

CLASS 4 TEST TO GRADUATE TO CLASS 5

ALL EXERCISES DON OFF LEAD. REWARD ONLY AT THE END OF THE TEST

HEEL ON LEAD:

On order from the assessor 'Forward' the handler may attract the dog's attention by saying its name then give a command to heel and, at the same time, commence walking briskly or at the directed pace. Any unusual or additional act, signal or command which gives the dog assistance is not allowed.

At each order to 'Halt', the handler must stop and the dog must sit smartly at heel without command and not move until ordered to do so. The handler and dog must execute a Figure Eight at normal pace in which they must heel at least twice around two stewards standing approximately 3 metres apart. There must be at least one Halt during this portion of the exercise.

STAND FREE FOR EXAM:

On order from the assessor, the handler will move forward and stand the dog. On further order, the handler may give a command to stay and will move forward. The assessor will order the handler to about turn and then halt approximately 2m from the dog. The assessor must approach the dog from the right or left fronts and not direct front. The assessor will touch the dog's head and body. The mouth, legs or tail must not be examined.

The assessor will then give the order to 'Return' whereupon the handler will return to the dog. The dog must stand steadily and not move until after the assessor orders 'exercise finished' and must not show undue resentment or shyness.

THE RECALL:

The assessor will give the order "Take up position". On further order from the assessor 'Leave', the handler may give the command to stay and will leave the dog in a sitting position and walk at least 15 metres away from the dog. On further command from the assessor, the handler will about turn and halt. On order from the assessor, the handler may attract the dog's attention by saying its name once and then give a command to come. The dog must come straight to its handler at a brisk pace and sit directly in front without further command. On order from the assessor 'Finish', the handler must give a command and the dog must go briskly to the heel position and automatically sit.

CHANGE OF POSITION:

The assessor must order the handler to take up position with the dog standing at heel. On order from the assessor, the handler may give a command to stay and will move forward until the assessor commands the handler to about turn and halt. The handler will be halted approximately 3 metres from the dog. On order from the assessor, the handler will command the dog to go 'Down'. The dog must remain steadily in the down position until after the assessor orders 'Return' where upon the handler will return to the dog. The dog must remain in the down position until after the assessor has ordered 'Exercise finished'.

1 MINUTE SIT STAY

This is a group exercise. The handlers will take up their positions with their right foot next to a stay peg which shall be placed in a line approximately 2.5m apart and with the dog sitting in the heel position. On order from the assessor 'Leave', the handlers may give their dogs a command to stay and will immediately leave and walk approximately 10m. On order from the assessor, the handlers will turn to face their dogs and halt.

After 1 minute from the time the assessor has ordered the handlers to leave, they will give the order to 'Return'. The handlers must return to their dogs together. The dogs must not move from the sitting position until after the assessor orders exercise finished. Extra commands and signals to the dogs is not allowed.

3 MINUTE DOWN STAY

This is a group exercise. The handlers will take up their positions with their right foot next to a stay peg which shall be placed in a line approximately 2.5m apart and with the dog sitting in the heel position. On order from the assessor 'Leave', the handlers may give their dogs a command to stay and will immediately leave and walk approximately 10m. On order from the assessor, the handlers will turn to face their dogs and halt.

After 3 minutes from the time the assessor has ordered the handlers to leave, they will give the order to 'Return'. The handlers must return to their dogs together. The dogs must not move from the sitting position until after the assessor orders exercise finished. Extra commands and signals to the dogs is not allowed.