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SETUP & USER GUIDE

K9 SAR App Runner

Training Support

A complete illustrated guide to setting up the Runner app and recording Mantrailing and Area Search training exercises.

MANTRAILING / AREA SEARCH / REPORTS

Practical steps. Real app screens. Clear field records.

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Introduction to Runner

Why first-hand runner information matters

Designed for the helper

K9 SAR App Runner is a free training companion for the person laying a trail or acting as a hidden person. It supports the dog handler but does not replace their main app.

A second perspective

A handler cannot always see the runner's exact movement, position or the dog's first response. Runner records information from the person closest to those events.

More than just a training record

Runner captures routes or hide positions, timings and first-hand observations. These create more complete, accurate and defensible records that support deeper analysis and informed training decisions.

What the app provides

Mantrailing track recording; Area Search hide position or track plus hide; an exercise brief; observed TFR and behaviour; local history; PDF debrief; GPX sharing; offline map; encrypted backup.

GOOD TO KNOW Better information. Deeper analysis. Stronger training records.

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GUIDE R-01 / PREPARE

Before you begin

A short check before leaving the handler

01 Check the phone

Charge the phone, switch on Location and make sure Runner has the permissions needed for GPS tracking. Use a power bank for lengthy exercises.

02 Download the offline map

While connected to the internet, open Download offline map, zoom to the training sector and double tap its centre. Confirm the 20 × 20 km download and wait for Offline map ready.

03 Confirm the exercise plan

Ask the handler for the exercise reference, dog, discipline and expected trained final response (TFR). Know your planned route or hiding location and your agreed communications.

04 Check GPS before moving

Outside, allow the phone time to obtain a suitable location. A green GPS indicator shows availability, but position estimates still have uncertainty.

05 Set up the runner profile

Check your own name and contact details in Profile, including next-of-kin information. Do not enter the dog handler's details as the runner's own profile.

06 Record honestly

Where information is unknown, use an available Unknown or Not sure choice. Never guess an observed indication or fill in unrecorded GPS data afterwards.

GOOD TO KNOW GPS can work without mobile data; offline maps must be downloaded before you lose connectivity.

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GUIDE R-01 / GETTING STARTED

Install & first opening

Set up Runner on the phone you will carry

01 Use the official app listing

Follow the K9 SAR App Runner link from k9sarapp.com to the supported store listing for your device. Check that you have selected Runner, not the separate Handler app.

02 Install and open

Complete the store installation and tap the Runner icon. Requires Android 11 or newer.

03 Allow location access

When the phone asks for location permission, grant the level required for recording. Confirm Location is switched on in the phone settings.

04 Create your runner profile

Open Profile from the scrollable home screen. Enter your own personal and next-of-kin details and tap Save Profile.

05 Prepare local maps

Choose Download offline map and select the correct 20 × 20 km area while an internet connection is available.

06 Start with an exercise

Return to the home form, enter the exercise details and choose Mantrailing or Area Search. This guide explains the two workflows separately.

GOOD TO KNOW Double-tap a text field when you want to type. This prevents accidental typing and unexpected keyboard pop-ups during training.

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GUIDE R-01 / PROFILE

Runner profile

Set up the person assisting with training

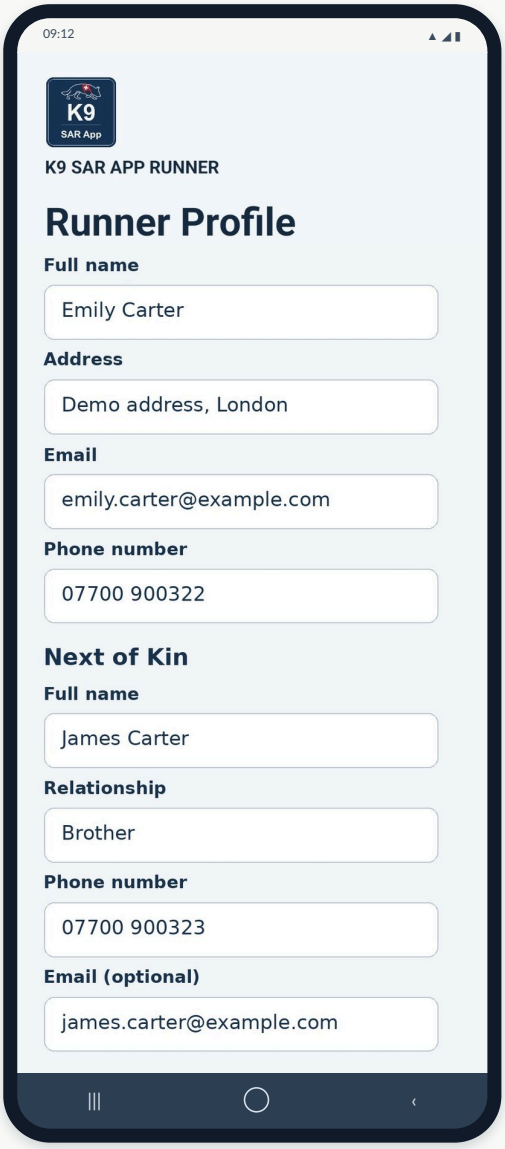
01 **Open Profile**
From the bottom of the scrollable home screen, tap Profile.

02 **Enter your details**
Complete your full name, address, email and telephone number. These refer to the runner, not to the dog handler.

03 **Add next of kin**
Provide the contact's name, relationship and telephone number. Next-of-kin email is optional.

04 **Save Profile**
Scroll down and tap Save Profile. Use Back to return to the home screen.

05 **Personal details in your report**
Your full name, email address and phone number appear in the final exercise record when provided. Leave any of them blank if you do not want to share it.



REAL INTERFACE / FICTIONAL DEMO DATA

GOOD TO KNOW Fictional details are shown in a genuine Runner screen for privacy.

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GUIDE R-01 / HOME

Home screen & navigation

One long, scrollable starting page

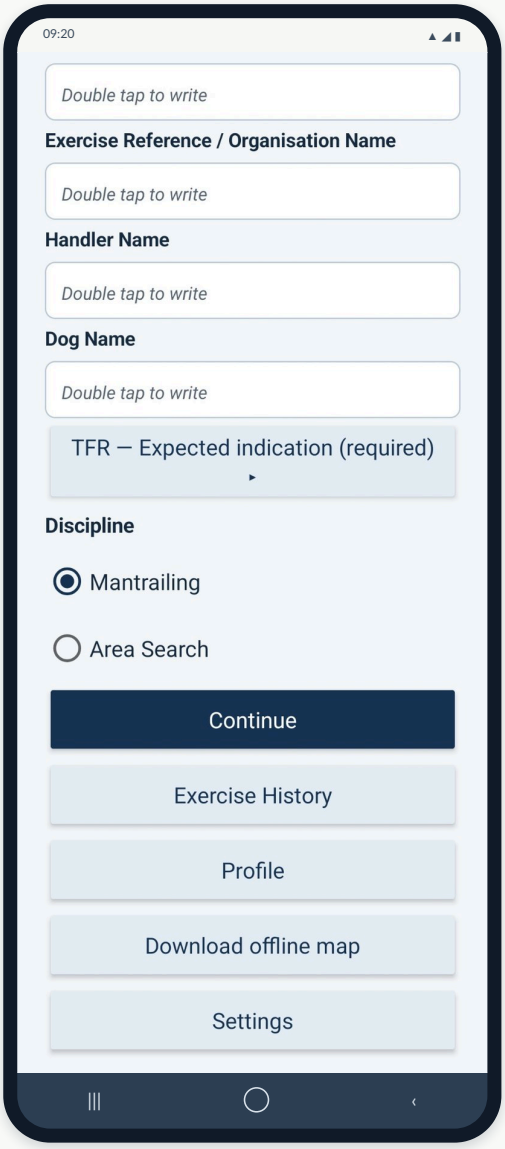
01 **Exercise form**
The upper part shows the exercise date and text fields for location, reference, handler and dog.

02 **Expected TFR**
Open the required trained-final-response selector and ask the handler what indication to expect.

03 **Discipline**
Choose Mantrailing or Area Search. Area Search reveals an additional recording-mode choice.

04 **Continue**
After reviewing the fields, tap Continue to open the exercise brief.

05 **Other options**
Scroll further to Exercise History, Profile, Download offline map and Settings.



