

The United States Police Canine Association, Inc.

Level III Trainer Requirements

1. The applicant must be a regular member of the USPCA in good standing and must have been a member of the USPCA for at least the last two years. The applicant must meet all the qualifications of Level I and Level II Trainer. The applicant must have been a full-time patrol trainer and/or patrol handler for a minimum of fifteen years.
2. The applicant must be assigned trainers duties for his/her law enforcement agency and will provide a letter from the Chief or his/her designee, on department letterhead, indicating this assignment.
3. The applicant must be a nationally certified USPCA PDI judge.
4. All applications for Trainer will be submitted using the online forms at www.uspcak9.com. Applications must be received at least 60 days before the next national meeting to be considered, or it will be held until the next meeting. The application requires approval from a member of your regional board. The National Secretary will keep appropriate paperwork after consideration by the national board.
5. If certification is not approved, the applicant must be notified within 30 days by the trainers committee chairman with the reason for the denial. If approved, the applicant will receive a certificate of certification.
6. Accreditation can be revoked at any time by the Association for just cause after a full investigation by the trainer committee and a hearing of the National Executive Committee of the USPCA. The Trainers Committee can review certifications and make any necessary recommendations. Trainers certifications are valid as long as the recipient remains a member of the USPCA in good standing.
7. Certification cannot be used to promote personal gain or profit. (Bylaws, Article 8.8)