

# Responsibility & Care

There will be either a written or an oral test consisting of nine questions, the handler must answer seven out of the nine questions correctly.

# Food manners

While the dog is eating, the dog will allow a stranger to pass by, walk around then approach and touch the dog without protest in the vicinity of the handler. The dog is given a command by the handler to remain still (sit, stand or down – handler's choice).

Assessor is then to place the bowl on the ground, no closer than half a metre and no further than one metre in front of the dog. Handler is permitted additional voice "wait" or "leave it" commands while the Assessor is putting the food on the ground to keep the dog in a staying position. After a five second pause, indicated by the Assessor, handler will cue a release for the dog to eat the food. While the dog is eating the food, the assessor is to circle behind the handler and dog, pause, then approach the dog and pat the dog around the shoulders.

While moving, approaching, and touching the dog, Assessor may speak quietly to the dog.

Assessor is not to touch or attempt to take the food bowl away from the dog.

If the dog does not attempt to eat any of the food or approach the bowl when released. The assessor may at their discretion require the handler to present an alternate food and/or chewable item that the dog does find more palatable for the exercise to be completed.

# Staying still & return to Handler

To determine the dog can stay in one place until otherwise commanded by the handler to come.

Handler is to: Place their dog into a down or sit position; take off the lead and tell the dog to stay.

Walk away from the dog and stop approximately 15 paces from the dog. Turn and face their dog and pause.

Upon being requested to do so, call their dog to them.

Re-attach the lead to the dog and then walk away for approximately another 6–10 paces in an orderly manner.

# Into a Vehicle

The dog (on lead) will be taken towards a vehicle of the handler's choice. Handler will open the door of the vehicle, which will remain open for 10 seconds while the dog remains at the handler's side.

When requested so to do, the handler has a choice of either commanding the dog to jump (or walk up a ramp) into the vehicle, or they may lift their dog into the vehicle. Handler will then detach the lead and secure their dog (e.g. by use of a car harness, or confinement in a caged area).

Handler then closes the door through which the dog had access. Handler then gets into the vehicle's driver's seat and Assessor into the vehicle's front passenger seat. After the doors are closed, the handler starts the vehicle's engine, with the vehicle remaining stationary.

When requested to do so by the Assessor, the handler (driver) will stop the engine and then both handler and Assessor shall exit the vehicle.

# Out of a Vehicle

The vehicle's access door through which the dog has entered is opened by the handler. Handler then detaches any physical restraint used to secure the dog (e.g. car harness) or opens the confined area (e.g. cage door opened) and attaches lead to the dog.

Dog is to remain in the vehicle for no less than 10 seconds, during which verbal commands are permitted but the lead must remain loose and not be used to keep the dog in the vehicle. When requested to do so by the Assessor, the handler shall allow their dog to exit the vehicle.

Dog to remain calmly close to the handler in a position of the handler's choosing while they close and lock the vehicle. Handler to then walk 6–8 paces away from the vehicle, with dog remaining under control and calm at handler's side.

# Control at Steps

The dog does not push, pull, or impede the handler in any way, while going up and down a set of steps or stairs.

With the dog on lead, the handler is to: Approach the bottom of a set of steps in a controlled walk.

Proceed up the steps. Turn around when safe to do so, and then proceed back down the steps.

At the bottom of the steps, proceed another 6 paces in a controlled manner.

# Walk on Lead & reaction to distractions in a public area

Demonstrates that the dog can walk in a controlled manner and is confident and calm when faced with possible common distracting situations while out and about in public

The dog and handler will be asked to have a controlled walk in a public area for a period of at least 5 minutes.

While out on the walk, a minimum of two events are required to have occurred.

# Café Experience

Demonstrates that the dog will remain in a set location beside handler while handler is seated at a table, of sufficient size to comfortably accommodate all participants.

Handler shall approach and sit at a table along with three other persons who may either also simultaneously approach the table or be already seated.

Handler is to command the dog to adopt a down position beside where they are seated. All persons at the table are to engage in dialogue with one another for a minimum duration of one minute.

At the completion of one minute with all persons sitting at the table, a stranger is to encircle the group at the table before placing an item of food and a beverage for each person seated in front of them and then leave.

Once all food and beverages have been served, those seated at the table are to either continue with their dialogue and/or partake of the food and beverage delivered for a further two minutes. At the completion of two minutes, each person seated may leave the table with their dog either simultaneously or individually.

Participants to walk away, with dogs on lead, from each other for a minimum of six paces.