REAL INTERFACE

GOOD TO KNOW This is one scrollable screen, not several separate pages.

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GUIDE R-01 / EXERCISE FORM

Create an exercise

Enter information that correctly identifies the training

01 **Date**

Runner enters the current date from your phone's settings. Check the phone date is correct before you begin.

02 **Exercise location name**

Use a recognisable place name, for example High Beach Epping Forest. This is a label, not a GPS position.

03 **Reference / organisation**

Enter your exercise ID or organisation name as agreed with the handler, for example CBK9-MT-001.

04 **Handler & dog**

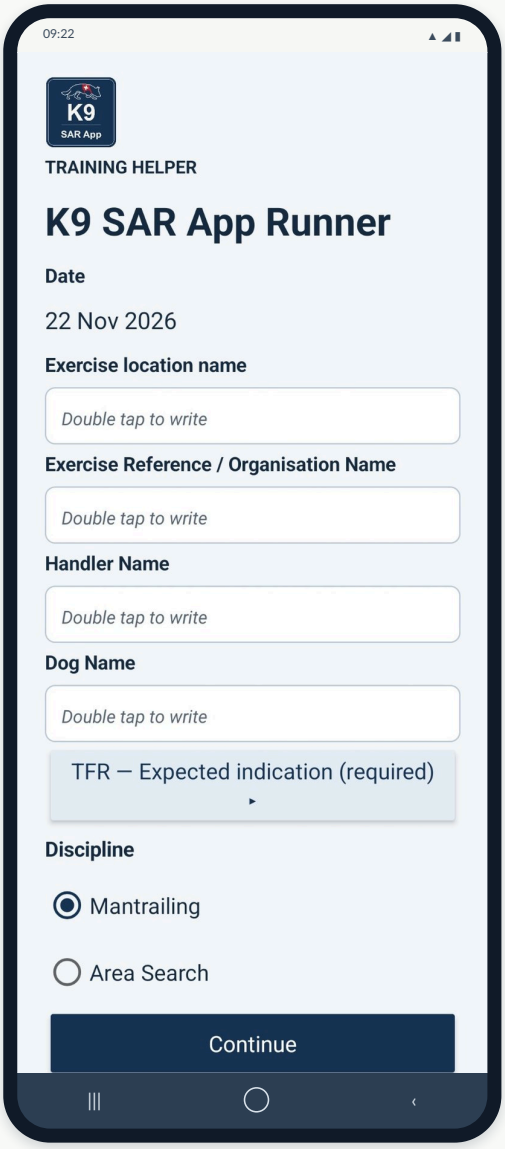
Enter the handler's full name and the participating dog, for example Daniel Mercer and Moss.

05 **Required TFR**

Tap the TFR selector and record the response expected by the handler before the exercise.

06 **Discipline & Continue**

Select Mantrailing or Area Search, then Continue. Double tap fields labelled Double tap to write.



REAL INTERFACE

GOOD TO KNOW Use the same exercise reference as the handler, so the two records can be matched afterwards.

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GUIDE R-01 / TFR

Expected trained final response

Record what the dog is trained to do, before the exercise

01 **Ask the handler**

Ask: “What trained final response should your dog perform when it finds me?”

02 **Open the selector**

Tap TFR — Expected indication (required) to see the available choices.

03 **Choose the matching option**

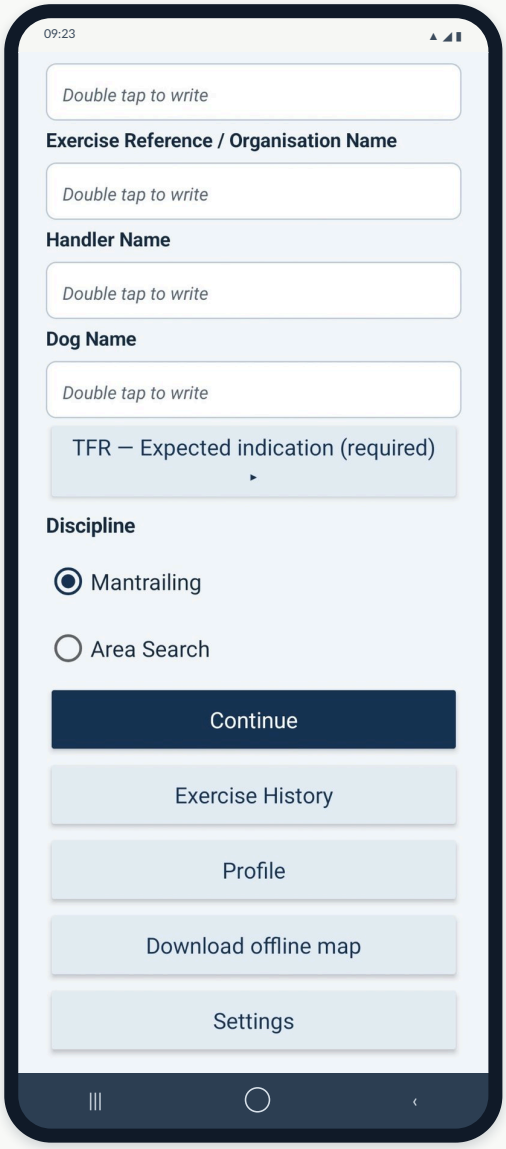
Select the response described by the handler. If you cannot identify it, ask rather than guessing.

04 **Keep the distinction clear**

Expected TFR is set before the exercise; TFR Observed is answered afterwards using Yes, No or Not sure.

05 **Do not alter the result**

If the dog behaves differently, record what happened rather than changing the original expected response.



REAL INTERFACE

GOOD TO KNOW TFR = Trained Final Response, sometimes called the dog's indication.

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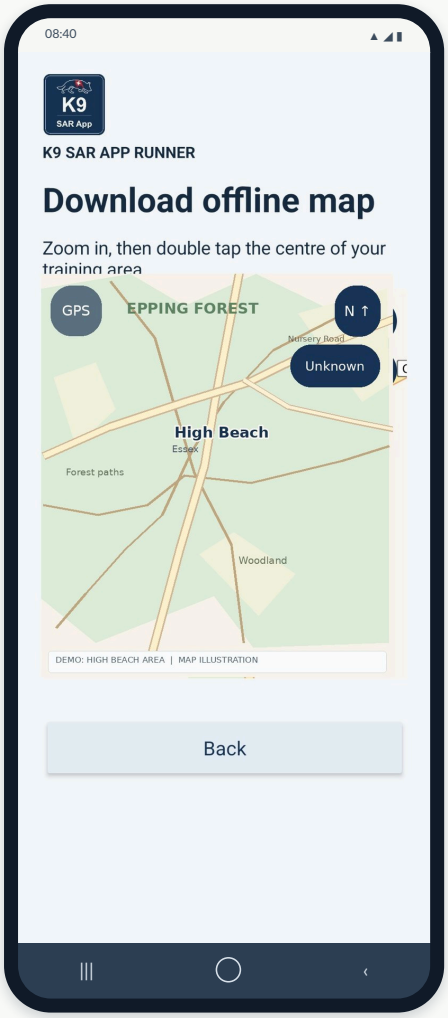
GUIDE R-01 / OFFLINE MAP

Download an offline map

Locate the centre and approve a 20 × 20 km map



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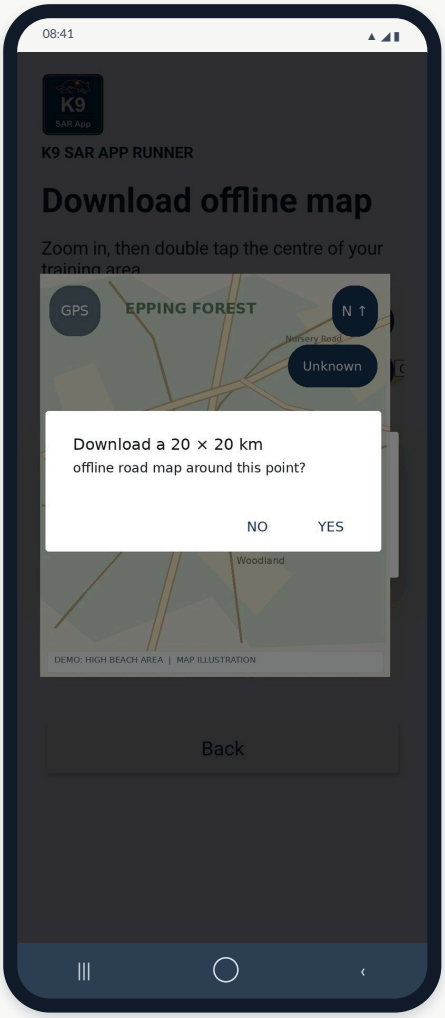

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01 **Open Download offline map.** From the home screen, tap Download offline map, preferably while still connected to the internet.

