# What Training Level Group should your K9 be in?

For Beginners: "Beginner participants should have one or two trained behaviors that the dog can demonstrate on command in multiple locations". Thinking that, as some of the beginners I've had in my class before hadn't yet picked an Indication/Final Trained response, this might give them enough time between now and the conference to either pick one or join a tricks/obedience class and just get a few options down (bark on command, jump, tug, sit or down, etc).

For Intermediates: "Intermediate teams should be able to get unprompted indications within the search sequence. If the dog has illustrated this skill for a significant period of time, then the handler should select the Intermediate\Advanced group. For those who have just achieved this skill recently, select the Beginner/Intermediate group." Again, this is just to help those handlers decide which group to be in and to know which skills to have grounded solidly before the conference.

For Advanced: "Advanced teams should be able to consistently demonstrate unprompted indications in blind search scenarios." Handlers and teams should be comfortable working blinds, even though the conference will not be 100% blind problems--we're training here, not testing :).