

Utility Obedience Test - Level #2

Obedience must be done **off lead**, except for the obedience scenarios which is allowed to be done using a six (6) foot lead. 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 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 three (3) minutes but no longer than four (4) minutes.

Down in Motion: (20 points maximum)

During the course of the heeling exercise, the judge will command the handler to complete a down in motion with the dog. Upon the judge's command, the handler will command the dog to "down". The dog should immediately go to the "down" position and remain there while the handler keeps walking in a forward direction not looking back at the dog. The judge will allow the handler to walk at least twenty-five (25) paces but no more than thirty-five (35) 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. 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 moving subjects - (2 min.- 4 people max).: (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-yard mark) from the dog. In the middle of the trial field will be a group of not less than two (2) but no more than four (4) people who will remain stationary but conversing with each other in normal tones. 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 moving subjects during the course of this exercise.

Handler out of sight stay: (20 points maximum)

The judge will command the handler to place the dog on down stay for one (1) minute and relocate out of sight of the dog. During the course of the down stay, a ball will be rolled by the judge within five (5) feet but no further than ten (10) feet away from the dog. The dog must not break position during the entire time of this exercise.

<u>Obedience Scenarios with Distractions:</u> (20 points maximum)

Approachability - The handler and dog must be able to approach a group of four (4) 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.

Jogger - A person acting as a jogger immediately exits a hidden area approximately thirty (30) feet before the dog passes the hidden area and runs within eight (8) feet but no more than twelve (12) feet away past the K-9 team. The dog must not show any aggression towards the person running and not break from the heel position.

Bicycle - A person riding a bicycle exits a hidden area approx. twenty-five (25) feet before the dog passes the hidden area. The person on the bicycle rides past the dog and handler no closer than ten (10) feet or more than fifteen (15) feet away from the dog. The dog must not show any aggression towards the bicyclist and not break from the heel position.

NOTE: The handler will keep the dog restrained on a 6-foot leash at all times during the obedience scenarios and the leash is to be visibly loose to the judge.