02 **Zoom to the sector.** Use the map to find the centre of your intended training area.

03 **Double tap the centre.** This opens the download confirmation for a 20 × 20 km area around that point.

04 **Confirm.** Tap YES to download, or NO if you need to select a different centre.

GOOD TO KNOW The offline map covers 20 × 20 km around your chosen point. Check that your whole training area fits inside it before downloading.

CONTENTS

GUIDE R-01 / OFFLINE MAP

Check the map is ready

Verify the offline map is available

01 Wait for completion

After confirming, allow the download to finish before leaving internet coverage.

02 Read the status

The screen shows Offline map ready when the offline map is available.

03 Check coverage

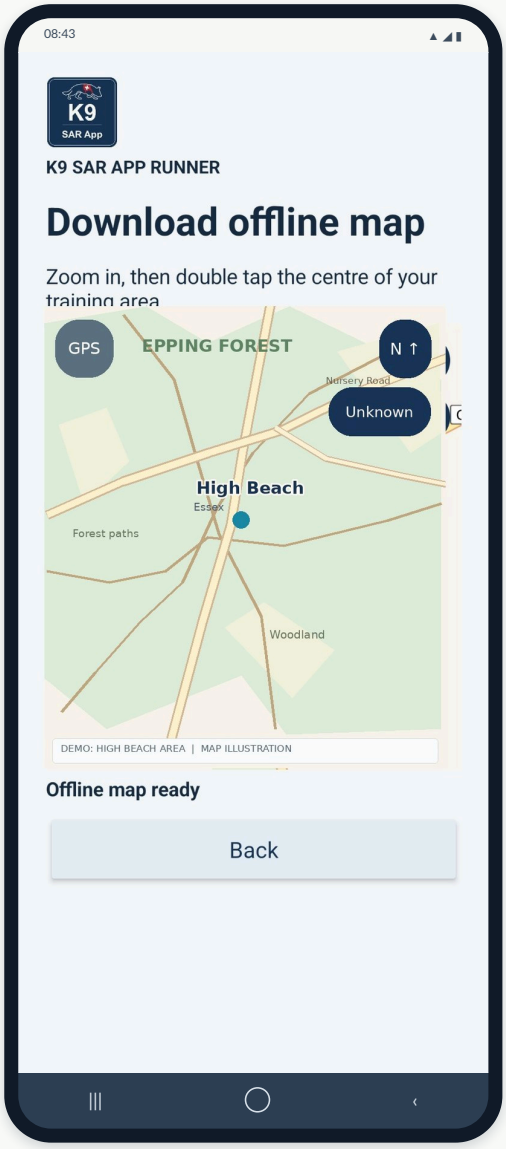
Confirm you centred the downloaded region on the intended training sector.

04 Return to Runner

Tap Back. You can also reach Offline maps from the Ready to Record screen.

05 Understand the limits

The map provides background information. GPS position still depends on satellite reception and device performance.



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GOOD TO KNOW The demo map is centred on the fictional High Beach demonstration location.

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GUIDE R-01 / SETTINGS

Runner settings

Display units and coordinate formats your way

01 **Language**

Tap Language to select your preferred language. This also loads the usual coordinate settings for that region.

02 **Override the defaults**

Distance, temperature, coordinate region and coordinate format can then be changed independently.

03 **Display**

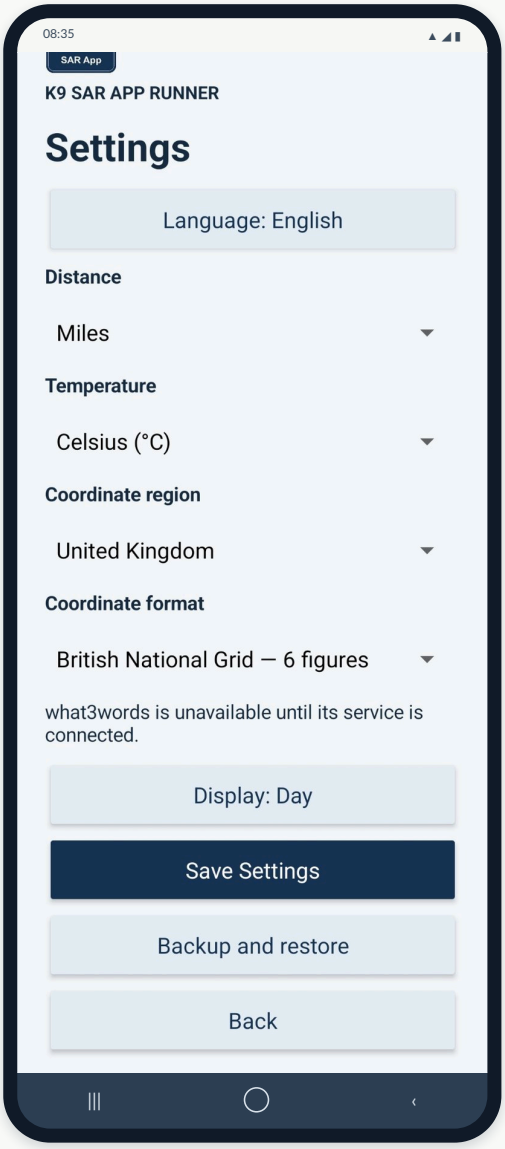
Tap Display: Day to switch between supported visual modes.

04 **Automatic coordinates**

Choosing a language and country loads the coordinate preferences commonly used there. You can still change the region or format.

05 **Save changes**

Tap Save Settings to store your choices.



REAL INTERFACE

GOOD TO KNOW Runner uses regional defaults for convenience, but you can choose the units and coordinate format your organisation prefers.

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GUIDE R-01 / DATA PROTECTION

Backup & restore

Protect records that are stored on the phone

01 **Local data**

Runner keeps working records on the phone. Do not assume automatic cloud backup.

02 **Back up Runner**

Tap Back up Runner to create an encrypted backup. Choose a PIN or password of at least 4 characters.

03 **Save outside the phone**

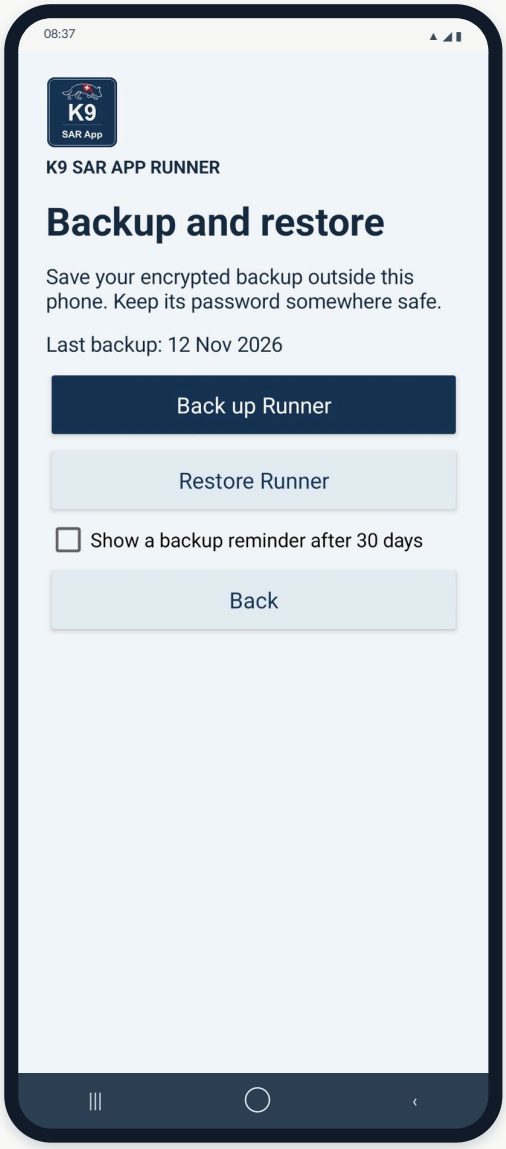
Save the backup file somewhere safe outside your phone. Keep the PIN or password secure.

