

Handler selection processes

It is equally important to make both a proper dog and staff selection, that is, the manager or guide that will form the rescue animal-man formula or Dog Unit.

As handlers, the Selection Process has two stages of pre-selection in which the staff is sought to have certain qualities and skills that help receiving the change of leadership in the shortest possible time, and the training that must be satisfactorily accredited in order to be assigned a dog.

Pre-selection consists of:

- Sensitization
- Interview
- Practical evaluation (with dog)
- Group dynamics

The purpose of the process is to identify the following in the proposed staff as dog handlers:

- Genuinely interested
- Age between 25 and 45 years
- Commitment
- Availability
- Adequate health status (medical history)
- Physical condition
- Enjoys the company of the species
- Listening ability
- Memory ability
- Listening ability and following instructions
- Oral and body expression ability

- Ability to transmit emotions
- Care about dogs
- Inspiration
- Motor coordination
- Timing to award the prize (Timing)
- Patience
- Tenacity
- Working under pressure
- Pace
- Proper leash handling.