

Responsibility & Care

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

Walking beside the Handler, without a lead

Dog can walk beside handler, off lead, in a calm and mannerly way, and with a person/dog distraction in the vicinity.

The handler will be directed to take the lead off the dog. Handler may pocket the lead, loop it around their body or carry loosely in one hand.

Sending the Dog to a known article & staying

The dog can be sent away from the handler, towards an article that is familiar to the dog and stay there.

Handler is required to provide a reasonably large article, known to the dog (e.g. mat, blanket, article of clothing) to which their dog will be sent.

Parked Vehicle control

Dog is seen to be relaxed and under control when getting in and out of a vehicle. And, when the dog is left in the vehicle on its own, dog remains unconcerned and relaxed when strangers and/or dogs pass nearby.

Into a vehicle and leaving dog: Handler is to detach the lead, making certain that the dog is both safe and secure (e.g. by use of a car harness, or confinement of dog to a caged area). Depending on the type of restraint the dog has, either windows or, alternatively, outer vehicle door is to remain open. Upon request by the Assessor, handler is to walk off to a position so that both vehicle and dog are out of sight.

Distractions outside the vehicle while parked: Person distraction and Person and their dog distraction.

Out of a vehicle: At the request of the Assessor, the handler is to return to the vehicle and remove any physical restraint (e.g. car harness, lead) or open any confined area is made free (e.g. cage door). Upon request by the Assessor to do so, the handler shall attach a lead to their dog and either instruct or assist the dog to exit the vehicle.

Delivering a dropped article to handler

The dog can find, retrieve, and return an article that belongs to the handler.

Another person walking the Dog in a public area with Distractions

The dog displays the same good manners and calmness when walked by another person other than its owner/handler. This demonstrates that the dog can be looked after by another person should the owner/handler not be present (e.g. dog staying over at family or friends, a veterinary clinic or boarding kennel).

Stop the Dog in a public area

To ascertain that the dog, while on the move away from the handler and at a distance from the handler, will stop immediately on command and remain in place until the handler reaches the dog and reattaches the lead.

This exercise is intended to simulate an emergency situation where the dog runs away from the handler towards a (distant) hazard.

Walking, with distractions, in a busy public area

In an area of high-volume traffic and pedestrians, the handler is observed to be in control, and their dog remain calm and stress free while walking, crossing roads and with a distraction of another dog and person. Dog is to remain on lead the entire time.

Café experience

Demonstrates that the dog will remain in a set location beside handler while handler is either seated at a table or seated as a group on the ground or seated as a group on the ground (picnic setup).