04 **Restore Runner**

Tap Restore Runner, choose the backup file and enter the same PIN or password you used to create it.

05 **Reminder**

Tick Show a backup reminder after 30 days if you want periodic reminders.



REAL INTERFACE

GOOD TO KNOW You must enter the same PIN or password to restore an encrypted backup. Save the file outside your phone.

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GUIDE R-01 / MANTRAILING

Mantrailing: exercise brief

Record the plan before you lay the trail

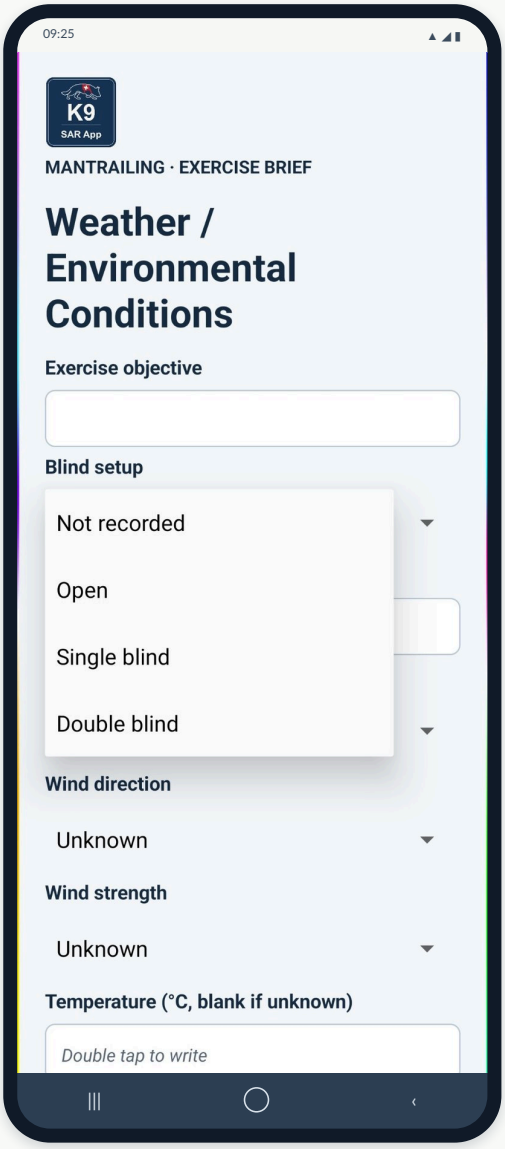
01 **Exercise objective**
Describe the planned trail or task. Record the plan, not an outcome that has not happened yet.

02 **Blind setup**
Select Not recorded, Open, Single blind or Double blind from the list.

03 **Scent article**
In Mantrailing mode, record the scent article used when the app asks for it.

04 **Contamination**
In Mantrailing mode, use the contamination field to record the appropriate information.

05 **Continue down the form**
Complete wind, weather, terrain and surface information before proceeding.



REAL INTERFACE

GOOD TO KNOW Open: the handler knows the location. Single blind: the handler does not, another person does. Double blind: neither the handler nor the accompanying assessor knows.

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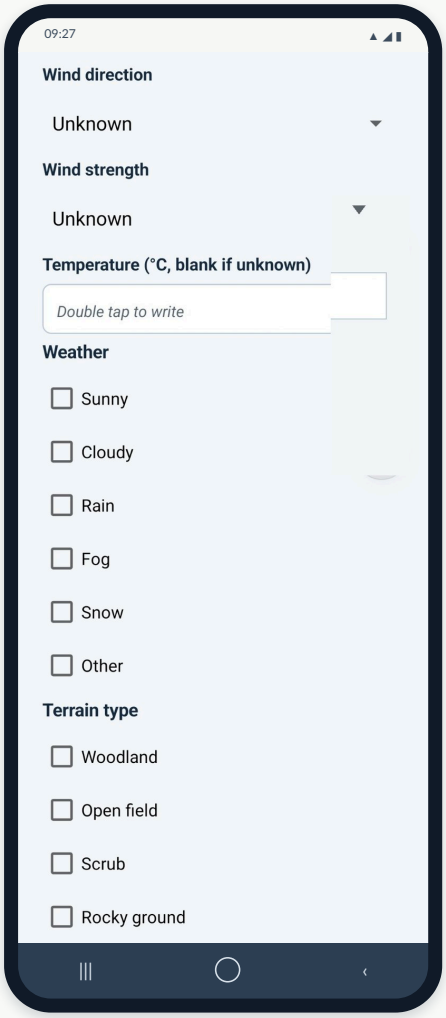
GUIDE R-01 / EXERCISE BRIEF

Environment: weather & terrain

Use the choices that describe the actual conditions



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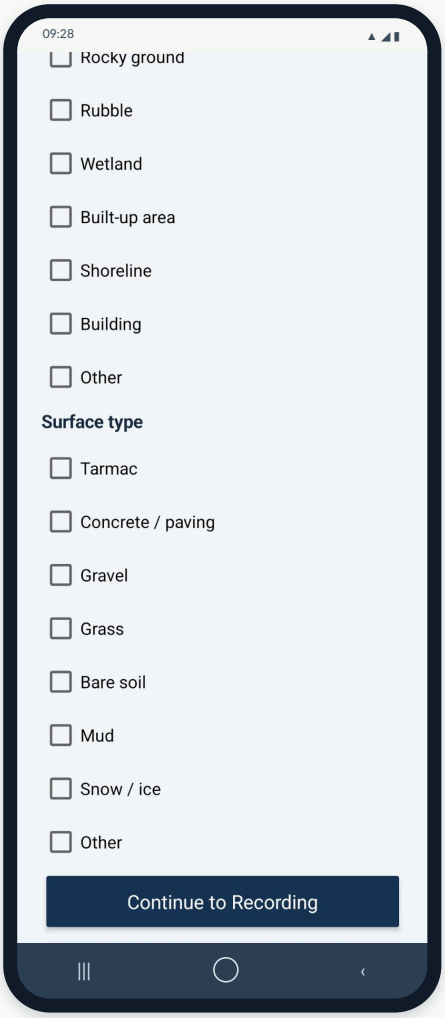

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01 **Wind.** Select wind direction and strength; choose Unknown when uncertain.

02 **Temperature.** Enter the value in the unit selected in Settings; leave it blank if unknown.

03 **Weather.** Tick the conditions observed, such as cloudy, rain, fog or snow.

04 **Terrain.** Choose the general environment: woodland, open field, built-up area, shoreline and so on.

GOOD TO KNOW You can tick more than one weather, terrain or surface condition when this reflects the exercise.

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GUIDE R-01 / EXERCISE BRIEF

Environment: finish the brief

Complete the remaining conditions before you continue

01 **Surface type**

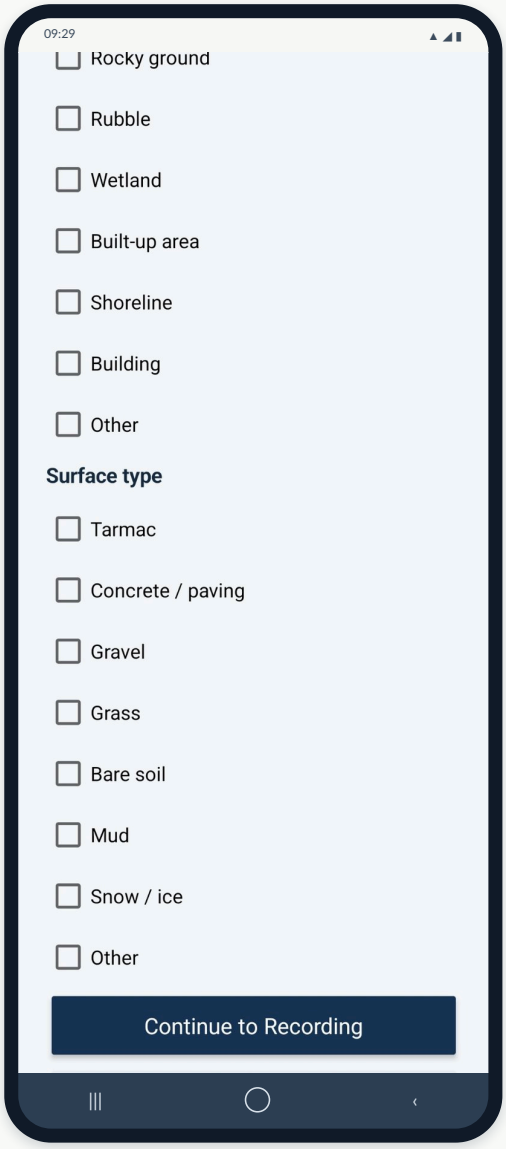
Select the surfaces you actually travelled over, such as tarmac, grass, gravel, mud or bare soil. Several may apply.

