

[CAUSING] [ATTEMPTING TO CAUSE] SERIOUS HARM TO A [LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY]
[ASSISTANCE] [SEARCH AND RESCUE] ANIMAL. G.S. 14-163.1. FELONY.

The defendant has been charged with [causing] [attempting to cause] serious harm to a
[law enforcement agency]¹ [assistance]² [search and rescue]³ animal.

For you to find the defendant guilty of this offense, the State must prove two things
beyond a reasonable doubt:

First, the defendant knew or had reason to know that the animal was [a law enforcement
agency] [an assistance] [a search and rescue] animal.

And Second, the defendant [caused] [attempted to cause] serious harm⁴ to the animal.

If you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that on or about the alleged
date, the defendant knew or had reason to know that an animal was [a law enforcement
agency] [an assistance] [a search and rescue] animal, and that the defendant [caused]
[attempted to cause] serious harm to the animal, it would be your duty to return a verdict of
guilty. If you do not so find or have a reasonable doubt as to one or both of these things, it
would be your duty to return a verdict of not guilty.

1. A "law enforcement agency animal" is an animal that is trained and may be used to assist a law enforcement officer in the performance of the officer's official duties.

2. An "assistance animal" is an animal that is trained and may be used to assist a "person with a disability" as defined in G.S. 168A-3. The term "assistance animal" is not limited to a dog and includes any animal trained to assist a person with a disability as provided in Article 1 of Chapter 168 of the General Statutes.

3. A "search and rescue animal" is an animal that is trained and may be used to assist in a search and rescue operation.

4. Serious harm is defined as harm that does any of the following:

- Creates a substantial risk of death.
- Causes maiming or causes substantial loss or impairment of bodily function.
- Causes acute pain of a duration that results in substantial suffering.
- Requires retraining of the law enforcement agency animal or assistance animal.
- Requires retirement of the law enforcement agency animal or assistance animal from performing duties.

