

## Lesson Plan for Life Science

**Unit: Dogs**

**Lesson: Working Dogs – Search and Rescue**

**Objective Statement:**

Students will gain an understanding of the job of a Search and Rescue Dog.

**Standard(s) Addressed: Life Science**

Please refer to specific state standards as they may vary.

**Grouping for Instruction:**     **Large Group**                       **Small Group(s)**                       **Individual**

**Large Group** – Class will be in Large Group for Modeling and Guided Practice.

**Small Group(s)** – n/a

**Individual** – Student will complete assignment

**Methods/Activities/Procedures:**

Strategies	Student Learning Activities <i>(Before, During, After)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Activate Prior Knowledge</b></li> </ul>	<p>Teacher could choose to read one of the following books:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “Hugger to the rescue”, by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent</li> <li>- “Search and rescue dogs”, by Charles George</li> <li>- “Search and rescue dogs: expert trackers and trailers”, by Elizabeth Ring</li> <li>- “Dogs on the case: search dogs who help save lives and enforce the law”, by Patricia Curtis</li> </ul> <p>Teacher may choose to view one of the following videos:</p> <p>How Search and Rescue Dogs Work:  <a href="http://animals.howstuffworks.com">http://animals.howstuffworks.com</a> › <i>Animals</i> › <i>Animal Facts</i></p> <p>Search and Rescue Dogs at Work:  <a href="http://www.jcsda.com">www.jcsda.com</a></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Model Lesson</b></li> </ul>	<p>Discuss the role of the dog and the handler. Ask questions about what kind of dogs do well as SAR dogs. Ask about the importance of handler dedication. Ask how many different types of SAR Dog jobs there are.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Individual Assessment</b></li> </ul>	<p>Have students go to websites or reference SAR dog books to get facts about the different types of SAR dog jobs. Then ask the student to write a ‘Job Available’ ad for a specific SAR dog job type. The ‘Job Available’ ads could then be used as a bulletin board for the Dog Unit study.</p>

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### Resources (Materials/Texts/Visuals/Technology):

- Paper for Job Available ads
- Computer with internet access –
- [www.jcsda.com/kids](http://www.jcsda.com/kids)
- [www.fbi.gov/kids/dogs/search.htm](http://www.fbi.gov/kids/dogs/search.htm)
- [www.canismajor.com/dog/srchresc.html](http://www.canismajor.com/dog/srchresc.html)

### Evaluation Method: TO, SP, WW

Assessment will be visual (**teacher observed**), **student participation** and **written work** (Job Available ad). The children will demonstrate the understanding of the different SAR dog jobs as well as the important role of the handler.