02 **Continue to Recording**

When the information is correct, tap Continue to Recording at the end of the form.

03 **Why it matters**

Terrain describes the wider environment; surface describes what was beneath your feet. Both help the handler interpret training conditions.



REAL INTERFACE

GOOD TO KNOW If you do not know the temperature, leave it blank. Unknown wind can be recorded as Unknown.

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GUIDE R-01 / MANTRAILING

Mantrailing: ready to record

Begin at the actual trail starting point

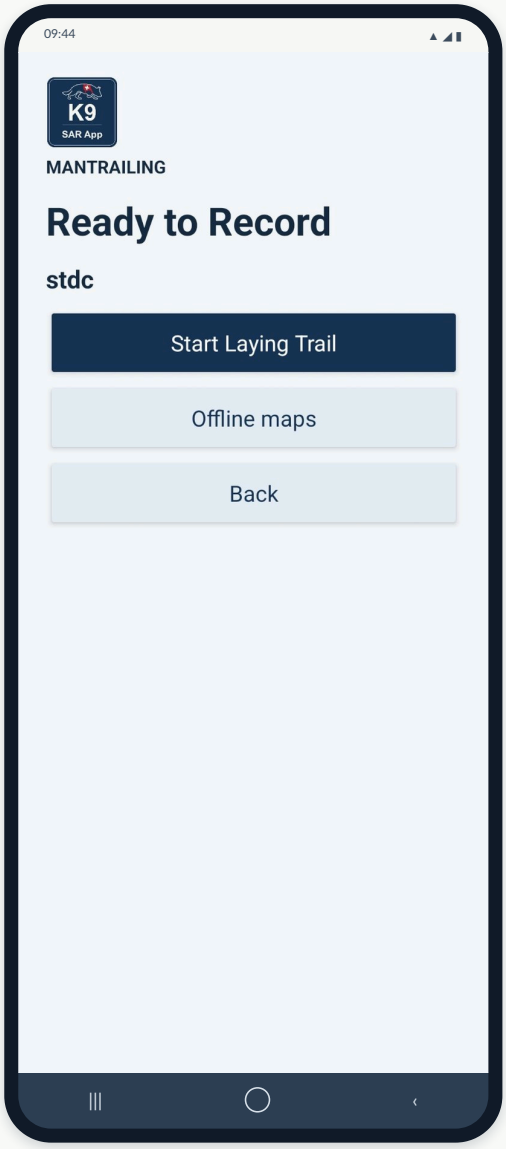
01 **Move to the start**
Stand at the beginning of the planned trail, not where the handler is waiting.

02 **Check offline coverage**
Use Offline maps here if the sector map has not yet been downloaded.

03 **Start Laying Trail**
Tap Start Laying Trail just before you begin walking.

04 **Confirm recording**
The next screen should show live GPS information, elapsed time and a growing count of route positions.

05 **Keep the phone with you**
Do not stop the recording until the route is laid.



REAL INTERFACE

GOOD TO KNOW During recording, Runner shows the distance you have travelled, so you can check the trail length against the brief.

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GUIDE R-01 / MANTRAILING

Mantrailing: active GPS recording

Read the live indicators while laying the trail

01 **GPS 4 m**
An example accuracy estimate; smaller numbers usually mean a more precise fix, but not a guarantee.

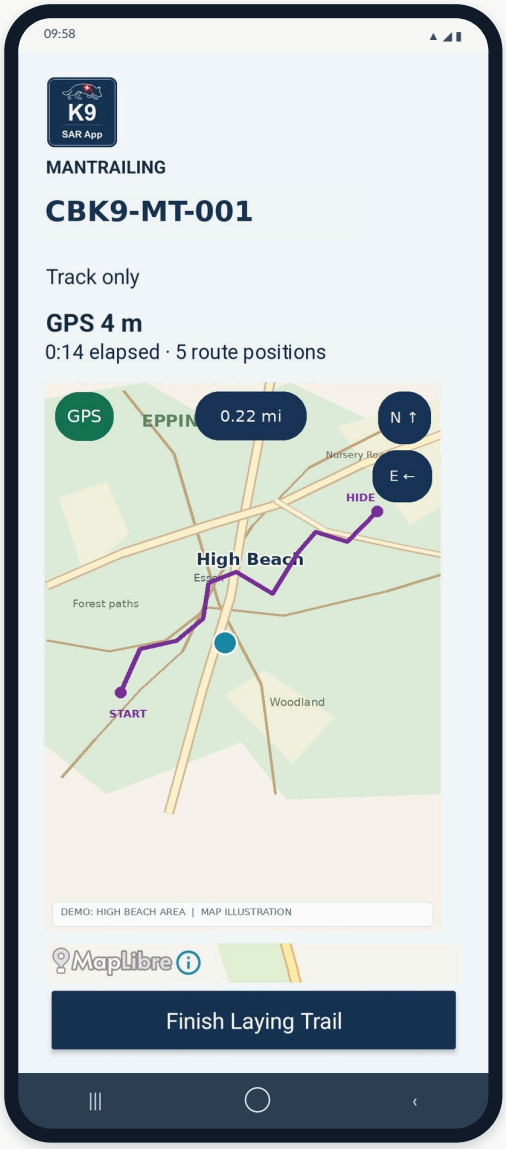
02 **Elapsed time**
The time since route recording began.

03 **Route positions**
The count of recorded GPS route points, which rises as you move.

04 **Distance**
A live total distance in the units selected in Settings.

05 **Map & position**
Use the live map as a reference while following the agreed route.

06 **Finish Laying Trail**
At your hiding place tap Finish Laying Trail. The route stops at once; GPS stays on for about 60 seconds to refine the hide position.



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GOOD TO KNOW After Finish Laying Trail your route stops growing. Stay where you are while GPS refines the hide position.

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GUIDE R-01 / MANTRAILING

Mantrailing: hide setup

Describe how you are positioned while waiting

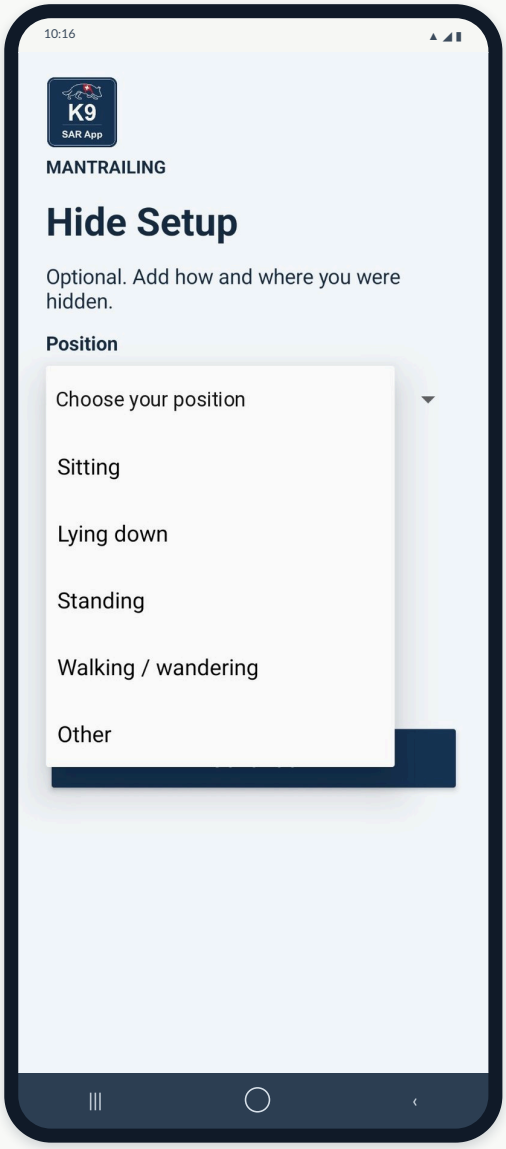
01 **Optional section**
Hide Setup lets you describe how and where you are hidden.

