



Southwest Panhandle Search & Rescue K-9/ Emotional First Aid Team

“Leaving No Stone Unturned”

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To Whom It May Concern,

We are a K9 Search and Rescue team operating along the northern Gulf Coast of Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi. We are interested in studying the lost person behavior of Alzheimer’s/Dementia patients. We decided to conduct a survey across as much of the United States as possible to look for behavioral patterns in the patients. We plan to build a profile database to analyze different aspects of the search for missing Alzheimer’s/Dementia patients.

We are hoping that you can help us by completing the attached questionnaire for any cases in your area. We are also a member organization in the Alzheimer’s Foundation of America and we are seeking as much information as possible from them. The data you provide will not be sold or used for any financial gains. It is our hope that the information can be used to develop search techniques or strategies and that there is enough information to build an education program. We will be glad to share any findings at the conclusion of the study.

The questionnaire is attached and we thank you in advance for taking the time to respond. Please feel free to call or write with any questions or experiences.

Sincerely,

Jen Morgan



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Please list:

Your contact name: _____

Team/organization: _____

Your phone number: _____

Your email address: _____

THANK YOU for your time to answer the questionnaire below!

ALZHEIMER'S/DEMENTIA PATIENT FOUND QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Age of missing person? _____

2. Sex of missing person? _____

3. City and State where person went missing? _____

4. Method of travel (please mark with an X):

Foot _____ Car _____ Other _____

If other, explain: _____

5. Point Last Seen (please mark with an X):

Residence _____ Assisted Living or Care Facility _____ Other _____

If other, explain: _____

6. Was there a known stressor that may have contributed to this person wandering?

YES _____ NO _____

If yes, please list: _____

7. Time went missing:

Morning (sun up to noon) : _____

Afternoon (noon until sun down) : _____

Evening (after dark): _____

8. Temperature when patient went missing: _____

9. Date went missing (MM/DD/YY): ____/____/____

10. Activity when last seen: _____

11. Date found (MM/DD/YY): ____/____/____

12. Was patient found (please mark with an X):

alive _____ or deceased _____

13. Elapsed time from:

(a) Missing to Law Enforcement notified? _____ days _____ hrs

(b) Law Enforcement until Search and Rescue notified? _____ days _____ hrs

(c) Missing to Found? _____ days _____ hrs

14. Topography of area where found (please mark with an X):

URBAN _____ WOODED _____ BUILDING _____ FIELD _____ OTHER _____

If other, explain: _____

15. Distance travelled from Point Last Seen to Point Found in yards: _____

If wooded, also include the distance from the nearest trail or road: _____

16. Did patient travel in a straight line? (Y/N) _____

If no, did they turn the same direction as their handedness? (Y/N) _____

(example: Right turns for right handed patient)

17. Did they go through, under, or over any obstacles? (Y/N) _____

18. Subjects activity at the time of the find? _____

19. What types of K9's were used: TRAILING? _____ AIR SCENT? _____ HRD? _____

20. Were you able to determine if patient was on medication? (Y/N) _____

If yes, please list: _____

