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General Rules and Reminders

- You may correct your dog during any test, this will result in a non-qualifying score (NQ) (unless it is a practical test) but can be a good training decision to keep your dog from getting test smart since we train and test in the same facilities.
- Appropriate “trial” dress code is required for testing. (Professional apparel and closed toe footwear, with the exception of inclement weather).
- Milestones and performance tests may be tested at anytime unless otherwise scheduled by instructors.
- It is highly recommended that you sweep/mop the testing area before testing begins.
- Requirements marked with an * may be superseded by completing the Advanced Master requirement.

Master Dog Trainer Program - Performance Tests

AKC Scent Work – Buried Novice Class

- Simulates the task of Human Remains Dogs to search for scents that have been buried under the ground or submerged under water.
- One of the boxes will conceal a scent.
- There are no intentional distractions.
- The cadaver search is a practical test - handlers may use whatever motivation they need for their dog; toys, food, etc.
- An alternative grade can be obtained by passing a NNDDA, NAPWDA or AKC Scent work certification.
- Pass / Fail performance test.

Scents

Any scent may be utilized but must be contained in a clean glass jar or metal container to prevent contamination. The scent must be on cotton balls or cotton swabs. If swabs are used, only those with paper stems (not plastic) may be used. The swabs should be cut in half, and the stems may be trimmed shorter, if preferred. To prepare the odors for trial, two (2) drops of the oil should be applied directly to the cotton ball or cotton swab.

Search Area

- Six tote boxes (16 inches wide by 11 inches deep by 7 inches high - up to 2 inches smaller or larger is permissible), will be placed in the search area, in two rows of three, at least 36 inches apart. The search area must be at least 150 but not more than 200 square feet. Each box will be filled equally, with enough sand that the buried scent vessel will be covered with four inches of sand.

Search Time

The dog has two minutes to locate the target scent and communicate the find to its handler.

Indication at Odor

The handler must call "Alert" when the dog indicates the find.

Non – Qualifying Items

Running out of time, handlers actively looking for the hide or calling "Alert" on a false find.

AKC Scent Work – Container Novice Class

- Modeled after the AKC scent work container Novice Class
- This test consists of one (1) specific odor hidden indoors, inside ten (10) possible identical cardboard boxes.
- This test is a practical exam, so handlers may use whatever motivation they need to for their dog; training collars, toys, food, etc.
- An alternative grade can be obtained by passing a NNDDA, NAPWDA or AKC Scent work certification.
- Pass / Fail performance test.

Scents

Any scent may be utilized but must be contained in a clean glass jar or metal container to prevent contamination. The scent must be on cotton balls or cotton swabs. If swabs are used, only those with paper stems (not plastic) may be used. The swabs should be cut in half, and the stems may be trimmed shorter, if preferred. To prepare the odors for trial, two (2) drops of the oil should be applied directly to the cotton ball or cotton swab.

Containers

Containers in Novice searches must be cardboard boxes and must all be identical. Whenever cardboard boxes are used, they must be of uniform size and shall be at least 10-inches long by 8-inches wide; they must be no less than 3-inches and no more than 8-inches tall. Surplus containers for replacement must be available should any of the containers become damaged or contaminated. Whenever cardboard boxes are used, the bottoms of the boxes must be taped shut.

Search Area

Ten identical cardboard boxes are laid out on the floor of the search area. The boxes are arranged in two rows of five containers.

Each box must be at least 12" apart, and each row must be at least 36" apart.

Search Time

The dog has two (2) minutes to locate the container with the target scent and communicate the find to its handler.

Indication at Odor

Handlers must confirm the dog's indication with the word "Alert" when the dog indicates a find. If it is not immediately obvious where the dog is indicating when alert is called, the judge may ask the handler to point to the source location.

Non – Qualifying Items

Eliminating inside during the test, running out of time, handlers actively looking for the hide or calling “Alert” on a false find.

Tracking and Trailing Test*

- Modeled after the IGP-V tracking title.
- This test is used to judge the handler’s capability to train a tracking and trailing dog.
- The length of the track will be a minimum of 200 paces with two (2) legs and one (1) turn.
- Can be superseded with IGP III/SAR track.
- Judged performance test.

Laying the Track

The handler will lay their own track. The handler must supply a tracking flag and two (2) articles owned by the handler. The judge will call the handler through laying the track and instruct the handler when to place down the articles. The length of the track will be a minimum of 200 paces with two (2) legs and one (1) turn. One (1) of the articles will be placed on first leg and one (1) article will be placed at the end of the track. Articles are not to be placed within 20 paces before or after the corner and must be on the track. Corners may be rounded but must not exceed a five (5) step turn. After dropping the last article, the track layer must continue at least 10 paces in a forward direction. There will be no aging time required for the track.

Articles

Within a track the articles must be made of different materials (e.g., leather, textiles, wood) and be 1”x 4” in size.

Indicating the Articles

The indication can be done by sitting, lying down and standing, or alternating. The articles must be indicated convincingly without the help from the dog handler. Once the dog has indicated the article, the dog handler drops the tracking line or puts it down, goes directly to the dog, picks up the article and displays it to the judge. This can be done either on the left or on the right side of the dog. The dog must be calm in this position. The indicating must be done in the direction of the track. Slightly crooked lying down, sitting or standing to the article is not faulty. The article must lie directly in front of, or between the front paws. The dog must remain calm in the position until restarted on the track. After the articles are displayed, a re-start is made with a command to track.

Tracking line

The dog can track on a 10m (33ft) long line. A check of the line length, the collar or the harness by the Judge must be carried out before the start of the track work (at the latest, at the time of reporting in). Flexible Leashes are not permitted. The track line can be over the back, on the side of the dog or between the front

and / or rear legs. It can either be attached directly to the loose-fitting collar or to the attachment ring of the harness. If a harness is used, make sure that the back strap does not extend beyond the last rib of the dog. The tracking line may sag during the track, but the required distance from the dog must not be seriously shortened. Ground contact of the line is not faulty.

Working the Track

The dog must be given a verbal command to track at the scent pad. The handler has a maximum of three (3) commands to start the dog. The second and third attempts lead to a deduction in the evaluation of the first leg. The dog must take the track with a deep nose and then work the track with a deep nose, high tracking intensity, consistent and even speed. The search speed is not judged if the dog is tracking in a convincing and intensive manner. The start (also when restarting after the finding of the articles) has to be done with the handler giving a verbal command to track and the handler standing upright. A certain amount of slack in the leash is permitted in using the line. If the dog is caught in the tracking line, the handler may ask the judge to be able to untangle the dog, the command to restart is given from the end of the tracking line with is no deduction.

