



Center for Forensic
Training and Education

PICKING THE RIGHT WORKSHOP

Use this table to help you identify the workshop that best suits your dog's skill level and your training objective

	DOG'S MINIMUM AGE *at time of workshop	TRAINED FINAL RESPONSE (TFR) REQUIRED?	MIN. LAND HRD TRAINING LEVEL	MIN. WATER HRD TRAINING LEVEL	CERTIFICATION REQUIRED	FULL BODIES	INCLUDE CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION	MAX RATIO INSTRUCTOR:STUDENT
HRD LAND WORKSHOPS								
Introduction (HRD Land)	4 months+	NO	0	n/a	NO	NO	YES	1:8
Beginner (HRD Land)	8 months+	NO (should be started)	6 months+	n/a	NO	YES	YES	1:10
Intermediate (HRD Land)	1 year+	YES	6 months+ OR Completed CFTE HRD Land Beginner	n/a	NO (highly recommended)	YES	YES	1:10
Advanced (HRD Land)	1 year+	YES	6 months+ OR Completed CFTE HRD Land Intermediate OR training at another "body farm"	n/a	NO (highly recommended)	YES	NO	1:10
HRD WATER WORKSHOPS								
Beginner (HRD Water)	8 months+	YES (land only)	6 months+	NONE	NO	NO	YES	1:6
Intermediate (HRD Water)	1 year+	YES (land & water)	6 months+	6 months+ (including shoreline & boat)	NO (land cert recommended)	NO	YES	1:6
Advanced (HRD Water)	1 year+	YES (land & water)	6 months+	6 months+ AND Completed CFTE HRD Water Workshop OR another water workshop including shoreline & boat)	YES (land cert required; water cert recommended)	NO	YES	1:6
HRD SPECIALTY WORKSHOPS								
Crime Scene (HRD)	1 year+	YES	6 months+	n/a	NO	NO (trace > whole limbs)	YES	1:10
Disaster for Local Responders (HRD)	1 year+	YES	6 months+	n/a	NO	NO (multiple whole limbs)	YES	1:10
LIVE FIND WORKSHOPS								
Wilderness: HRD Exposure for Live Find Dogs	1 year+	YES	NONE (not for cross-trained dogs)	n/a	YES (wilderness live find national certification)	YES	NO	1:10
Disaster: HRD Exposure for Live Find Dogs	1 year+	YES	NONE (not for cross-trained dogs)	n/a	YES (USAR live find national or state certification)	YES	NO	1:10