

Pass Criteria

Puppies Pass Criteria

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- Use of food, etc as a reward will still be on a high rate but luring to get behaviour has been faded for the following exercises

- 3 step heeling without losing attention

- Sit – at left side (position for sit, drop, and stand does not need to be perfect, just needs to be on the left side)

- Drop – at left side

- Stand – at left side

- Turns – Handler to know how to execute left, left-about and right, right-about turns

- 10 second sit stay and 10 second down stay

- Informal recall

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Beginners Two Pass Criteria

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- Handler understands how to play with their dog as a reward using toy and/or body
- 3 step heeling without losing attention and without luring
- Sit – at left side, no luring, and working towards automatic
- Drop – at left side with no luring
- Stand – at left side with no luring
- Stand stay (10 sec) at left side with no lure (no return)
- 15 second sit stay
- 20 second down stay
- Formal recall – dog will sit and wait, sit in front position, and hold for return
- Turns – handler knows how to execute left, right, left-about, and right-about turns in traditional style and can do so with a loose lead
- Reinforcement with food, play, praise to be encouraged

Pink Pass Criteria

- Exercises to be performed without lure. Variable rewarding continues to be encouraged

- Short heeling pattern on a loose leash including all turns, sits, stands, and downs. The heeling should be of sufficient standard to demonstrate handler & dog are working solidly towards off-lead work. Turns should be acute (90o or 180o). Sits, stands, and downs should be performed with near correct position

- Stand stay on lead – 20 seconds with return

- Formal recall on lead – dog will sit and wait, sit in front position, and hold for handler return

- 30 second group sit stay on lead

- 1 minute group down stay on lead

- Handler needs to show a clear understanding of how to get their dog to perform these exercises – including being aware of position, commands (voice, hands, feet/body), and appropriate rewarding

Yellow Pass Criteria

- Heeling with loose lead of good standard. Tight leads and any correction with lead must incur a penalty in Competition

- Sits, downs, stands, all turns, and slow and fast pace to be executed in the heeling exercise. These should all be near, but not quite at, the standard that will be expected in CCD

- Stand for examination – Brief (includes return)

- Recall on lead. Dog to come without guidance from lead (no return)

- Finish of recall (judged as a separate exercise)

- 1 minute group Sit Stay on lead

- 2 minute group Down Stay on lead