Corners

The dog must work out corners confidently. Circling at the corner is pointed. A head check without leaving the track is permitted. After the corner, the dog must continue with the required high intensity and at the same speed. Through the corner, the handler must maintain the prescribed distance. The handler does not have to follow the track. However, the handler is not permitted to leave the track until the dog has changed direction and is committed to the next leg.

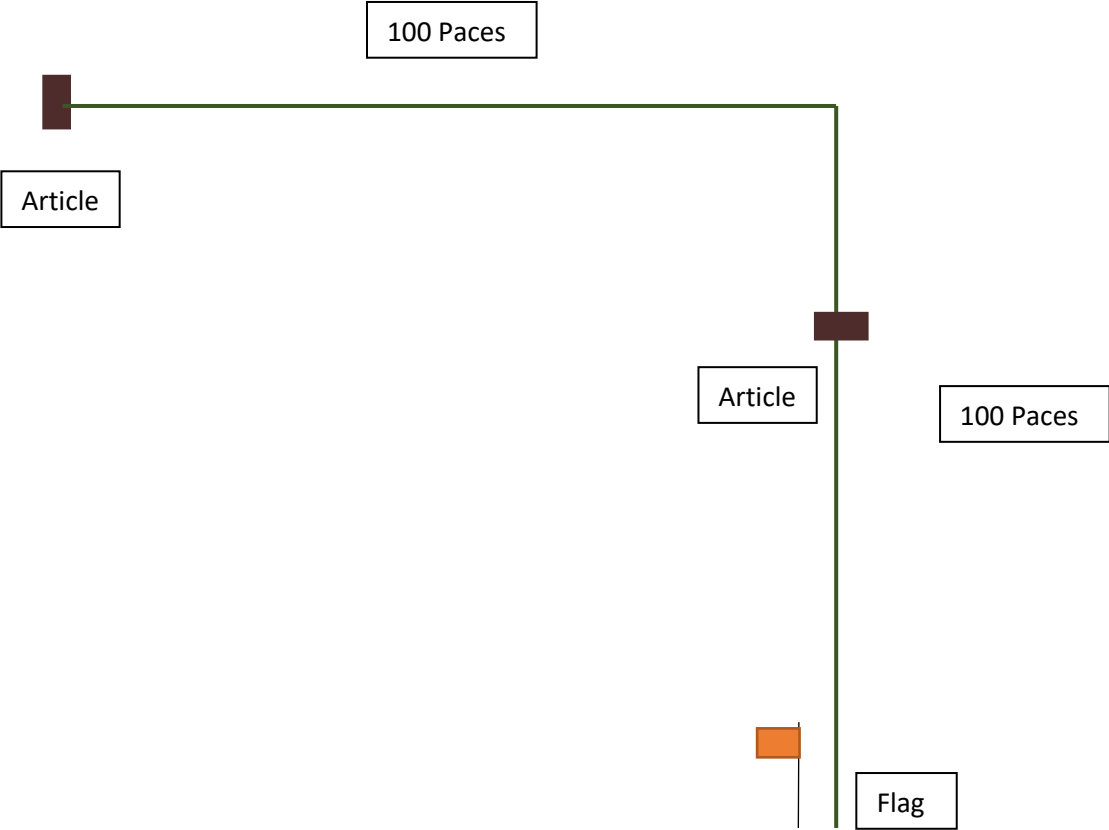
Scoring

Deductions will be made for wondering, urinating or defecating, circling at the corners, continuous encouragement from the handler, line or verbal help in the track or at the articles.

Non – Qualifying Items

If the dog gives up working or if the dog leaves the track further than 20m.

Track Shape (Can also be mirrored)



Send out with a Sit

- The send out is utilized to test the dog's commitment to run straight and away from the handler.
- The stop is used to ensure the dog will listen to the handler's command.
- Handlers will enter the ring in on a (6ft.) leash and head to a designated starting area.
- Once the handler is ready, the judge will tell the handler to send their dog.
- Pass / Fail performance test.

Send

The dog must go out on the first command and run straight, passing the point clearly indicated by the judge (approximately 50ft.). A hand signal to send the dog is allowed in conjunction with a verbal command.

Stop and Sit

After the dog crosses the minimum distance, the handler must command the dog to sit. The dog must sit on the first command and remain sitting while the handler returns to the dog. Once the handler walks around the dog and into heel position (AKC style), the exercise is finished.

Non – Qualifying Items

Failure to go out on the first command, failure to sit on command, breaking sit before handler returns.

AKC Novice Obedience

- The American Kennel Club Novice demonstrates the dog and handler's ability to follow specific precise obedience routines. Handlers are judged on the correctness and willingness of their dog's training.
- Enter the ring on leash – Live ring of choke chain/fur saver.
- Handler may lightly pet and praise their dog after each exercise.
- Judged performance test.

Heel on Leash and Figure Eight.

The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team. The orders are: "Forward," "Halt," "Right turn," "Left turn," "About turn," "Slow," "Normal" and "Fast." "Fast" means that the handler must run, and the handler and dog must move forward at a noticeably accelerated speed. All about turns will be right about turns. Orders for halts and turns will be given only when the handler is moving at a normal speed. The other orders may be given in any sequence and turns and halts may be repeated. However, the judge should standardize the heeling pattern for all dogs in the class. The leash may be held in either hand or in both hands, but the hands must be held in a natural position. The handler will enter the ring with the dog on a loose leash and stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. The handler may give a command to heel and will walk briskly and naturally with the dog on a loose leash. The dog should walk close to the handler's left side without swinging wide, lagging, forging or crowding. The dog must not interfere with the handler's freedom of

motion at any time. At each order to halt, the handler will stop. The dog shall sit straight and promptly in the heel position without command and shall not move until the handler again moves forward on the judge's order. After each halt, it is permissible for the handler to give a command to heel before moving forward again. The judge will say "Exercise finished" after this portion of the exercise. For the Figure Eight, the handler will stand and the dog will sit in heel position facing the judge, midway between the two stewards, who will stand 8 feet apart. The Figure Eight will be done on leash; the handler may go around either steward first. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. The handler and dog will walk briskly around and between the two stewards twice. There will be no about turn, fast or slow, but the judge must order at least one halt during this exercise and another halt at the end.

Scoring

Depending on the circumstances, minor or substantial deductions, will be made for additional commands or signals to heel or for failure of dog or handler to speed up noticeably for the fast or slow down noticeably for the slow. Minor or substantial deductions shall be made for lagging, heeling wide, forging, crowding, poor sits, failure to sit at a halt and other heeling imperfections. Deductions should also be made for a handler who guides the dog with the leash, any tightening or jerking of the leash, or does not walk at a brisk pace.