02 **Position**
Choose Sitting, Lying down, Standing, Walking / wandering or Other.

03 **Hide details**
Select In the open, Behind cover, Elevated or Other as appropriate.

04 **Continue**
Tap Continue after describing your actual position.

05 **GPS distinction**
These descriptions are not the same as the GPS hide point that Runner records.



REAL INTERFACE

GOOD TO KNOW Walking / wandering means moving within about 20 m of the hide, not leaving it.

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GUIDE R-01 / OUTCOME

Exercise outcome

Different endings must be recorded differently

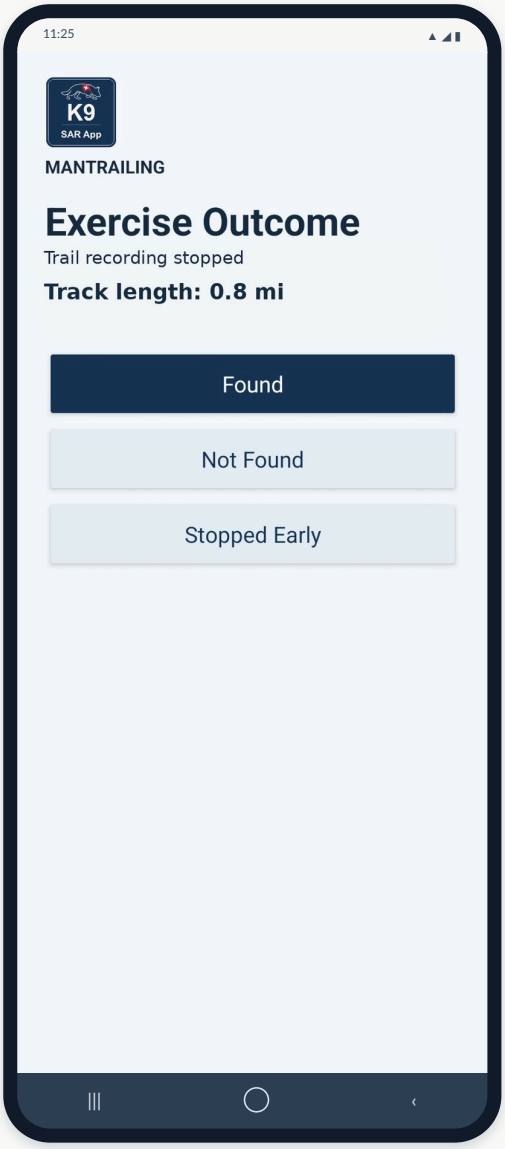
01 **Recording stops first**
Runner shows Trail recording stopped and the recorded track length.

02 **Found**
Tap Found as soon as the dog finds you, so the time is accurate.

03 **Not Found**
Select Not Found when the agreed exercise time ends without a find.

04 **Stopped Early**
Select Stopped Early if the handler tells you to end the exercise before the agreed time.

05 **Avoid invented results**
Do not select Found just to move on in the app.



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GOOD TO KNOW Finishing the trail and the dog's search outcome are two separate events.

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GUIDE R-01 / DEBRIEF

Found: time & observed TFR

Record what actually happened at the find

01 **Find date and time**

The screen shows the find time. Use Change Date or Change Time if a correction is needed.

02 **TFR Observed**

Choose Yes if the expected TFR was seen, No if not, or Not sure when you cannot tell.

03 **Observation checkboxes**

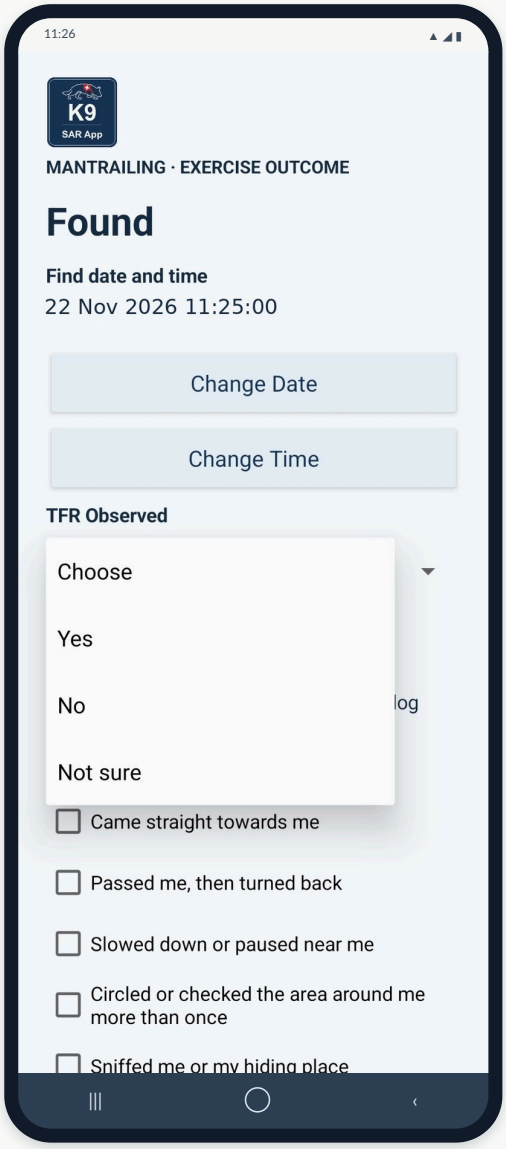
Tick every behaviour you personally saw or heard as the dog approached or found you.

04 **Keep it factual**

The runner records observations; the handler evaluates the dog's performance.

05 **Record the outcome at the right time**

Tap Found when the dog finds you. If told to stop, or when the agreed time ends, choose Not Found or Stopped Early.



REAL INTERFACE / FICTIONAL DEMO DATA

GOOD TO KNOW Not sure is a valid factual answer when you did not see the behaviour clearly.

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GUIDE R-01 / DEBRIEF

Dog behaviour observations

Record neutral and negative observations honestly

01 **Neutral**
For example came straight towards me, slowed or paused, sniffed the hide, barked, returned to the handler.

02 **Negative**
For example jumping up, scratching, growling, snapping, biting and other safety-relevant behaviour.

03 **Select all relevant actions**
Tick only behaviour you personally observed, even if more than one applies.

04 **Do not infer intent**
Describe what the dog did, not guesses about why it did it.

05 **Finish Exercise**
When everything is complete, tap Finish Exercise.



REAL INTERFACE

GOOD TO KNOW When you select Other, a text box appears. Double tap it and write a short, factual description.

CONTENTS

GUIDE R-01 / DEBRIEF

Exercise saved & map

Review the summary before confirming the debrief

01 **Saved summary**
Runner shows the discipline, recording mode, finish time, outcome and measured track length.

02 **GPS sketch**
The route on screen is a drawing of your recorded track, with north marked.

03 **Runner notes**
Record any changes from the brief, interruptions, movements from the hide or limits to your observations.

04 **Runner confirmation**
Confirm only after checking the record matches what you recorded and saw.

05 **Continue to outputs**
The next section has Save Debrief and close, GPX, coordinates and PDF.



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GOOD TO KNOW Demo example: a 0.8-mile trail laid 09:45–10:15; the dog found the runner at 11:25, 1 hour 10 minutes after the trail was finished.

