

# Module 1 Student Worksheet

## *Selecting a Good Candidate for Protection Work Using the Boogie Man Method*

In this module, we focus on identifying the right type of dog for protection work with the Boogie Man method. You'll assess temperament, drive balance, and natural suspicion levels to find a dog with the mental and physical tools needed to succeed in high-stress environments.

### **Ideal Candidate Traits**

- Strong Nerve: Comfortable in new environments, not easily spooked
- Balanced Drives: Solid prey, defense, and fight drive - not too much, not too little
- Confidence: Naturally curious and assertive without being nervy
- Social Neutrality: Doesn't over-engage or react to strangers
- Recovery: Quick to bounce back from startles or stress
- Environmental Stability: Handles slick floors, noises, and odd surfaces well

### **Evaluation Checklist**

Use the checklist below when evaluating a potential candidate. Observe the dog in various situations and note your findings.

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluation Location: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Evaluation Questions**

1. Did the dog confidently explore a new environment without handler encouragement?
2. How did the dog react to a loud sound or sudden object movement?
3. Was the dog curious or cautious when presented with a suspicious figure (e.g., someone in a hoodie or cloak)?
4. How quickly did the dog recover from a mild stressor?

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5. Did the dog maintain composure around unfamiliar people without showing fear or excessive excitement?
6. What was your overall impression of this dog's potential in protection training using the Boogie Man method?

#### **Additional Notes**

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