Non – Qualifying Items

If a handler is constantly controlling the dog by tugging on the leash or is adapting to the dog's pace, that dog must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score for the exercise.

Stand for Examination.

The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog stand in position before and during the examination without displaying resentment. The orders are: "Stand your dog and leave when you are ready," "Back to your dog," and "Exercise finished." Prior to the start of the exercises the handler will remove the leash and give it to a steward, who will place it on the judge's table or other designated place. The handler will take their dog to the place indicated by the judge. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order, the handler will stand/pose the dog by the method of the handler's choice, taking any reasonable time if they choose to pose the dog as in the show ring. The handler will then stand with the dog in the heel position, and may give the command to stay, walk straight forward about 6 feet, and then turn and face the dog. The judge will approach the dog from the front. Using the fingers and palm of one hand, the judge will touch the dog's head, body and hindquarters. On the order "Back to your dog," the handler will walk around behind the dog and return to the heel position. The dog must remain standing until the judge has said "Exercise finished."

Scoring

The scoring of this exercise will not start until the handler has given the command and/or signal to stay, except for such things as rough treatment by the handler or active resistance by the dog to its handler's attempts to have it stand. Either of these will be penalized substantially. Minor or substantial deductions, even

to the point of a non-qualifying (NQ) score, will be made for shyness. Minor or substantial deductions will be made for a dog that moves its feet at any time or sits or moves away after the examination has been completed.

Non-Qualifying Items

A dog must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score if it sits or lies down, moves away from the place where it was left either before or during the examination, or growls, snaps or displays resentment.

Heel Free.

This exercise will be performed as in the Heel on Leash but without either the leash or the Figure Eight. The scoring and orders will be the same.

Recall.

The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stay where left until called by the handler, and that the dog responds promptly to the handler's command or signal to come. The orders are: "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," and "Finish." The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order, the handler may give a command to the dog to stay in the sit position. The handler will then walk forward to the other end of the ring, turn to face the dog, and stand with the arms and hands hanging naturally. On the judge's order or signal, the handler will either command the dog to come. The dog must come directly, at a brisk trot or gallop and sit straight, centered in front of the handler. The dog must be close enough to its handler so that the handler could touch its head without excessive bending, stretching or moving either foot. On the judge's order, the handler will give a command or signal to finish. The dog must go smartly to heel position and sit. The manner in which the dog finishes will be optional, provided it is prompt and that the dog sits straight at heel.

Scoring

Substantial deductions will be made for a handler's extra command or signal to sit or finish and for a dog that fails to remain sitting and either stands or lies down, fails to come at a brisk trot or gallop, fails to sit in front, or fails to finish or sit at heel. Minor or substantial deductions will be made for slow or poor sits, for finishes that are not prompt or smart, for touching the handler on coming in or while finishing, and for sitting between the handler's feet.

Non-Qualifying Items

A dog must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score if it is given an additional command and/or signal to stay, if it fails to come on the first command or signal, if it moves from the place it was left before being called or signaled to come, or if it does not sit close enough to its handler so that the handler could touch its head without excessive bending, stretching or moving either foot.

Sit Stay – Get Your Leash.

The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog remains in the sit position. The orders are: "Sit your dog,"

“Leave your dog to get your leash,” and “Back to your dog.” The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order the handler may command and/or signal the dog to sit without touching either the dog or the dog’s collar. On further order to “Leave your dog to get your leash,” the handler may give a command and will walk forward immediately to the place designated by the judge for the leash, pick up the leash, turn, and face the dog. The judge will give the order “Back to your dog.” The handler must return directly, walking around and behind the dog to heel position. The dog must not move from the sitting position until after the judge has said “Exercise finished.” The judge will tell the handler “Clip your leash to the collar and maintain control of your dog.” The handler is required to exit the ring with the dog under control and without jumping, pulling or tugging on the leash.

