to offer canine training courses at ESCAPE.

1. The SAR Dog handler must be a member of a recognized SAR team.
2. Dogs must be under the handler's control at all times and are the sole responsibility of the handler.
3. Dogs must wear appropriate identifying Search and Rescue vests while attending the training.
4. Dogs must be on lead at all times.
5. Dogs will be allowed in the auditorium or classrooms.
6. Dogs will not be allowed in the dining areas.
7. If a dog bites or attempts to bite a human, the handler will be required to immediately remove the dog from all public areas.
8. If a dog shows any signs of aggression to other dogs or people, the handler will be required to immediately remove the dog from all public areas.
9. Handlers must clean up after their dogs in all accessed areas.

I understand the terms and conditions as set forth in this Canine Requirements and Protocol policy.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include with your registration form and return to:**  
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