

## Utility Protection Dog - Level #3

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#### **Obedience - Level #3:**

This exercise is done off lead. No prong, choke or electronic collars are allowed. Flat nylon or leather collar is permissible.

Random obedience pattern - three (3) left turns, three (3) right turns, two (2) about turns. Pattern is called out by the judge on the field. Slow, normal and fast pace to be interspersed throughout pattern. Two (2) decoys will be present on the field. One decoy will be walking around in a non-aggressive manner; the other decoy also while walking around during the course of the obedience routine will fire three (3) shots at random times during the obedience phase with a .38 cal. blank gun. The dog is not to leave the handlers heel position.

Handler out of sight stay - with dog on down stay for two (2) minutes with two (2) decoys walking around in a non-aggressive manner. Decoys will not be allowed to touch, talk or make extended eye contact with dog. Dog is not allowed to break from down stay.

Food refusal - with the dog on a down stay and the handler out of sight , a decoy will approach the dog no closer than three (3) feet and toss three (3) pieces of food to the dog. The dog must not pick up the food. Each piece of food must be within 1 foot of the dog

Down in motion - Two (2) decoys will be present on the field walking around in a non-aggressive manner. The handler will down his dog and leave him and walk fifty (50) yards away from the dog. The two (2) decoys will walk in between the handler and dog and continue to walk around the area. The handler will call the dog upon a signal from the judge, The dog will come to the handler but at the 25 yard mark, the handler will command the dog to down. The dog must go immediately into a down position and stay there for 30 seconds until commanded to return to the handler by the judge. The dog will finish to the heel position.

#### **Protection - Level #3:**

All protection work must be done off lead. No prong, choke or electronic collars allowed.

1. Decoy is fifty (50) yards away from handler and dog. Decoy is carrying two (2) metal trash can lids. Upon a signal from the judge the decoy begins banging the lids together and walking towards the handler. The decoy must walk in a calm non-aggressive manner but continually banging the lids. When the decoy is within ten (10) yards of the handler and dog, the handler sends the dog to engage the decoy. The decoy attempts to keep the dog from engaging by blocking his path with the trash can lids for thirty (30)

seconds. After the thirty (30) second limit is reached, the decoy allows the dog to engage for 20-30 seconds. Upon receiving a signal from the judge, the handler who will remain at the starting position during the entire exercise will then “out” the dog. The dog must either stand and guard or return to heel. If the dog elects to stand and guard/bark, the handler must be able to command the dog to return to the heel/finish position.

2. Decoy is seventy five (75) feet away from handler and dog. The decoy has a 2 ½ gallon bucket half filled with water. The handler sends the dog to engage the decoy. Upon the dog reaching the decoy, the decoy throws the water at the dog in an attempt to stop the dogs advance. If the dog engages the decoy, he is to fight the dog for 20-30 seconds. Upon receiving a signal from the judge, the handler who will remain at the starting position during the entire exercise will then “out” the dog. The dog must either stand and guard or return to heel. If the dog elects to stand and guard/bark, the handler must be able to command the dog to return to the heel/finish position.
3. Four (4) decoys are twenty five (25) feet from the handler and dog. Dog is on a six (6) foot lead in this exercise wearing either a flat nylon or leather type collar. The decoys who are wearing normal clothing begin acting in an aggressive manner and begin walking towards the handler and dog and form a semi-circle around the handler and dog. The dog must immediately without command attempt to keep any decoy away from the handler for a period of forty five (45) seconds. No decoy may not come any closer than eight (8) feet of dog. The dog must not show or fear or apprehension about the decoy.
4. The decoy will be approximately one hundred (100) feet away from the handler and dog. Upon a signal from the judge the decoy will fire two (2) shots from a .38 cal. blank gun and begin running. The handler will release the dog upon hearing the 2nd shot being fired. The decoy will drop the gun and continue running. The handler upon seeing the dog go past the halfway mark fifty (50) feet will recall the dog at the halfway point. The dog must stop all forward momentum and must return to the heel position or go into a down/stay and remain there until called back to the finish by the handler.