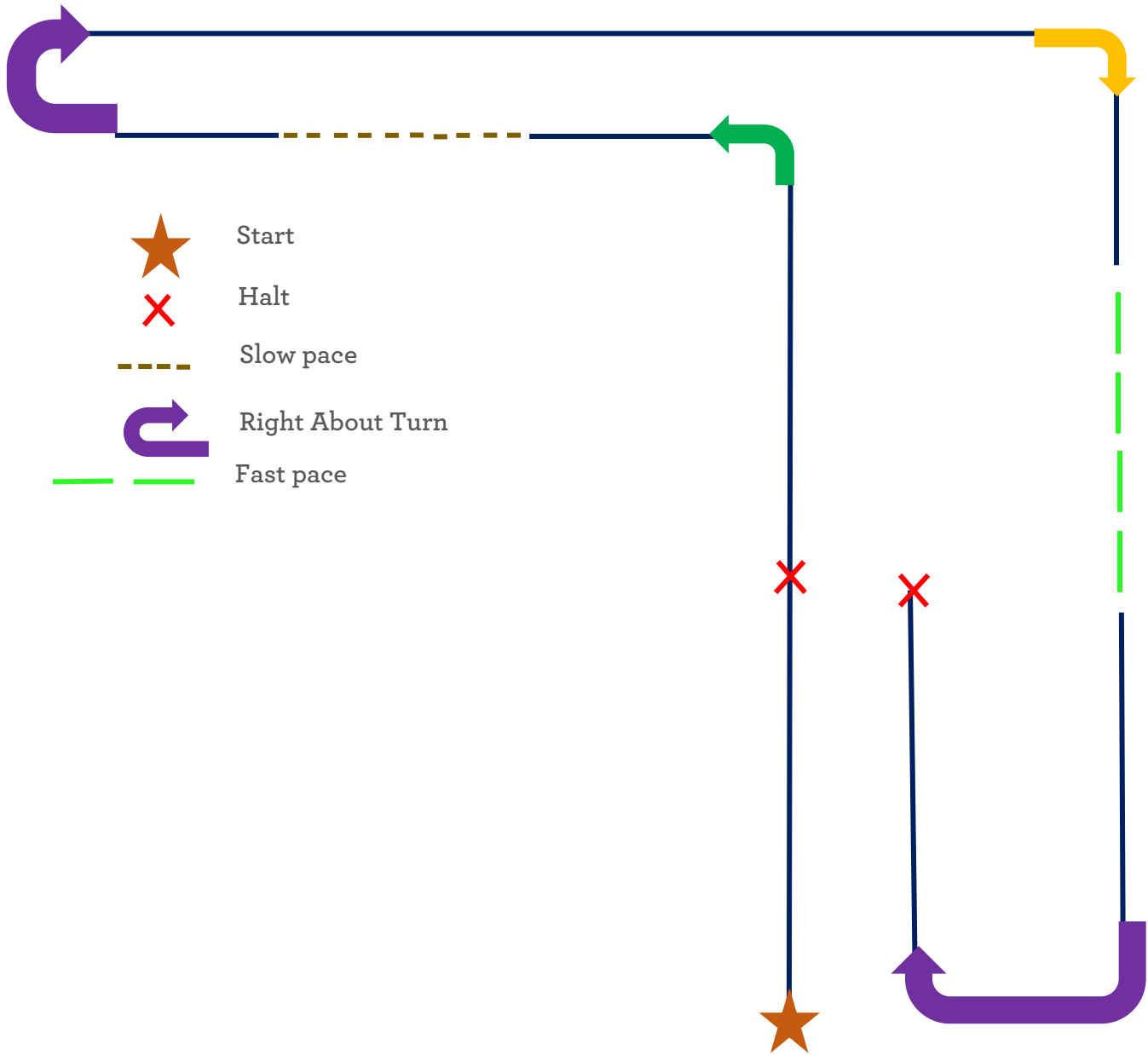
Scoring

Scoring of the exercise for such things as rough treatment of a dog by its handler or resistance by a dog to its handler’s attempts to make it sit starts with the first order, “Sit your dog.” These will be penalized substantially and in extreme cases the dog may be released. Substantial deductions will be made for a dog that moves even a short distance from where it was left, that barks or whines only once or twice, or that changes from the sit position after the handler has returned to the heel position and before the judge has said, “Exercise finished.” A substantial deduction must be made for a dog that does not remain under control while leaving the ring.

Non-Qualifying Items

A non-qualifying score (NQ) is required for the following: The dog moving a substantial distance away from the place where it was left any time during the exercise, not remaining in the sit position until the handler has returned to heel position, and repeatedly barking or whining.

AKC Novice Heeling pattern (On/Off leash)



AKC Novice - Sit and Down Stay

- The Sit and Down stay portion of the AKC Novice will be done separately to the obedience routine.
- Handlers must use the same dog as the obedience routine to complete the performance test requirement.
- This test judges the dogs ability to maintain a sit and down stay for an extended period of time around distractions.
- Handlers enter the ring with their dogs on loose leashes (6ft.) and have their dogs sit in heel position on marked spots on the floor, then wait for the judge to begin the exercise.
- Pass / Fail performance test.

Sit and Stay

On the judge's signal, handlers sit their dogs and will leave their dogs and walk to the end of their leash, then turn and face their dogs – dogs must remain in the sit for 1 minute. On the judge's signal, handlers return to their dogs, go around their dogs back to heel position.

Down and Stay

On the judge's signal handlers will command their dogs to down and will leave their dogs and walk to the end of their leash, then turn and face their dogs – dogs must remain in the down for 1 minute. On the judge's signal, handlers return to their dogs, go around their dogs back to heel position.

Non – Qualifying Items

A (NQ) score will be given to dogs that bark or whine excessively or break positions before returning. Trained

Retrieve Test

- Handlers are judged on their dog's ability to retrieve items over obstacles.
- Two (2) different retrieval objects must be used, one (1) for the flat and one (1) for the jump.
- Items that could be considered toys may not be used.
- There will be no minimum or maximum jump height.
- The handler will enter the ring with their dog on leash, with their first retrieval item.
- Pass / Fail performance test.

Retrieve on the flat.

At the start of the exercise the judge will tell the handler "Remove your leash". Leash must be completely tucked into the pocket OR worn over the shoulders or waist with the clip on the right side of the body. The orders are: "Throw it," "Send your dog," and "Take it". The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order "Throw it," the handler may give the command and/or signal to stay. After the retrieval item is thrown at least 20 feet, the judge will order the handler to "Send your dog." The retrieve should be

performed at a brisk trot or gallop. The dog will go directly to the retrieval item and retrieve it, returning directly to the handler. On the judge's order to "Take it," the handler will give command or signal and take the retrieval item. There will be no finish required. The judge will require the retrieval item to be thrown again before the dog is sent if it is thrown less than 20 feet, too far to one side or too close to the ring's edge. The retrieve, including the pickup, must be brisk and without hesitation. Once the exercise begins, the handler may not adjust their feet or position.

Retrieve over a high jump.

The principal features of this exercise are that the dog go out over the jump, pick up the retrieval item and promptly return with it over the jump. The orders are: "Throw it," "Send your dog," "Take it," and "Finish." This exercise will be performed in the same manner as the Retrieve on Flat, except that the dog will clear the high jump both going and coming. The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position at least 8 feet (or any reasonable distance beyond 8 feet) from the jump and will remain in the same spot throughout the exercise. On the judge's order the handler will throw the retrieval item at least 8 feet beyond the jump.

Non – Qualifying Items

Failure to go out on the first command, goes to retrieve before the command is given, failure to retrieve, or does not return with the dumbbell sufficiently close that the handler can easily take the dumbbell.

Failure to go over the jump in either direction, that uses the jump for any aid in going over, or that returns over the jump without the dumbbell.

Advanced Master Dog Trainer Program - Performance Tests

AKC Open Obedience

- The judge calls you through all exercises.
- Exercises can be in any order.
 - Heel off Leash
 - Figure Eight (2 people)
 - Retrieve on Flat
 - Retrieve over High Jump
 - Broad Jump
 - Drop on Recall
 - Command discrimination
 - Stay – Get your leash (sit/down)
- Enter the ring off leash – Leash will be left at the entrance.
- You may lightly pet your dog after each exercise.
- When returning to your dog, you must walk around them to get to heel position in all AKC tests.

Heel Free and Figure Eight, Performance and Scoring.

This exercise will be performed in the same manner as the Novice Heel on Leash and Figure Eight exercise except that the dog will be off leash. Orders and scoring are the same as in the Novice Heel on Leash and Figure Eight.

Command Discrimination

The principal features of this exercise are the dog's correct response to the handler's first commands and/or signals and that the dog stays until the handler returns to heel position.