CONTENTS

GUIDE R-01 / DEBRIEF

Save, share & export

Choose the right output for the recipient

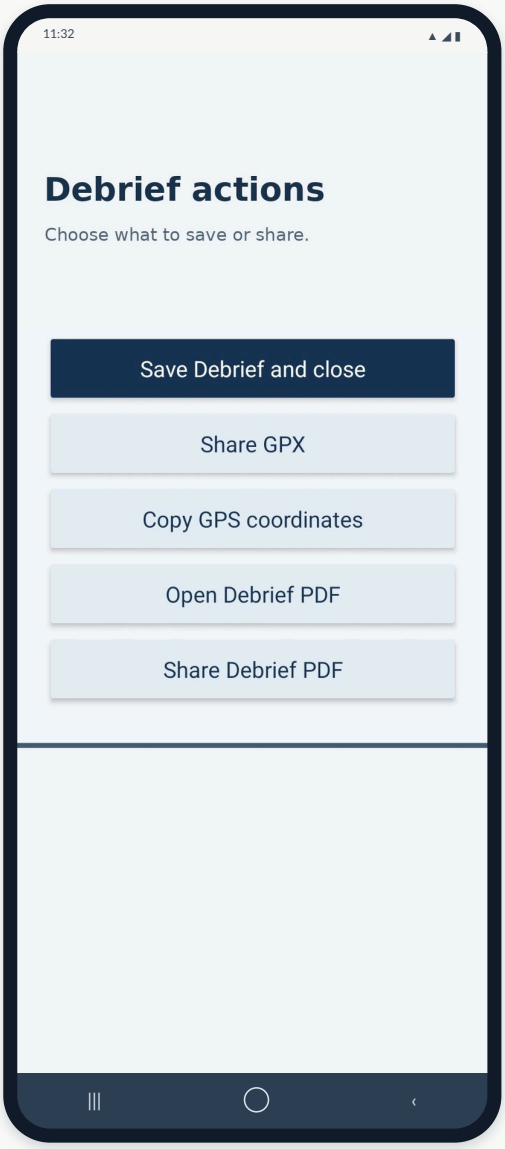
01 **Save Debrief and close**
Finish and keep the exercise debrief in Runner.

02 **Share GPX**
Share the track and hide position with a compatible app or person.

03 **Copy GPS coordinates**
Copy the recorded coordinates for accurate transfer to another record.

04 **Open Debrief PDF**
Open the readable exercise report on the phone.

05 **Share Debrief PDF**
Use your phone's sharing options to send the PDF to the handler.



REAL INTERFACE

GOOD TO KNOW Ask the handler how they would like to receive the record. Check the recipient before sending.

CONTENTS

GUIDE R-01 / REPORT

Inside the PDF debrief

Understand the two-page report

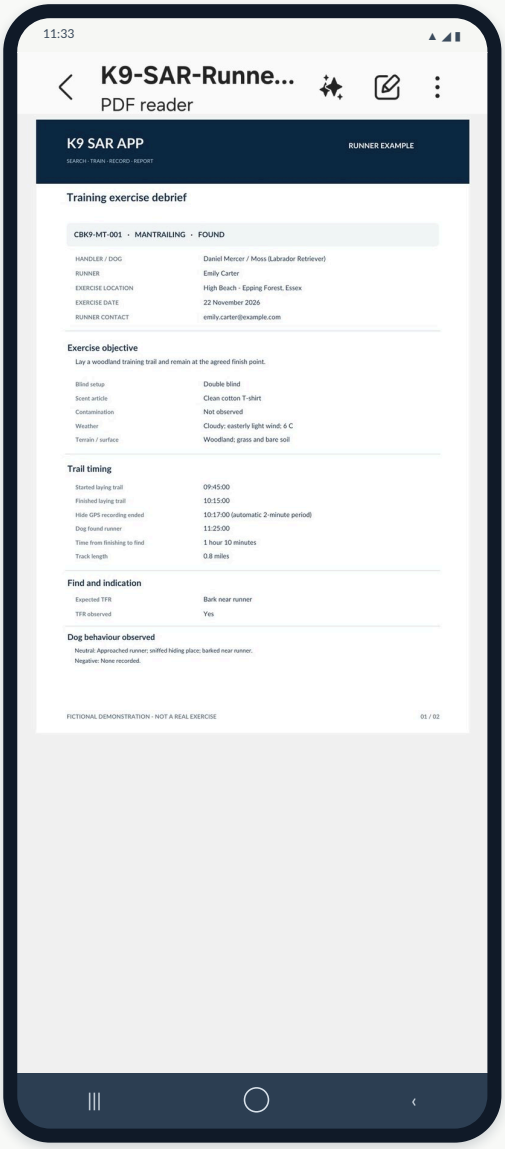
01 **Exercise summary**
The reference, discipline, handler and dog, runner, objective, weather, outcome and timing.

02 **Find & behaviour**
Expected TFR, whether it was observed, and your factual observations, kept separate.

03 **Map appendix**
A north-up GPS sketch of the runner track and, where recorded, the hide position.

04 **Timeline appendix**
Events such as Started laying trail, Finished laying trail and Dog found runner, in time order.

05 **Compare the right things**
Handler and runner records should be matched by exercise reference, time and discipline.



REAL INTERFACE / FICTIONAL DEMO DATA

GOOD TO KNOW The next page shows both report pages of the demo exercise.

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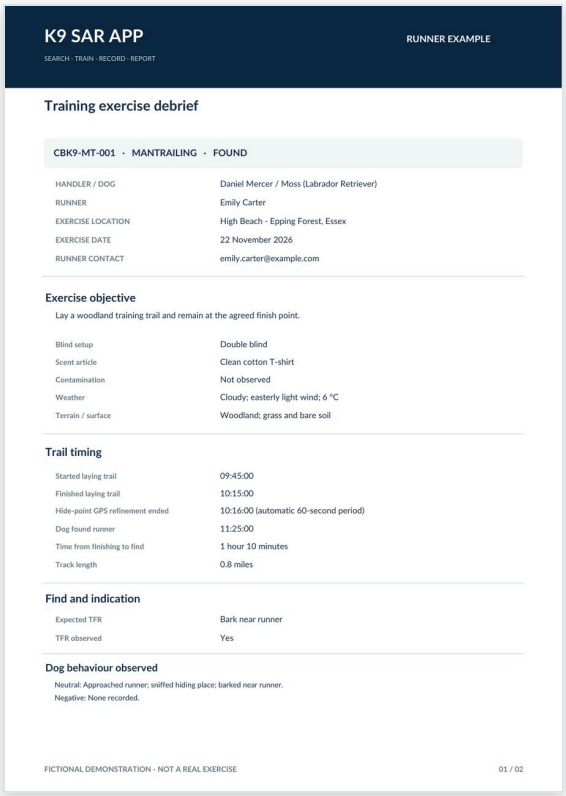
GUIDE R-01 / REPORT

Sample Runner debrief

The two pages of the demo report



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RUNNER EXAMPLE

Training exercise debrief

CBK9-MT-001 · MANTRAILING · FOUND

HANDLER / DOG	Daniel Mercer / Moss (Labrador Retriever)
RUNNER	Emily Carter
EXERCISE LOCATION	High Beach - Epping Forest, Essex
EXERCISE DATE	22 November 2026
RUNNER CONTACT	emily.carter@example.com

Exercise objective

Lay a woodland training trail and remain at the agreed finish point.

Blind setup	Double blind
Scent article	Clean cotton T-shirt
Contamination	Not observed
Weather	Cloudy; easterly light wind; 6 °C
Terrain / surface	Woodland; grass and bare soil

Trail timing

Started laying trail	09:45:00
Finished laying trail	10:15:00
Hide-point GPS refinement ended	10:16:00 (automatic 60-second period)
Dog found runner	11:25:00
Time from finishing to find	1 hour 10 minutes
Track length	0.8 miles

Find and indication

Expected TFR	Bark near runner
TFR observed	Yes

Dog behaviour observed

Neutral: Approached runner; sniffed hiding place; barked near runner.
Negative: None recorded.

FICTIONAL DEMONSTRATION - NOT A REAL EXERCISE

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RUNNER DEBRIEF / PAGE 1



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RUNNER EXAMPLE

Exercise appendices

Appendix 1 / Route overview

Purple: fictional runner track · Recorded length: 0.8 miles

Illustrative route geometry; not real GPS evidence.

Appendix 2 / Exercise timeline

09:45:00	Started laying trail
10:15:00	Finished laying trail / hide point marked
10:16:00	Automatic hide-point GPS stopped
11:25:00	Dog found runner
11:30:00	Exercise debrief saved

Runner notes

The runner remained within the agreed hiding area.
All names, results and locations in this sample are fictional.

FICTIONAL DEMONSTRATION - NOT A REAL EXERCISE

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RUNNER DEBRIEF / PAGE 2

GOOD TO KNOW A fictional demo report showing the Runner debrief format.

