

# Puppy Training

## For puppies up to 8 months old

### Response to name or touch

The dog should respond to their handler when their name is spoken or the hearing impaired pup is touched gently or otherwise signalled.

The puppy should maintain eye contact or watch the handlers face for 1-2 seconds.

### Handling

The puppy should be comfortable with the handler or instructor gently touching them all over to check their eyes, ears, under their tail and their paws.

The puppy should also be happy having their lead put on and taken off.

### Positions - sit, down, stand

The puppy should be able to perform 2 out of the 3 criteria on cue.

### Leave it from hand

The puppy should be able to come away from food in the hand when cued. He/she should be rewarded from the other hand.

### Lead walking

The handler should demonstrate bringing the puppy into position at their side ready to walk on a loose lead.

The handler should demonstrate the ability to encourage the puppy to walk on a loose lead for 3-4 strides.

### Recall

The dog will return to handler with enthusiasm and speed from 5 meters away.



# Adult Beginner Course

## Response to name or touch

The dog should show a clear response to the handler when the name is called, or signalled in the case of a dog who is deaf.

## Greeting behaviour

The dog, on lead, should behave appropriately when another person approaches.

## Positions - sit, down, stand

The dog should show a good understanding of 2 out of the 3 positions: sit, down and stand using a visual and/or verbal cue.

### Sit

The dog will sit on cue the first time:

- a) In front of the handler
- b) in a position of the handlers choice.

### Down

The dog will lie down on cue first time:

- a) In front of the handler from sit or stand position
- b) In a position of the handler choice

### Stand

The dog will stand on cue, first time from a sit or down position.

## Lead walking

The handler and dog will walk for 30 seconds to 1 minute with one other dog and handler also walking in the immediate vicinity. The dog should understand that the lead should be loose at all times.

## Recall

The dog will return to handler with enthusiasm and speed with no distractions in the immediate environment.

## Stay

The dog will perform two stay exercises:

- a) The dog will stay in a sit, down or stand for 30 seconds while the handler is approximately 3 meters away.
- b) The dog will stay in a different position while the handler walks around the dog

## Full Examination

The dog will allow the handler to conduct an all over body examination including eyes, ears, nose, teeth, tail area, belly, paws etc while remaining reasonably calm.

## Self Control

The dog will complete three out of the four options:

### Food manners

The dog will wait while a bowl of food is placed in front of him and only proceed to eat when cued to do so by the handler.

### Door safety

The dog will approach the door with the handler and wait while the handler walks through the door and one proceed to join the handler when requested.

### Vehicle exit and entry

The dog will remain under control getting in and out of a vehicle. The dog will therefore only enter the vehicle when cued to do so and only exit the vehicle when cued to do so.

### Play manners

The dog will wait while a ball or toy is thrown and fetch it when released by the handler after a minimum of 5 seconds.

## Leave

The dog will, on lead while walking, leave 2 separate, moderately interesting items on the floor.

## Group Control

The dog will wait in a controlled manner for a minimum of 1 minutes within a group of 3 or 4 other dogs and handlers who are having a chat.

# Foundation Course

## Response to name or touch

The dog should show a clear response to the handler when their name is called, or signalled in the case of a dog who is deaf.

## Greeting behaviour

The dog on lead hand by the handler should behave appropriately when another person approaches.

## Positions - sit, down, stand

The dog should show a good understanding of 2 out of the 3 positions: sit, down and stand using a visual and/or verbal cue.

### Sit

The dog will sit on cue the first time:

- a) In front of the handler
- b) To the side of the handler
- c) in a position of the handlers choice.

### Down

The dog will lie down on cue first time:

- a) In front of the handler from sit
- b) From a stand position
- c) In a position of the handler choice

### Stand

The dog will stand on cue, first time

- a) From a sit
- b) From a down
- c) In a position of the handlers choice

## Leave it from hand

The puppy should be able to come away from food in the hand when cued. He/she should be rewarded from the other hand.

## Lead walking

The handler and dog will walk for 1 to 2 minutes with one to three other dogs and handlers also walking on lead in the immediate vicinity. The dog should understand that the lead should be loose at all times.

## Recall

The dog will return to handler with enthusiasm and speed with mild distractions in the immediate environment.

## Stay

The dog will perform two stay exercises:

- a) The dog will stay in a sit, down or stand for 30 seconds while the handler is mildly distracting approximately 3 meters away.
- b) The dog will stay in a different position for 20 seconds while the handler does mildly distracting things approximately 5 meters away. The handler releases the dog from that distance and call the dog to him.

## Full Examination

The dog will allow the instructor to conduct an all over body examination including eyes, ears, nose, teeth, tail area, belly, paws etc while remaining reasonably calm.