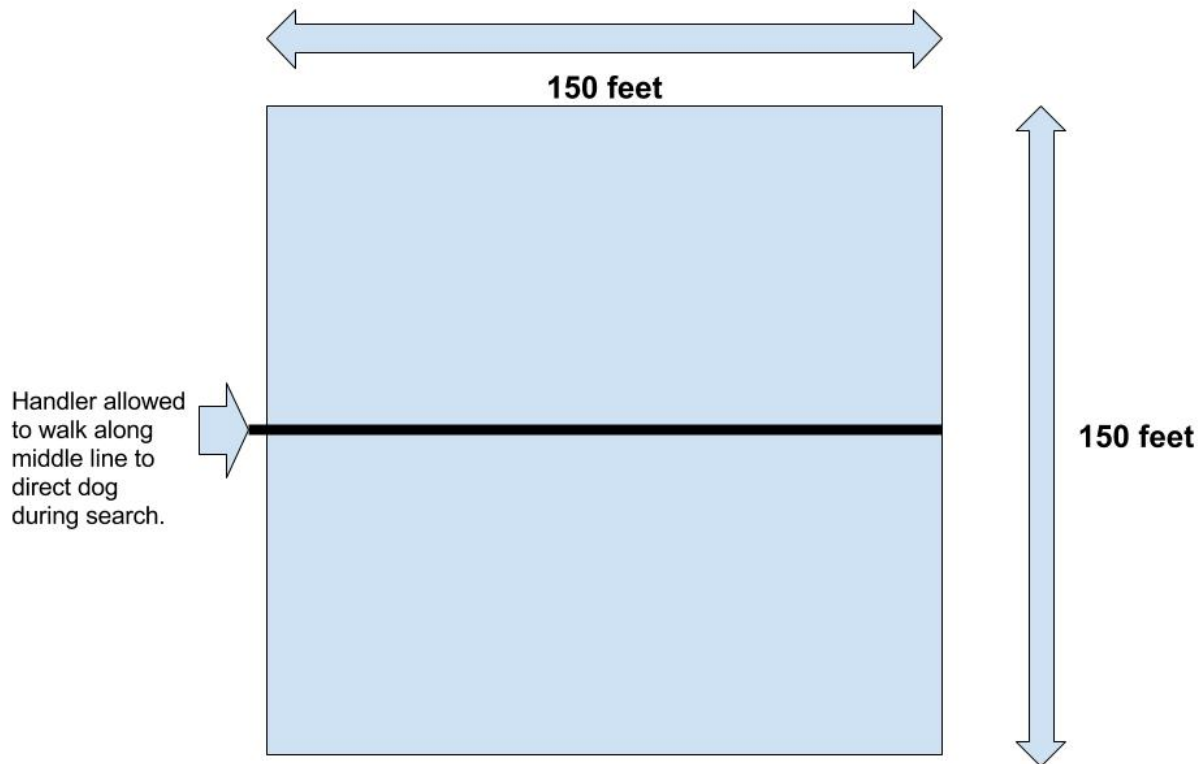
Muzzle Apprehension (non-compliant subject) - The decoy will be fifty (50) feet away from the K-9 team standing with his hands in his pockets. The decoy will be wearing normal street clothing. Upon a signal from the judge, the handler will begin to order the decoy to remove his hands from his pockets. The decoy will remain motionless and silent, still keeping his hands in his pockets as if he is hiding a weapon. After the 3rd time that the handler orders the decoy to show him his hands, the handler will send the dog to apprehend the decoy. The decoy once being physically contacted by the dog will attempt to fight the dog off for a period of thirty (30) seconds. Upon receiving a signal from the judge, the handler will move from the starting position to within ten (10) feet of where the decoy is currently engaged with the dog, the handler will then “out” the dog . The dog must either stand and guard or return to the handler. If the dog elects to stand and guard/bark, the handler must be able to command the dog to return to the heel/finish position. (eff. June 1, 2017)

- The handler will be confronted with two (2) level #3 scenarios. The scenarios will be picked by the judge on the day of testing.

**Lost article search - Level #3 (Simulates handler losing keys, cell phone and wallet)**

This exercise is done off lead. No prong or electronic collars are allowed. Flat nylon or leather collar is permissible.

Handler throws a set of keys and a cell phone and either a leather or nylon wallet into an area 150 ft. X 150 ft. The article must be at least seventy five (75) feet away from each other. Setup time is twenty (20) minutes. Dog has twelve (12) minutes to find both articles. Dog is allowed to either indicate upon articles by laying down/sitting or pick up articles and bring to handler.



**Lost Article Search -Level #3**