The orders are: "Leave your dog" and "Back to your dog." The judge must use signals for directing the handler to command and/or signal the dog to change position except for the first position and that order is: "Stand your dog" or "Down your dog."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order to "Stand your dog" or "Down your dog." The handler will give a command and/or signal for the dog to change position. On further order to "Leave your dog," the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will immediately walk forward 15 feet, turn, and face the dog. On the judge's signal, the handler will give a command and/or signal for the dog to change to the second position. The judge will then order "Leave your dog." The handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will immediately turn around and walk forward an additional 15 feet, turn, and face the dog. On the judge's signal, the handler will give a command and/or signal for the dog to change to the third position. The

judge will then order “Back to your dog.” The handler may give a command and/or signal to stay, and then must return directly, walking around and in back of the dog to heel position. The dog must stay in position without additional commands or signals until the handler has returned to heel position. The handler’s hands and arms must hang naturally at the handler’s side.

Scoring

Substantial deductions will be made for a dog that changes position 48 after the handler has returned to heel position and before the judge has said “Exercise finished.” Minor or substantial deductions, up to a non-qualifying (NQ) score, will be made for the handler’s hands and arms not hanging naturally at the handler’s side. Depending on the extent, minor or substantial deductions, up to a non-qualifying (NQ) score, will be made for a dog that walks forward.

Non – Qualifying Items

A dog that fails to obey the handler’s first command and/or signal for each position and stay, or that does not stay until the handler returns to heel position must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score.

Drop on Recall

The principal features of this exercise, in addition to those listed under the Novice Recall, are the dog’s prompt response to the handler’s command or signal to drop and the dog’s remaining in the down position until again called or signaled to come. The dog will be judged on the promptness of its response to the command or signal.

The orders are: “Leave your dog,” “Call your dog,” then give a clear signal to drop the dog, followed by “Call your dog” and “Finish.”

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order the handler may give a command and/or signal for the dog to stay in the sit position. The handler will walk forward to the other end of the ring, then turn, face the dog, and stand naturally. On the judge’s order or signal, the handler will either command or signal the dog to come. The dog must come directly at a brisk trot or gallop. On the judge’s arm or hand signal, the handler shall give the command or signal to drop, and the dog must drop immediately to a complete down position. The dog must remain down until the handler gives the command or signal to come when ordered by the judge. The dog completes the exercise as in the Novice Recall.

Scoring

Minor or substantial deductions, up to a non-qualifying (NQ) score, will be made for delayed or slow response to the handler’s command or signal to drop and for slow response to either of the recalls. All applicable penalties listed under the Novice Recall shall apply.

Non – Qualifying Items

A non-qualifying (NQ) score must be given to any dog that does not drop completely to the down position on a

single command or signal or to a dog that does not remain down until called or signaled.

Retrieve on Flat

The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog retrieve promptly.

The orders are: “Throw it,” “Send your dog,” “Take it,” and “Finish.”

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order “Throw it,” the handler may give the command and/or signal to stay. If the handler does use a signal, that signal may not be given with the hand that is holding the dumbbell. After the dumbbell is thrown at least 20 feet, the judge will order the handler to “Send your dog.” The retrieve should be performed at a brisk trot or gallop. The dog will go directly to the dumbbell and retrieve it, returning directly to the handler as in the Novice Recall without unnecessary mouthing or playing. On the judge’s order to “Take it,” the handler will give command or signal and take the dumbbell. The judge will require the dumbbell to be thrown again before the dog is sent if it is thrown less than 20 feet, too far to one side or too close to the ring’s edge.

Scoring

Minor or substantial deductions will be made for a dog’s slowness in going out, returning, or picking up the dumbbell, not going directly to the dumbbell, unnecessary mouthing or playing with the dumbbell, and reluctance or refusal to release the dumbbell to the handler. Depending on the extent, minor or substantial deductions will be made for dropping the dumbbell. All other applicable penalties listed under the Novice Recall will apply.

Non – Qualifying Items

A dog must receive a non- qualifying (NQ) score if it fails to go out on the first command or signal, goes to retrieve before the command or signal is given, fails to retrieve, or does not return with the dumbbell sufficiently close that the handler can easily take the dumbbell as described above.

Retrieve Over High Jump

The principal features of this exercise are that the dog go out over the jump, pick up the dumbbell and promptly return with it over the jump.

The orders are: “Throw it,” “Send your dog,” “Take it,” and “Finish.”

This exercise will be performed in the same manner as the Retrieve on Flat, except that the dog will clear the high jump both going and coming. The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position at least 8 feet (or any reasonable distance beyond 8 feet) from the jump and will remain in the same spot throughout the exercise. On the judge’s order the handler will throw the dumbbell at least 8 feet beyond the jump. (These 8-foot distances must be clearly marked.)

Scoring

Depending on the circumstances, minor or substantial deductions will be made for a dog that touches the

jump when going over it or for a dog that displays any hesitation or reluctance in jumping. All applicable penalties listed under the Retrieve on Flat apply.

Non – Qualifying Items

A dog that fails to go over the full height of the jump in either direction, that uses the jump for any aid in going over, or that returns over the jump without the dumbbell must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score.

Broad Jump

The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stay where left until directed to jump, that the dog clear the jump on a single command or signal, and that the dog return to its handler after it has jumped.

The orders are: “Leave your dog,” “Send your dog,” and “Finish.”

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least 8 feet from the jump facing the lowest side of the lowest hurdle. (This 8-foot distance must be clearly marked.)

The judge will ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order the handler may give the command and/or signal to stay and go to a position facing the right side of the jump. Handlers may stand anywhere between the lowest edge of the first hurdle and the highest edge of the last hurdle with their toes about two (2) feet from the jump.

On the judge’s order, the handler will give the command or signal to jump. While the dog is in midair, the handler will make a 90-degree pivot, but will remain in the same spot. The dog will clear the entire distance of the hurdles without touching them and, without further command or signal, immediately return to a sitting position in front of the handler, finishing as in the Novice Recall.

The broad jump will consist of four white telescoping hurdles, all about 8 inches wide. The largest hurdle will

Scoring

Depending on the circumstances, minor or substantial deductions will be made for a dog that does not return directly to the handler, that displays any hesitation or reluctance in jumping, or that touches the jump. All applicable penalties listed under the Novice Recall shall apply.

Non – Qualifying Items

A dog that fails to stay until directed to jump, refuses the jump on the first command or signal, or steps on or between the hurdles must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score.

Stand Stay – Get Your Leash.

The principal features of this exercise is that the dog stand and stay in position until the handler has returned to heel position.

The orders are: “Stand your dog,” “Leave your dog to get your leash” and “Back to your dog.”

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge, approximately 15 feet from the ring gate. The judge will ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order the handler will command and/or signal the dog to stand without touching the dog or the dog’s collar. The dog

must stand but need not stand in heel position.

