

## Transcript 1 (T1)

### 1. Stand up for examination by owner

- **Aim:** This is one of the most useful exercises in this scheme where your dog's manageability will be tested. The purpose of this exercise is to make your dog understand that it is normal to be handled and examined so that should there ever be a necessity to be examined by your vet, groomer or by yourself there will be no miss happenings and unruly behaviour.
- **How to test:** The Dog shall be placed calmly in any position considered appropriate by his owner then he shall proceed to examine the dog's teeth, ears, paws, stomach. The owner can ask the examiner to hold his dog's leash but no other help can be give. Once this physical exam is carried out the owner shall gently groom his dog.
- **The expected outcome:** The dog should calmly let his owner do all the necessary examinations without being shy or aggressive.
- **Points management:** Two marks shall be allotted to each exercise.

### 2. Attentive response to name

- **Aim:** There should be a good communication and respect between owner and dog. This is the foundation for any future training. One of the most basic elements in order to determine this affinity is by simply noticing the dog's attentiveness and response to his owners call.
- **How to test:** Dog should be placed on a long leash and left to calmly examine the surroundings, when instructed by the tester the owner shall call out the dog's name, without pulling on the leash or making any other movements.
- **Expected Outcome:** When the owner call's his dog's name the dog should immediately look towards his owner and await instructions. A come to owner is also considered as correct.
- **Points management:** all points are lost if dog ignores his master's call, 2 points are lost if the dog does not return to owner but stops on what it was doing and look towards owner. Each time the handler calls the dog and dog doesn't acknowledge 2.5 points are deducted.

### 3. Controlled Play and article release

- **Aim:** At times dogs become too possessive upon play items and other belongings. The dogs must understand that his owner is the leader of the house and has the right upon all articles. This exercise will help establish leadership skills in the owner and help improve his relation with the dog, whilst at the same time encouraging play between owner and dog.
- **How to test:** The owner shall bring with him any toy that he considers appropriate and starts play around with his dog. The dog should show interest in the item. If it fails to play, this exercise has to be carried out at a later date. When instructed by the tester, the owner shall give the command to his dog to release the toy.
- **Expected Outcome:** There shall be some controlled play between owner and dog without aggressiveness from either parties. When instructed, the dog

shall immediately release the item and patiently wait for his owner to decide what's next to come.

- **Points management:** The owner can call the command to release the item not more than 3 times. 2 points will be deducted if the dog releases the item on the second command, whilst a total of 5 points will be deducted if the dog puts the item after the third command. If the owner gives the command more than 3 times he will fail this exercise. 5 marks will be deducted if the dog shows any aggressive behaviour even if the exercise is carried out correctly.

#### 4. Sit/Stay

- **Aim:** To have your dog calmly seated and wait for the next command. The ultimate scope of this exercise is not the sit itself, but to show control and obedience. So unlike competitive obedience, not much attention is paid on the position or manner of the sit as long as it is carried out effectively.
- **How to test:** Upon instructor's command the dog is placed on a sit position. The owner moves three steps forward and turns to face his dog. At this point the examiner can try to slightly distract the dog by making some noise or passing by or in front of the dog. After 10 seconds the owner rejoins his dog and walks away.
- **Expected Outcome:** Dog should sit as fast as possible and remain in this position for at least 10 seconds without being instructed anything else by his owner.
- **Points management:** 2.5 points will be deducted each time the sit command is given without response. Once seated the dog and owner should stay still at least for 10 seconds in front of each other. If in less than 10 seconds they move, 3 marks will be deducted (less than 7 second stay is a fail).

#### 5. Down/Stay

- **Aim:** To have your dog calmly in a down position and wait for the next command. Similarly to the sit command the ultimate aim of this exercise is not the down within itself but to show control and obedience, so unlike competitive obedience not much attention is paid on the position or manner of the down as long as it is carried out effectively.
- **How to test:** Upon instructor's command the dog is placed on a down position. The owner moves three steps forward and turns to face his dog. At this point the examiner can try to slightly distract the dog by making some noise or passing by or in front of the dog. After 10 seconds the owner rejoins his dog and walks away.
- **Expected Outcome:** Dog should go on a down as fast as possible and remain in this position at least 10 seconds without being instructed anything else by his owner.
- **Points management:** 2.5 points are lost each time the Down command is given without response, once seated the dog and owner should stay still at least for 10 seconds in front of his dog. If in less than 10 seconds they move, 3 marks will be deducted (less than 7 second stay is a fail).

#### 6. Stand/Stay

- **Aim:** To have your dog calmly in a stand position and wait for the next command. Similarly to the sit and down command explained above, the aim

of this exercise is to show control and obedience. So unlike competitive obedience not much attention is paid on the position or manner of the stand as long as it is carried out effectively.

