



# National Search Dog Alliance

The Voice of K9 Search & Rescue

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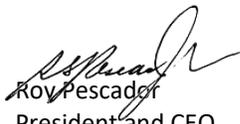
Greetings,

The National Search Dog Alliance (NSDA) has been actively monitoring the developments of the COVID-19 outbreak. Due to the ongoing pandemic conditions, your BOD has revised its decision on the extension of certifications. It is apparent that certified teams and their respective communities will have a need for field deploy-able assets at a time that will not be conducive to testing and renewed certifications. As a board, we initially had decided to extend certifications that were expiring between January 1st, 2020 to May 15th, 2020 until at least May 15th, 2020. It quickly became clear that this was only a stop-gap measure that would not suffice for the events at hand.

Therefore, the NSDA board of directors has decided that:

- All NSDA field tests expiring in 2020 will be extended by one year from the point of their respective expiration dates.
- Individuals with the above identified expiring certification will now have a three-year certification date, expiring in 2021
- If fees have already been paid for a NSDA field test to be taken before December 31, 2020, the fee shall be also extended for one year. Online testing does not have an expiration and therefore will not be refunded.
- The NSDA may not support regional testing and discourages small group testing that goes against current or future national, state, or local policies and/or guidelines related to social distancing or other pandemic response measures until at least December 31, 2020.
- All Testing Notification forms will be reviewed to see if they are eligible for reimbursement of Evaluator expenses.
- Individuals may locate Evaluators from the list on our website. Private arrangements between handler and Evaluator, as always, may be made for NSDA testing.
- The NSDA reserves the right to extend this date, depending upon prevailing conditions.

Sincerely,



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President and CEO  
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