On further order to “Leave your dog to get your leash,” the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward directly to the place outside the ring gate designated by the judge for the leash. The handler will pick up the leash, re-enter the ring, stop and wait for the judge’s order “Back to your dog.” The handler must return directly, walking around and in back of the dog to heel position. The dog must remain standing until the judge has said “Exercise finished.” The judge will tell the handler “Attach your leash to the collar and maintain control of your dog.” The handler is required to exit the ring gate with the dog under control and without jumping, pulling or tugging on the leash.

Scoring

Substantial deductions will be made for a dog that sits or lies down after the handler has returned to heel position and before the judge has said, “Exercise finished.”

Depending on the circumstances, minor or substantial deductions will be made for the dog that moves a short distance from where it was left, or that moves its feet repeatedly while remaining in place.

A substantial deduction, under Miscellaneous Penalties, must be made for a dog that does not remain under control while exiting the ring.

Non – Qualifying Items

A non-qualifying (NQ) score is required for a dog that does any of the following: Fails to stand on the first command and/or signal, moves a substantial distance away from the place where it was left, sits or lies down before the handler has returned to heel position, or repeatedly barks or whines.

IGP III Track

- The track is laid by someone else; minimum of 600 paces, 5 legs, 4 corners (approximately 90 degrees each), using 3 articles from track layer.
- It is aged a minimum 60 minutes.
- 1st article on first or second leg but a minimum of 100 paces from start, 2nd on the instruction from the judge, 3rd at the end. Each article is worth 7 points.
- Approach the judge with your dog and report in (handler’s name, dog’s name and test name).
- You must remain at the end of a 33ft/10m line for the entire track.
- A maximum time of 20 minutes is allowed for working out the track.

Scoring

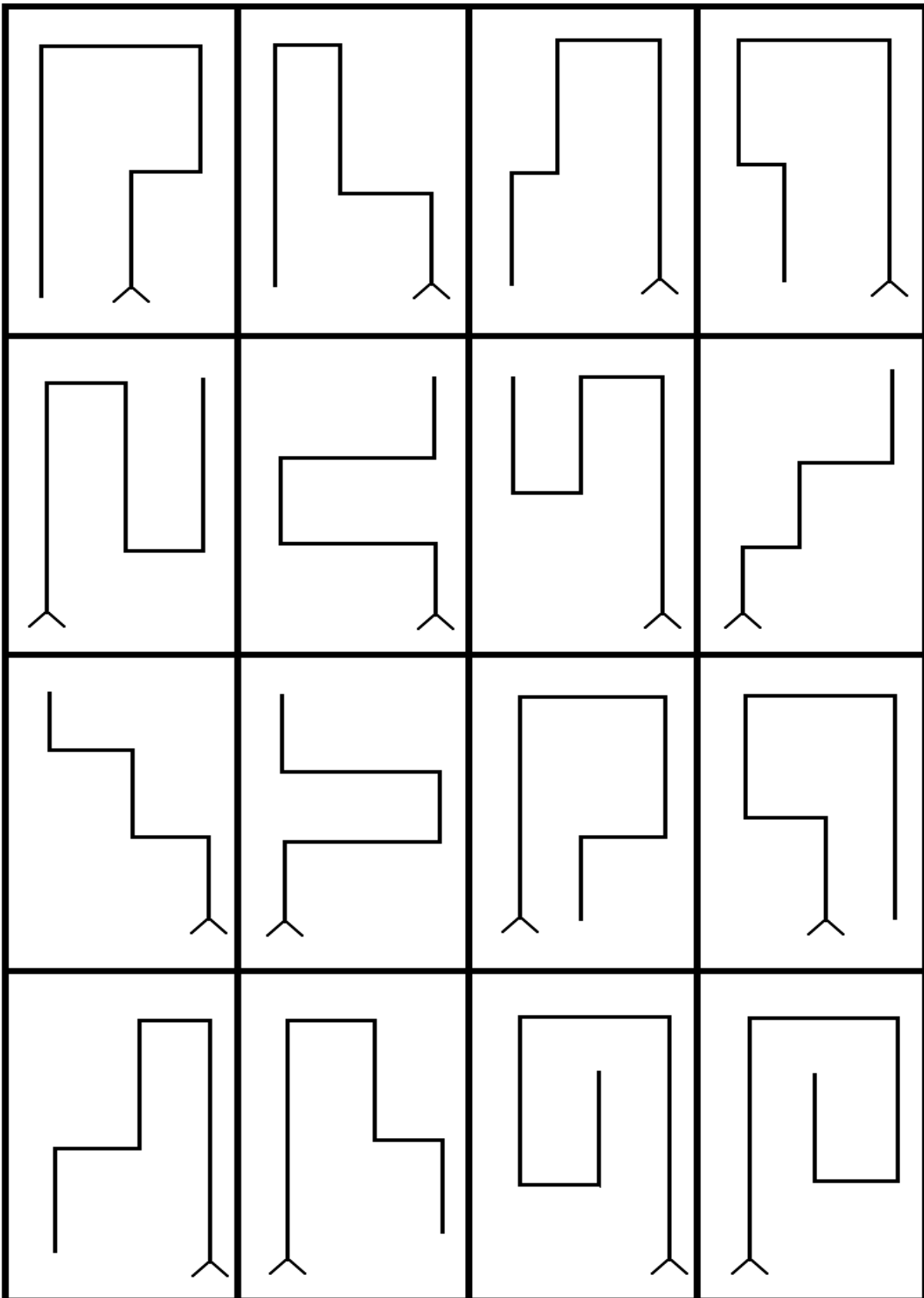
Wondering, urinating or defecating, circles at the corners, continuous encouragement, line or verbal help in the track or at the articles are faulty and deducted accordingly.

Non – Qualifying Items

If a tracking command is used more than three (3) times to get the dog to start the track or if the dog leaves

the track further than 66ft.

Possible IGP III track layouts:



Felon Search/Search and Rescue

- Can be tested instead of the IGP III track.
- Runner leaves an article of clothing at the beginning of the track then travels at a jogging pace in a direction designated by the instructor for 10 min. or a distance of about one mile.
- Dog may go on or off lead and handler may use as many commands or other motivation as needed.
- Pass / Fail performance test.

Non – Qualifying Items

After the search has been going on for 15 minutes, the instructor has authority based on judgment to terminate the test if the dog has quit working or is too far-off course.

