



Utility Obedience Test Level #1

Obedience must be done both **on and off lead**, (6-foot lead) depending on the exercise being performed. Only flat type leather or nylon collars are permitted. No prong, choke or electronic collars allowed.

Please note that any aggression from the dog will result in immediate disqualification.

Heeling exercise: (20 points maximum):

There is no set pattern for the heeling exercise. Upon reporting to the judge and starting from a sit position, at the judge's command, the dog, being on a six (6) foot lead, and handler will walk forward. During the course of the entire exercise, the judge will call out commands for the K-9 team to follow. The judge will make the K-9 team walk at normal pace, slow pace and fast pace. The judge will also call out for the K-9 team to make right turns, left turns, about turns. The heeling exercise will last a minimum of two (2) minutes but no longer than three (3) minutes.

Sit in Motion: (20 points maximum)

During the course of the heeling exercise, the judge will command the handler to complete a sit in motion with the dog. Upon the judge's command, the handler will command the dog to sit stay, drop the lead and continue to walk in a forward direction without looking back at the dog. The dog should immediately go to the "sit" position and remain there while the handler without breaking pace keeps walking in a forward direction. The judge will allow the handler to walk twenty-five (25) paces away from the dog.

Upon the handler walking the required distance, the judge will command the handler to call the dog while the handler is continuing walking in a forward direction. The dog will come to the handler and fall into the heel position and continue walking in the heel position until the judge terminates the exercise.

Two (2) recalls past stationary subjects - (2 people): (20 points maximum)

The dog will be placed either on a down stay or sit stay at the end of the trial field (25-yard mark) and the handler will walk to the far end of the trial field (25 yards mark) from the dog. In the middle of the trial field will be a group of two (2) people who will remain stationary but conversing with each other in normal tones. The dog is allowed to see the handler during the entire course of this exercise; however, the handler must remain close in line with the stationary subjects with the dog also close in line with the subjects. The handler will call the dog to come upon the judge's instructions. The dog will return to the handler and the heel position. The handler again will leave their dog in a stay position and repeat the exercise. The dog cannot stop or touch the stationary subjects during the course of this exercise.

Distance stay: (20 points maximum)

The judge will command the handler to place the dog on a down-stay or sit-stay (handlers' discretion) for one (1) minute and walk away for a distance of twenty five (25) feet from the dog. The handler will remain in sight of the dog during this entire exercise. The handler will not be allowed to issue any further commands during the course of this exercise. The dog must not break position during the entire time of this exercise.

Approachability: (20 points maximum)

The handler and dog must be able to approach a group of two (2) people within five (5) feet and engages in conversation with everyone in the group. The dog will be required to sit during the course of this exercise and must not break from position until released by the judge. The dog must not show any aggression towards any person and not break from the heel position.