## Self Control

The dog will complete three out of the four options:

### Food manners

The dog will wait while a bowl of food is placed in front of him and only proceed to eat when cues to do so by the handler.

### Door safety

The dog will approach the door with the handler and wait while the handler walks through the door and only proceed to join the handler when requested.

### Vehicle exit and entry

The dog will remain under control getting in and out of a vehicle. The dog will therefore only enter the vehicle when cued to do so and only exit the vehicle when cued to do so.

The handler should be able to move around and hold a quiet conversation while the dog waits in the car.

### Play manners

The dog will either:

Wait while a ball or toy is thrown and fetch it when released by the handler after a minimum of 5 seconds.

Or

Wait in front of the handler while a tuggy is jiggled around considerably for a minimum of 5 seconds and only take the toy when cued to do so.

## Leave

The dog will, on lead while walking, leave 2 separate, moderately interesting items on the floor.

## Group Control

The dog will wait in a controlled manner for a minimum of 1 minutes within a group of 3 or 4 other dogs and handlers who are having a chat.

# Progressive Course

## Lead Walking

The handler and dog will walk for 3 minutes showing control on both sides while there are distractions of two other handlers and dogs, bicycle or pram, kiddy cars or similar, two other people with shopping bag/umbrella/walking stick.

## Safety

The dog will approach a gate/doorway and wait to allow a stooge dog and handler through first.

## Tricks

The dog will, on cue, perform 3 moves enjoyable to the team.

Example: spins, play bows, weaves, moving back.

The dog will, on cue perform a trick to show the use of a prop, e.g post, small trampoline, umbrella etc.

## Away

The dog without hesitation on cue, go to a target point at a distance of approximately 4.5 meters, and stand, sit or down for 30 seconds before being rewarded.

## Recall

The dog will return to handlers side from a distance of 10 paces and continue to walk with the handler a short distance.

## Leave

The dog, will off lead, be called from two separate moderately interesting items which have been placed on the floor (for example: toy, dried food from a dish covered with mesh or similar).

## Find and scent

1 out of the following 4 exercises must be completed:

- The dog will, when cued to do so, find his or her own toy from a basket containing other toys and drop the toy when cued to do so.
- As above from a container of old clothing/cloths.
- Indicate a 'find' object which is hidden from view i.e. under cups, plant pots, markers as if indicating a find in a search and rescue work.
- The dog will retrieve a thrown toy, return to handler and drop or give the toy leanly on the release cue.

## Stay

The dog will perform 2 stay exercises:

- a) The dog will stay on a may in a sit, down or stand while the handler goes to speak to a friend at a distance of 5 paces away for 2 minutes before returning to the dog.
- b) Will stay by a chair/table for 1 minute whilst the owner picks up an item of food to eat/or pretend to eat.

# Jubilee Course

## Greeting Behaviour

The dog, off lead, should behave in an appropriate manner when approached and greeted by the assessor.

## Walking with the handler

Handler and dog to walk for 3 minutes off lead along with a handler and stooge dog. Also other people carrying articles for example umbrella, walking stick, shopping bags. The dog and handler under test then stop to hold a conversation with two people for one minute whilst the dog remains controlled.

## Car travel / Self control

Entry and exit to be executed as in the foundation level, the dog will remain under control getting in and out of a vehicle. the dog will only enter when cued to do so and only exit when cued to do so. The handler should be able to hold a quiet conversation with the assessor while the dog waits patiently in the car.

## Tricks/Assistance Dog

The dog will, on cue, perform a minimum of 4 tricks joined together in sequence with a time limit of one minute.

OR

Perform a task to aid a disabled owner. For example pick up 4 different items from the floor and place in a box; remove a pair of gloves or socks which the owner is wearing.

## Sendaway

The dog will, without hesitation, on cue, go to a target point at a distance of 4/5 meters and sit or down willingly.

The dog should then be redirected to a second target at a distance of two meters to the left or right of the first target and again sit or down willingly.

## Recall

The dog is asked to wait by a small group of people and then, on cue, recall from a distance of 10 meters minimum.

## Recall with distraction

The handler should leave the dog in a wait in any position and recall the dog from a minimum distance of ten meters.

## Retrieve

The dog will, on cue, pick up three items referred to by name and return these, without hesitation to the owner.

## Indication

The dog will be asked to indicate the presence of an object which is hidden in a box. There should be the distraction of at least 6 other objects.

Indicatory behaviour should be the same when the exercise is repeated three times.

## Emergency stop

The dog will on cue remain in a wait in any position until called by the handler and cued to stop approximately at a midway point.

## Stays

The dog should stay in position whilst the handler greets 3 other people and dogs in the group.

The dog will stay in position whilst the handler goes out of sight for one and a half minutes.