Hunting Retrieves

- Similar to a hunt trial, a two retrieval items will be thrown to simulate a downed bird using hunt drive and memory.
- Items will be thrown approximately 100 yards away.
- The order in which the items will be retrieved are: Second item first, first item off memory.
- Treated like an AKC style event in which no training collars can be used other than a fur saver/choke chain.
- Dogs must bring retrieval item close enough to take but does not require a finish.
- You will receive one re-command to retrieve for each retrieval item.
- Pass / Fail performance test.

Non – Qualifying Items

Using more than two (2) retrieval commands to retrieve item.

Therapy Dog Test

- The TDI Test is reflects realistic situations to simulate a visit with a therapy dog at a facility.
- A 6-foot leash must be used and should stay loose throughout the test.
- Test components include:
 1. Greeting and grooming
 2. Check in - Supervised separation
 3. Walking around distractions
 4. Group Sit/Down Stay/Recall
 5. Visiting a patient
 6. Reaction to unusual situations
 7. Food refusal

8. Reaction to children
 9. Exiting through a door
- Pass / Fail performance test.

Greeting and Grooming

This part of the test is to simulate the arrival at a facility where the coordinator first greets the visiting dog team and instructs the handler on proper grooming before a therapy dog visit.

The dog/handler teams are lined up to be checked in (simulating a visit). The evaluator will go down the line of registrants and greet each new arrival including each dog. At the same time the collars will be checked, as well as nails, ears and grooming and lifting of all 4 paws and tail.

Non – Qualifying Items

Pulling, lunging, jumping up (unruliness), shyness, aggressiveness, or resisting any part of the examination is an automatic failure.

Check-in and out of sight (time: One minute)

This part of the test is to simulate the dog being able to be left with someone while the handler has to be briefly absent.

The handler will be asked to check in. After the check-in has been completed the handler will be escorted by a helper to where the handler is supposed to sit. All dogs will be placed in a down position on the handler's left side keeping teams at least 8 feet apart. Now the handler will start completing the paperwork.

Once all teams have been placed, the helper(s) will ask the handler(s) if they can hold their dogs. Now the handler(s) will leave for "one minute". The handler(s) can give the "stay" command verbally or by hand signal or both. The helper(s) can talk to and pet the dog(s). The dog(s) can sit, lie down, stand or walk around within the confines of the leash.

Non – Qualifying Items

Whining, barking, or pulling away from the helper is an automatic failure.

Getting around people

Testing if the dog has been taught to heel properly on leash without pulling or lagging and at the same time is capable of interacting with multiple people in a friendly manner.

As the dog/handler team walks toward the patients' rooms, there will be various people standing around. Some of the people will try visiting with the dog. The dog/handler team must demonstrate that the dog can withstand the approach and touching by several people from all sides at the same time and is willing to visit and walk around a group of people.

Non – Qualifying Items

Pulling on the leash, jumping up, shyness, not wanting to visit, showing aggressiveness, or not walking on a loose leash is an automatic failure.

Group sit/stay

Testing to see if the dog is under control even if the handler is not very close to the dog and other dog/handler teams are close by.

The evaluator will ask all the participants to line up with their dogs in a heel position (w/dog on left or right), with 8 ft. between each team. Now the handlers will put their dogs in a sit/stay position.

The handlers will give the sit command to the dogs.

The evaluator will tell the handlers to leave their dogs.

The handlers will step out to the end of their 6 ft. leash, turn around and face the dog(s) and wait for the evaluator's command to return to their dog(s). (The evaluator will give the return command immediately).

Non – Qualifying Items

Not sitting, not staying when the handler leaves, or not staying until the handler returns is an automatic failure.

Group down/stay

The same procedure as in the sit/stay.

Same as test number 4, except dogs will now be in a down/stay.

Non – Qualifying Items

Not sitting, not staying when the handler leaves, or not staying until the handler returns is an automatic failure.

Recall

In this part of the test we will be able to see how close the working relationship is between the dog handler/team. It will also show us if the dog is under control of the handler.

All handlers will be seated.

The evaluator will then give the command, "Down your dog", the handler can down the dog either by voice and or by hand signal.

The evaluator will give the command, "Leave your dog" The handler will tell the dog to stay either by voice and or by hand signal.

The handler now will turn away from the dog and walk in a straight line 20ft. away.

The handler will turn and face the dog.

The evaluator immediately will tell the handler to call the dog.

The handler will call the dog, either by voice, hand signal or both.

Non – Qualifying Items

Not staying in place or not coming when called is an automatic failure.

Visiting with a patient

The dog should show willingness to visit a person and demonstrate that it can be made readily accessible for petting (i.e. small dogs will be placed on a person's lap or held; medium dogs will sit on a chair or stand close to the patient to be easily reached, and larger dogs will be standing).

Non – Qualifying Items

Shyness, aggressiveness, jumping up, or not wanting to visit is an automatic failure.

Reactions to unusual situations

The dog handler team will be walking in a straight line. The dog can be on either side, or slightly behind the handler; the leash must not be tight.

The evaluator will ask the handler to have the dog sit (the handler may say sit or use a hand signal or both). Next the evaluator will ask the handler to down the dog (the handler may say down or use a hand signal or both).

Next continuing walking in a straight line, the handler will be asked to make a right, left and an about turn at the evaluator's discretion.

The following distractions will be added to the heel on a loose leash.

- The team will be passing a person on crutches, in a wheelchair, or using a walker.
- Someone running by calling "excuse me, excuse me" waving hands (This person is running up from behind the dog. This person will begin by running up from the start line. If the test is being held outdoors, it could also be a person on a bicycle, roller blades, or a skateboard etc.).
 - The dog can be slightly startled, but must recover immediately.
- Another person will be walking by and drop something making a loud startling noise (a tin can filled with pebbles or a clipboard). At an indoor test there may be a running vacuum cleaner (realistic in a facility).
- And then a left turn. To make it more realistic the left turn will be around some people. The people will be shuffling, moaning, coughing and also talking loudly. Various health care devices will be used by the people (wheelchairs, crutches, etc.)
- Then the team will be requested to make a right turn, going back parallel toward the starting point in a straight line.
- To make it more realistic the right turn will be around some people. Same scenario as (e)

Non – Qualifying Items

Not behaving well in public, heeling on a loose lead, turning when indicated or visiting happily with all the people is an automatic failure.

Food Refusal; Part One

The leave-it exercise is extremely important. A treat from a stranger could be potentially lethal as could medicine dropped on the floor of a health care institution. Drinking or licking up water or liquids from a floor could also be dangerous. The dog must be trained to avoid all of these situations.

The dog handler/team meets a person in a wheelchair. The dog should approach the person and visit.

