

Responsibility & Care

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

Examination of Dog by a stranger (handler at a distance)

Demonstrate that the dog can be handled by someone else other than their handler (e.g. dog groomer, vet), without undue objection, with the handler a short distance away.

After placement for examination, the handler is to instruct their dog to remain in the position placed and move away a distance no less than five paces but remain facing their dog.

After examination by the stranger, the handler will be requested to return to their dog.

Return to Handler (with distractions)

The handler's dog returns to the handler, despite distractions being present (e.g. other people and dogs).

Stop the Dog

To ascertain that the handler's dog, while on the move towards the handler, and at a distance from the handler, promptly obeys a command to stop and remain in place, until the lead is reattached by the handler.

This exercise is intended to simulate an emergency situation where the dog is running towards a hazard between the handler and the dog.

Advanced Vehicle control

Dog is seen to be relaxed and under control while getting in and out of a vehicle and while the vehicle is moving.

a. Into a vehicle: Handler is to open the door of the vehicle and leave open for a time of no less than 20 seconds. During this time, the dog is to remain at handler's side.

b. Vehicle is moving: Once the vehicle has been started, handler is to drive the vehicle for a time and distance directed by the Assessor.

c. Out of a vehicle: Dog is to remain in the vehicle for a time of no less than 20 seconds. Upon request by the Assessor to do so, the handler shall attach a lead to their dog and either instructor assist the dog to exit the vehicle.

Staying still & return to Handler in a Public Area

To determine the dog stays in one place, even though handler is moving away from their dog. Dog can then come to handler while the handler continues to move.

Calm & controlled behaviour while in a busy public area

In an area of high-volume traffic and pedestrians, the handler is observed to be in control of a dog that can remain calm and stress free:

- a. Walking:** Handler and dog are to be taken to a public area with high volume traffic and pedestrians.
- b. Staying in one area:** At some point on the walk, handler and dog are to stand still, out of the way of pedestrians, but still in a busy public area. Dogs may remain in any position but must remain beside the handler.
- c. Accept being touched by a stranger:** Should a member of the public show an interest in the handler's dog, the handler is to ask that person if they would like to pet their dog.

Café Experience

Demonstrates that the dog will remain in a set location beside handler while handler is either seated at a table or seated with a group on the ground, with food and beverages for all participants already arrayed (picnic setup).