- **How to test:** Upon instructor's command the dog is placed on a stand position, the owner moves three steps forward and turns to face his dog. At this point the examiner can try to slightly distract the dog by making some noise or passing by or in front of the dog. After 10 seconds the owner rejoins his dog and walks away.
- **Expected Outcome:** Dog should stay in a stand position and remain in this position for at least 10 seconds without being instructed anything else by his owner.
- **Points management:** 2.5 points will be deducted each time the Stand command is given without response. Once seated the dog and owner should stay still at least for 10 seconds in front of his dog. If in less than 10 seconds they move, 3 marks will be deducted (less than 7 second stay is a fail).

## 7. Socialising with strangers

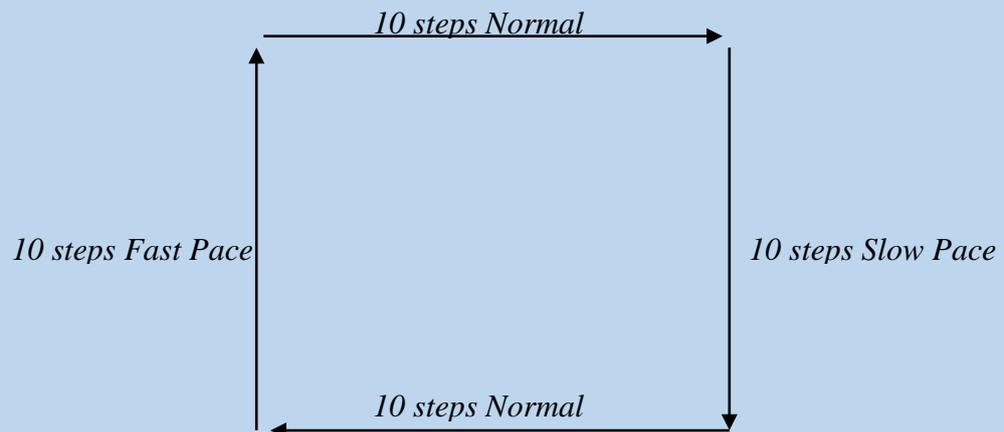
- **Aim:** Dog should be ready to welcome strangers without being weary or aggressive.
- **How to test:** The dog is to be approached by two different strangers separately. Each time the newcomer should gently approach and call the dog by the name and place his hand forward. The dog's owner should calmly address the dog to greet the stranger.
- **Expected Outcome:** The dog should examine the stranger and greet him/her, without either backing up or showing any aggressive behaviour.
- **Points management:** 4 points will be deducted if the dog shows initial controlled shyness or aggressiveness but then settles down and greets the strangers. All points will be lost if the dog exhibits shyness/aggressiveness and doesn't greet the stranger.

## 8. Socialising with an unknown dog

- **Aim:** The dog should show controllability in the proximity of other dogs over shyness and aggressiveness are not acceptable behaviours.
- **How to test:** The dog should be approached by another leashed dog, then both handlers should let the dogs greet each other, and then move forward together for at least ten steps after which both handlers can move towards separate directions. For test purposes the dog that helps in this exercise should be a calm submissive dog and ideally of opposite sex than the one being tested. It is always at the discretion of the judge to choose dogs but handler can address any issue before the exercise begins.
- **Expected Outcome:** Dog should calmly greet the newcomer then move forward with owner accompanied with the new handler and dog by their side.
- **Points management:** 2 points are lost each time the handler corrects the dog not to be shy/aggressive. This correction can only be carried out twice. If this is failed test could be repeated at a later date. Three points are lost if dog is unruly during walk.

## 9. Controlled walk

- **Aim:** It's always a pleasure to go for a walk with your dog without being pulled or without having to pull your dog around. A controlled walk shows respect and trust from the dog towards his owner.
- **How to test:** Dog should be kept on leash throughout this exercise while together with his owner they walk in a square shape with a minimum of 10 steps on each side. The dog should follow the owner's lead without pulling whilst staying on one side of the handler. The owner should alternate between Normal – Slow – Fast – Normal pace.



- **Expected Outcome:** Dog should walk besides owner without staying much behind or pulling in front. The dog should not change direction or side and should keep up with the instructions put forward.
- **Points management:** 2 points will be deducted each time the dog tries to change direction or pulls towards a different location. 2 points will be deducted each time the dog changes side whilst walking. Also 2 points will be deducted if the dog keeps much of a distance from his owner.

## 10. Down/Stay for 5 seconds with concluding recall to owner

- **Aim:** Here the dog is tested on two fold, first on the ability to wait in a given position and secondly the rejoin handler when called.
- **How to test:** Handler walks the dog on leash to a point indicated by the examiner. At this point the dog is placed on down position, leash is removed and handler moves forward 8 steps and then turns to face the dog. After 10 seconds dog is called to join owner. The dog may sit in front or turn on heel immediately.
- **Expected Outcome:** In none of the situations we are seeking an excellent polished finish as this will be tackled in T3. The aim here is to establish the foundations of obedience, control and a good solid relationship between handler and dog.
- **Points management:** 1 point will be deducted if the dog doesn't go down immediately. If the dog stands up without any instruction further 2 points will be deducted. For every recall command given, to which the dog doesn't obey, 2.5 points will be deducted each time.