The person in the wheelchair, after briefly interacting with the dog, will offer the dog a treat by holding the treat steady in the hand while enticing the dog.

The handler must instruct the dog to leave it. It is up to the handler as to what kind of verbal command they use to keep the dog from licking or taking the food.

The handler should explain to the patient why the dog cannot eat a treat while visiting (i.e. dog has food allergies).

Non - Qualifying Items

Licking on the food or eating it, or drinking the water is an automatic failure.

Food Refusal, Part Two

The dog handler will be walking in a straight line with the dog at heel. There will be a piece of food in the path of the dog. The dog is not allowed to lick or eat the food.

There should also be a bowl of water in the path of the dog. The dog is not allowed to drink.

Non – Qualifying Items

Licking on the food or eating it, or drinking the water is an automatic failure.

Meeting another dog

This test will show us if a dog is well behaved around other dogs.

A volunteer with a demo dog will walk past the dog handler/team, turn around and ask the handler a question.

After a brief conversation, the two handlers part.

Non – Qualifying Items

Pulling, growling, lunging, barking or showing other aggressive behavior like eye contact toward the neutral dog is an automatic failure.

Reaction to Children

This test can only show us reactions to the presence of children since we do not have children readily available.

The “children” will be running and yelling, playing ball, dropping objects, and doing what children usually do while playing.

The dog must lie down beside the handler.

Non – Qualifying Items

Any negative reaction of the dog like being startled (without recovery), aggressively barking, jumping up, growling, or lunging toward the children is an automatic failure.

Exit Through A Door

A person should be able to go through the entrance ahead of the dog/handler team.

The handler first has to put the dog in a sit, stand, or down stay, whatever is most comfortable for the dog, exit, then call the dog through the door.

Non – Qualifying Items

Not obeying the handler's command readily is an automatic failure.

Lost Item Search

- Simulates losing an item; wallet / keys etc. in a field.
- Handler's item is placed in a approximately 1 acre marked off search area and a random walk performed to prevent exact track to the item.
- Dog may go on or off lead and handler may use as many commands and/or motivation as needed.
- Dog must search, find and indicate on item.
- Pass / Fail performance test.

Non – Qualifying Items

After the search has been going on for 6 minutes, the instructor has authority based on judgment to terminate the test, usually if the dog has quit working or is too far-off course. A dog relieving himself is not automatically failed.

Service Dog Retrieve

- Simulates a common task needed for Service, Mobility and Assistance dogs.
- Choose one of the following retrieval tasks:

Cued Item Retrieve

Dog must successfully retrieve one item from a verbal cue amidst a handful of other distracting items.

Laser Pointed Retrieve

Dog must successfully retrieve one item chosen by instructor using a laser pointer.

Scented Retrieve

Dog must successfully retrieve one scented item from a handful of similar unscented items.

Dropped Item Retrieve

While walking, dog must successfully retrieve one dropped item without a verbal cue.

AKC Scent Work: Detective Class

- Designed to emulate as closely as possible the work of a true detection dog.
- This test is a practical exam, so handlers may use whatever motivation they need to for their dog; training

collars, toys, food, etc.

- An alternative grade can be obtained by passing a NNDDA, NAPWDA or AKC Scent work certification.
- Pass / Fail performance test.

Scents

Any scent may be utilized but must be contained in a clean glass jar or metal container to prevent contamination. The scent must be on cotton balls or cotton swabs. If swabs are used, only those with paper stems (not plastic) may be used. The swabs should be cut in half, and the stems may be trimmed shorter, if preferred. To prepare the odors for trial, two (2) drops of the oil should be applied directly to the cotton ball or cotton swab.

Finds

There should be a total of five finds per course. Finds can be on, under, or in any object or container below waist height. Hides can also be buried in house plants or in the exterior grounds as long as the soil is determined by the judge to be sufficiently odor permeable. Anywhere in the search area is fair game, except that hides cannot be in the search boundary markers or on the persons of judges, stewards, or human distractions.

Search Area

The course must span both the interior and exterior of a building or structure. The total search area must be at least 2000 but not more than 5000 square feet. Any excluded areas will be clearly defined, but there will be no separate and distinct search areas. Teams may wander in and out of included rooms and go back and forth between interior and exterior areas when seeking hides.

Search Time

The dog has ten (10) minutes to locate the containers with the target scent and communicate the find to its handler.

Indication at Odor

Handlers must confirm the dog's indication with the word "Mark" when the dog indicates a find. If it is not immediately obvious where the dog is indicating when alert is called, the judge may ask the handler to point to the source location.

Non – Qualifying Items

Eliminating inside during the test, running out of time, handlers actively looking for the hide or calling "Mark" on a false find.

Written Exams

Written test questions are gathered from course content and from rules and regulations of industry standard performance tests. Tests are administered approximately every four (4) weeks throughout the course. The grading scale is comparable to an academic institution.

Passing: 70-100

Non-Passing: 0-69

Students that receive a non-passing grade have three (3) opportunities to re-take a written test to earn a passing score. Written tests that are re-taken and passed are automatically graded at the minimum passing score of 70, regardless of the actual score they receive. If the student fails to pass the written test after the three (3) opportunities, students may be terminated from the program

Client Interaction Requirements

Client interaction requirements are graded as complete or incomplete and are derived from; student participation, professionalism, and fluency in conveying training theory and methods to clients. Working with clients is a necessary part of any career field working with dogs. A professional dog trainer not only understands how to read and train dogs, but also knows how to teach the clients they work with.

Observe and Conduct Pet Training Evaluations

Students must observe pet training evaluations, either on campus or through the in-store externship. When/if available, students may participate in conducting evaluations. If no opportunity is available, students may role play with an instructor to fulfil this requirement.

Observe and Conduct Private Lessons

Students must observe private lessons, either on campus or through the in-store externship. When/if available, students may participate in conducting private lessons. If no opportunity is available, students may role play with an instructor to fulfil this requirement.

Observe and Conduct Difficult Dog/Client Lessons and Evaluations

When/if available, students may observe/conduct difficult dog/client lessons and evaluations. If no opportunity is available, students may role play with an instructor to fulfil this requirement.

Observe and Conduct Training Updates

Students must observe a trainer providing a training update to a client. When/if available, students will conduct training updates to clients regarding their dog. If no opportunity is available, students may role play with an instructor to fulfil this requirement.

Observe and Conduct Group Classes/Specialty Group Classes

When/if available, students may observe/conduct group classes. If no opportunity is available, students may role play with the class to fulfil this requirement.

Assist in Training Client Dogs

Students will assist in training client dogs either on campus or through the in-store externship.