

MISSOULA COUNTY 4H DOG PROGRAM

OPEN

****All exercises are done OFF LEAD**

(handler will bring dog to the ring ON lead. Ring steward will take the lead and give it back to the handler when the exercises are done. DO NOT leave the ring with your dog off lead.) You may NOT guide the dog with the collar. There is no stand for exam in open. There is no "B" class in Open

1) Heel Free & Figure Eight:

The commands for this exercise are FORWARD, HALT, RIGHT TURN, LEFT TURN, ABOUT TURN AND HALT. The figure eight is combined with the heel pattern. The commands may be given in any order, but the judge will try and standardize a pattern for everyone. Points will be deducted for repeating commands.

2) Drop on Recall:

This exercise begins with the dog sitting in the heel position. At the judge's instruction, the handler will command and/or signal for the dog to STAY or WAIT, and walk to the opposite end of the ring, turn, and face the dog with your hands at your side. On the judge's command, handler will give the dog the command or signal to COME and the dog must start straight in to the handler at a brisk pace. The judge will then give a clear voice or hand signal to DROP your dog. The handler will then give the command to the dog, and the dog must immediately drop completely to the DOWN position, where it will remain until, on the judge's order, the handler again gives the signal or command to COME. The dog must come straight in at a brisk pace and sit directly in front of the handler. On the judge's order, the handler will give the command or signal to finish. The manner in which the dog finishes is optional provided the dog finishes sitting straight at the heel position.

3) Retrieve on the Flat:

(**An AKC standard dumbbell must be used for this exercise. It should be proportionate to the size of the dog. Judge's orders are THROW IT, SEND YOUR DOG, TAKE IT and FINISH.)

This exercise begins with the dog sitting in the heel position (the handler may not give the STAY command with the hand that is holding the dumbbell). The judge will instruct the handler to throw the dumbbell and the handler will toss a dumbbell at least 20 feet across the ring. The dog must not move from the sitting position. The judge will instruct the handler to SEND YOUR DOG, and the dog must go immediately to the dumbbell, pick it up without any unnecessary mouthing, return to the handler and sit in front. The dog must not drop the dumbbell and should sit close enough (without touching) for the handler to take the dumbbell without stretching to reach the dog. The dog must release the dumbbell to the handler on command. FINISH will be as in all other exercises.

4) Retrieve over a Jump:

This exercise and the commands are basically the same as the retrieve on the flat, except the dog must go over the jump both going out from and returning to the handler.

Handler must stand at least eight feet from the jump with the dog sitting in a heel position. On the judge's orders, the handler will toss the dumbbell and send the dog out. The dog must go out over the jump, pick up the dumbbell, return over the jump and sit in front of the handler on one command. Standard finish on judge's instructions.

5) Broad Jump:

Principal feature of this exercise is that the dog stay where it is left until directed to jump and return to handler on a single command. The length of the jump will be proportionate to the size of the dog.

Exercise begins with dog sitting in heel position, approximately eight feet from broad jump. On the judge's orders to LEAVE YOUR DOG, the handler will walk to the right side of the broad jump and stand with toes approximately two feet from the jump. The judge will then instruct the handler to SEND YOUR DOG. At the handler's command, the dog will clear the entire distance of the jump (at which point the handler will turn to the right to face the dog), and return immediately to sit in front of the handler, as in the recall. Standard FINISH on the judge's orders.

6) Long Sit and Long Down:

(handlers out of sight)

Long sits and downs are the same as in other obedience levels, with the handlers out of the ring and out of sight. The long sit will be for three minutes and the long down for five minutes.

SCORING FOR OPEN OBEDIENCE

Heel Free/Figure Eight.....	40 points
Drop on Recall	30 points
Retrieve on Flat	20 points
Retrieve over High Jump	30 points
Broad Jump.....	20 points
Long Sit	30 points
Long Down	<u>30 points</u>
Total Points Possible	200 points

Points may be taken away for:

Heel and Figure Eight (off lead)

- Improper heel position
- Forging or lagging
- Crowding the handler
- No change of pace
- Sniffing
- No sits/poor sits
- Lack of naturalness/smoothness
- Handler error

Drop on Recall

- Delayed or slow response
- No score (-0-) is given for a dog that does not go into down position or does not remain down
- All other penalties from the Novice recall shall apply

Retrieve on the Flat

- Dog fails to "go out" on first command
- Dog goes out before command is given
- Dog fails to pick up dumbbell
- Dog does not come in close enough for handler to take dumbbell
- Dog fails to release dumbbell
- Mouthing and playing with dumbbell
- Slow go out or return
- Handler error
- All other penalties from Novice class shall apply

Retrieve over High Jump

- All scoring for the Retrieve on the Flat shall apply, in addition to:
- Dog fails to go over jump
- Dog knocks bar/panel off of jump
- Dog climbs the jump

Broad Jump

- Dog fails to stay in place until directed to jump
- Refusal to go over jump
- Does not clear entire distance of jump
- Walks across jump
- All other penalties from Novice recall shall apply

Long Sits and Downs

- All penalties from Novice sits and downs shall apply

SAMPLE OBEDIENCE JUDGE'S WORKSHEET

(Guide for Judge's Use ONLY – May be modified, as desired.)

DATE: _____

CLASS: **OPEN A**

DOG NO. _____

JUMPS: _____

SHOW: _____

(Note: If a dog receives a non-qualifying score for any exercise, (NQ) should be recorded in points-off column. Total score need not be given. NQ may be put in Total Score column.)

EXERCISE	NON-QUALIFYING (NQ)	QUALIFYING	Max. Points	Points Lost	NET SCORE
HEEL FREE THEN FIGURE 8	Unmanageable..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Heeling No change of pace Fast..... <input type="checkbox"/> Slow..... <input type="checkbox"/>	40		
	Unqualified Heeling..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Fig.8 Improper heel position..... <input type="checkbox"/>			
DROP ON RECALL	Handler continually adapts pace to dog..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Forging..... <input type="checkbox"/> Crowding handler..... <input type="checkbox"/>	30		
		Lagging..... <input type="checkbox"/> Sniffing..... <input type="checkbox"/>			
RETRIEVE ON FLAT	Didn't come on first command or signal..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Extra command to heel..... <input type="checkbox"/>	20		
	Anticipated command..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Heeling wide..... <input type="checkbox"/> Turns..... <input type="checkbox"/> Abouts..... <input type="checkbox"/>			
RETRIEVE OVER HIGH JUMP	Extra command or signal to stay..... <input type="checkbox"/>	No sits..... <input type="checkbox"/> Poor sits..... <input type="checkbox"/>	30		
	Moved from position..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Heel at brisk pace..... <input type="checkbox"/>			
BROAD JUMP	Sat out of reach..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Handler error..... <input type="checkbox"/>	20		
	Failing to drop..... <input type="checkbox"/>				
NQ			140		
LONG SIT (3 MIN.)	Fails to go out on first command or signal..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Slow: Going..... <input type="checkbox"/> Returning..... <input type="checkbox"/>	30		
	Fails to retrieve..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Mouthing..... <input type="checkbox"/> Dropping..... <input type="checkbox"/>			
LONG DOWN (5 MIN.)	Anticipated command..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Directly to dumbbell..... <input type="checkbox"/>	30		
	Refuses to jump on first command or signal..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Touched handler..... <input type="checkbox"/> Poor return..... <input type="checkbox"/>			
MAXIMUM POINTS			200		
MISCELLANEOUS PENALTY			⇒		
TOTAL NET SCORE				⇒	