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GUIDE R-01 / AREA SEARCH

Area Search: select recording mode

Choose the right GPS record before continuing

01 Select Area Search

The home form shows extra recording-mode choices once Area Search is selected.

02 Hide Position Only

Choose this to record the final hiding place without tracking the walk to it.

03 Track + Hide Position

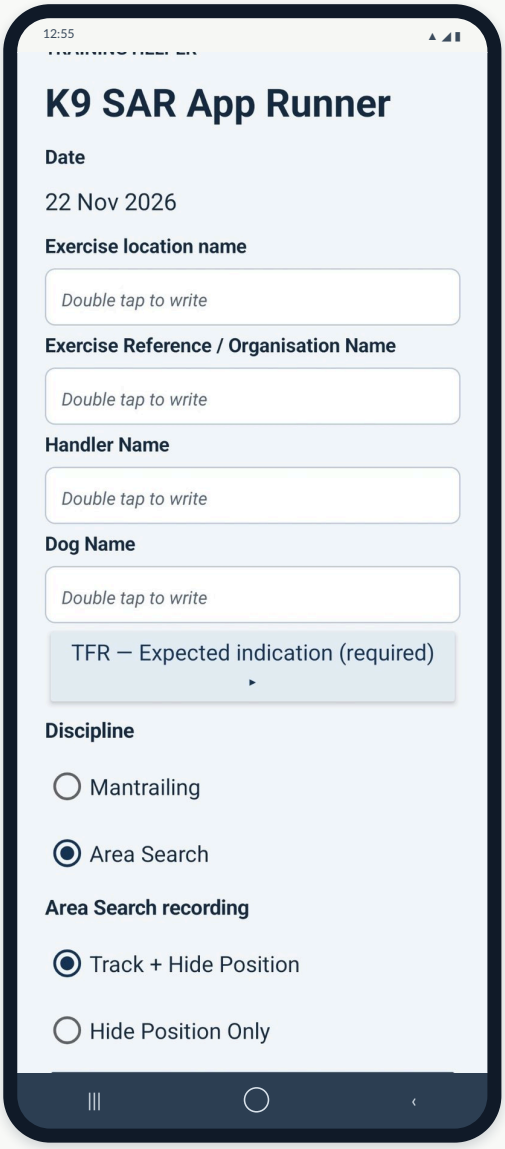
Choose this to record both your approach route and the final hiding place.

04 Why it matters

The combined option can help the handler assess the dog's behaviour near your earlier track.

05 Continue

Choose the mode before tapping Continue.



REAL INTERFACE

GOOD TO KNOW For Runner, the Area Search recording mode is chosen on the first exercise screen.

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GUIDE R-01 / AREA SEARCH

Area Search: the recording sequence

What changes after choosing the recording mode

Hide Position Only: preparation

Choose Area Search and Hide Position Only on the first form. Enter the handler, dog, reference and expected TFR, then tap Continue.

Track + Hide Position: preparation

Choose Area Search and Track + Hide Position. Agree where your approach route should start and check your GPS.

After the search

Choose the actual outcome, record whether the expected TFR was observed, tick factual behaviours and confirm.

Hide Position Only: at the hide

Complete the brief. At the agreed hiding place, record the position and check it has been captured before waiting for the dog.

Track + Hide Position: recording

Record the route while walking to the hiding place, then the final hide position. Both belong to the same exercise.

Share the right data

Save the debrief and share GPX and PDF so the handler receives files for the same exercise reference.

GOOD TO KNOW In Track + Hide Position, if you stay in about the same spot for two minutes, Runner asks Record hide position? Tap Yes only at your agreed hide; if you have just paused, tap No and carry on.

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GUIDE R-01 / AREA SEARCH

Area Search: why the runner track matters

Additional GPS information for the handler

Hide Position Only

Records where the hidden person was, without the route they took to get there.

Track + Hide Position

Records the approach route as well as the final hide, giving the handler more complete information.

The handler's observations

A runner may be hundreds of metres away and cannot see the dog's behaviour. The handler observes changes in behaviour while working the dog.

Review after training

The handler can compare your approach track with the dog's track and see whether a change of behaviour happened near a crossing.

What the data can tell us

Runner records route and hide. It cannot show what scent the dog detected or why it behaved as it did; the handler judges that.

Better records

Using the handler's observations and the runner's recorded data together gives a better-informed review of the exercise.

GOOD TO KNOW Runner records the track; the handler interprets the dog's behaviour.

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GUIDE R-01 / HISTORY

Exercise History

Find records from completed sessions

01 **Open history**
From the home screen, tap Exercise History.

02 **Select a record**
The list shows the exercise reference, discipline and recorded date and time.

03 **Match the reference**
Use the same reference as the handler's records to avoid mixing exercises.

04 **Review and export**
Open the entry and use its report functions as needed.



REAL INTERFACE / FICTIONAL DEMO DATA

GOOD TO KNOW History is stored on this phone. Back up regularly so you do not lose it.

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GUIDE R-01 / GUIDANCE

GPS, local records & responsible use

What the information can and cannot establish

GPS and internet are different

GPS satellites provide positioning. Mobile internet may be needed to download maps and send files. Download offline maps before you go into poor coverage.

Position uncertainty

The GPS accuracy value is an estimate, not a guarantee that a point is exact. Trees, buildings and terrain can affect it.

Keep records protected

Runner stores data on the phone. Create encrypted backups, save them outside the phone and keep your PIN or password secure.

Keep exercises distinct

Use a unique reference for each exercise and check handler, dog, discipline and runner before sharing a report.

Fictional demonstration data

The demo team is Daniel Mercer (handler), Emily Carter (runner), Moss (Mantrailing) and Skye (Area Search) from Cedarbridge K9 Search Unit, at High Beach, Epping Forest.

Training only

Runner supports training records. It does not replace operational decision-making, supervision, safety arrangements or the handler's evaluation.

GOOD TO KNOW Record what you saw, not what you expected to see.

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GUIDE R-01 / SUPPORT

Troubleshooting

Practical checks when something does not look right

Location not appearing

Check Location and Runner permissions; move into a clearer outdoor position and let the GPS estimate settle.

Track seems incomplete

Check whether recording was interrupted or Finish Laying Trail was used early. Never reconstruct unrecorded parts as GPS data.

Wrong handler or dog

Correct the details before completing or sharing the report, where editing is allowed. Match the exercise reference.

PDF or GPX sharing fails

Make sure the exercise is completed and saved, use the right share function, and check the recipient and connection.

Offline map missing

Reconnect to the internet. Open Download offline map, double tap the centre and wait for Offline map ready.

Hide point looks wrong

Check the GPS accuracy and the point recorded. Tell the handler about an unreliable position; do not change it to a guess.

TFR is uncertain

Use Not sure if you could not tell whether the expected indication happened. It is different from No.

Phone lost or replaced

Use Restore Runner with your encrypted backup and the same PIN or password. Without a backup, records may be lost.

GOOD TO KNOW For support, include the Runner version, phone model, operating system and a short description of the steps that failed.

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GUIDE R-01 / REFERENCE

Quick reference & glossary

A checklist for the next training day

Before

Charge phone • Check permissions • Download 20 × 20 km offline map • Check runner profile • Confirm handler, dog and expected TFR.

Set up

Enter location and reference • Choose discipline • Choose the Area Search recording mode if relevant • Complete objective, blind setup and conditions.

Record

Mantrailing: Start Laying Trail, watch the recording, then Finish Laying Trail. Area Search: use the chosen GPS mode.

Debrief

Found / Not Found / Stopped Early • TFR Observed • Tick factual behaviours • Add notes and confirm.

Share & protect

Save Debrief • Share GPX or PDF as required • Check recipient • Encrypted backup saved outside the phone.

TFR	Trained final response: the dog's trained indication.
GPS	Global Positioning System: satellite positioning.
GPX	GPS Exchange Format: a standard file of GPS positions.
PDF	Portable Document Format: the readable report.
Blind setup	How much the handler or assessor knows about the hide before the search.

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THANK YOU

Thank you for using K9 SAR App Runner

Thank you for making Runner part of your dog training activities.

We built it to help handlers and training partners record more accurate information, understand their exercises and keep stronger records.

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