

# MISSOULA COUNTY 4H DOG PROGRAM

## NOVICE

### INDIVIDUAL EXERCISES

#### Heel on lead and Figure Eight:

Commands for this exercise are FORWARD, HALT, SLOW, FAST, NORMAL, RIGHT TURN, LEFT TURN, AND ABOUT TURN. The commands may be given in any sequence and repeated, but the judge will try and standardized the pattern for everyone.

#### 1) Heel on Lead:

The six foot lead is held in the right hand at waist level. (When training, make corrections with your left hand. However, corrections are not permitted in the show ring.) Any tightening or jerking of the lead or any act, signal or command which in the judge's opinion gives the dog assistance, shall be penalized.

The lead shall be loose and the dog sitting in the Heel Position when starting the exercise. The judge will ask if the handler is ready and if so, give the order "Forward". A command or signal to HEEL is given by the handler and the handler will walk briskly and naturally with the dog on a loose lead. Left and right turns will be 90 degree turns. The about turn will always be to the right. At the HALT, the handler will stop and the dog will promptly sit in the Heel Position without a command or signal. After each Halt, the command or signal to HEEL may be given again. The judge will say "Exercise finished" after the HEEL ON LEAD exercise is completed.

#### 2) Figure Eight:

Two stewards will stand eight feet apart, facing each other (stewards will not touch, talk to or make eye contact with the dog, so as not to distract him). The Figure Eight is on lead. The judge will place the handler and dog in the starting position facing the judge, halfway between the two stewards. The orders from the judge will be FORWARD, HALT and EXERCISE FINISHED. The handler may choose to begin in either direction (however, left is easier).

#### 3) Stand for Exam:

The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stand in position before and during the examination and that the dog display neither shyness nor resentment to the judge.

The handler will take the dog on lead to the place indicated by the judge. The handler will then remove the lead and hand it to one of the stewards.

On the command from the judge to stand your dog and leave when ready, the handler may give the dog a command and/or signal to STAND and then pose the dog. When the handler is ready (in a reasonable amount of time), the command and/or signal to STAY is given. The handler will walk forward about six feet and face the dog. The judge will give the dog a brief exam and tell the handler to return to the dog. The dog must remain standing until after the judge has said "Exercise finished" and the handler has released the dog.

#### 4) Heel Free:

Heel Free will be executed in the same manner as Heel on Lead except that the dog will be off lead and there will be no Figure Eight. Commands and scoring will be the same.

**5) Recall:**

The principal feature of this exercise is for the dog to stay put until called by the handler.

The handler will place the dog in a sit at the Heel Position where indicated by the judge. On the judge's command, the handler will give the command and/or signal for the dog to STAY. The handler will then walk forward about 35 feet to the opposite side of the ring, turn and face the dog. On the judge's order, the handler will give the command OR signal to COME. The dog must come straight to the handler and sit directly in front of the handler -- close enough for the handler to reach out and touch, but not touching 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 (around the back of the handler or swinging to the left of the handler), provided the dog finishes sitting at the Heel Position.

**GROUP EXERCISES (off lead)**

**1) Long Sit:**

The principal feature of this exercise is for the dog to remain in the sitting position until released by the handler.

This exercise is done with all of the dogs in the ring at the same time (the judge may split the group if there are a large number of entries). Handlers and dogs will enter the ring on lead. Handlers and dogs will be lined up on one side of the ring with the dogs sitting at heel. Leads will be removed and placed on the ground behind each dog. On order from the judge, handlers will give the dogs the command and/or signal to SIT. The judge will then tell the handlers to LEAVE THEIR DOGS. Handlers will give their dogs the command and/or signal to STAY and go to the opposite end of the ring, turn and face their dogs. After ONE MINUTE, the judge will say, "Back to your dogs", and the handlers will return around behind their dogs and up to the Heel Position. The dogs must not move until after the judge has said, "Exercise finished", and the handler has released his/her dog.

**2) Long Down:**

This is also a group exercise. The exercise begins with the dogs sitting at Heel Position. The judge will give the command to DOWN their dogs. The handlers will give their dogs the command and/or signal to DOWN. They will NOT touch the dogs or their collars. The judge will then tell the handlers to leave their dogs. Handlers will give the command and/or signal to STAY and go to the opposite end of the ring, turn and face their dogs. After THREE MINUTES the judge will tell the handlers to return to their dogs. Handlers will return around behind the dogs and up to the Heel Position. Dogs must not move from the DOWN position until after the judge has said, "Exercise finished", and the handler has released his/her dog.

**SCORING FOR NOVICE OBEDIENCE**

Heel on Lead and Figure Eight .....	40 points
Stand for exam .....	30 points
Heel Free .....	30 points
Recall .....	30 points
Long Sit .....	30 points
Long Down .....	<u>30 points</u>
Total points possible	200 points

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Points may be taken away for:

Heel:

- Improper heel position
- Occasional tight lead
- Forging
- Crowding Handler
- Lagging
- Sniffing
- Heeling wide
- No change of pace (fast/slow)
- No sits/poor sits
- Lack of naturalness/smoothness
- Handler error

Stand for Exam:

- Resistance to handler positioning
- Extra command to stand
- Extra command to stay
- Moving slightly during examination
- Moving after examination
- Sits as handler returns
- Lack of naturalness/smoothness
- Handler error

Recall:

- Stood or laid down
- Slow response
- No sit
- Poor sit
- No finish
- Poor finish
- Extra command to finish
- Touched handler
- Lack of naturalness/smoothness
- Handler error

Long Sit:

- Stood or laid down before handler returns
- Minor movement before handler returns
- Whining or barking
- Minor movement after handler returns
- Gets up and goes to handler
- Disturbs other dog(s)

Long Down:

- Stood up or sat before handler returns
- Minor movement before handler returns
- Whining or barking
- Excessive sniffing
- Minor movement after handler returns
- Gets up and goes to handler
- Disturbs other dog(s)

# SAMPLE OBEDIENCE JUDGE'S WORKSHEET

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

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS: **NOVICE** \_\_\_\_\_ (A or B)

DOG NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SHOW: \_\_\_\_\_

BREED: \_\_\_\_\_

(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
<b>HEEL ON LEASH THEN FIGURE 8</b>	Heeling Fig. 8	Heeling Fig. 8	<b>40</b>		
	Unmanageable..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Unqualified Heeling..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Handler continually Adapts pace to dog..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Constant tugging on Leash or guiding..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	No change of pace Fast..... <input type="checkbox"/> Slow..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Improper heel position..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Occasional tight leash..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Forging..... <input type="checkbox"/> Crowding handler..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Lagging..... <input type="checkbox"/> Sniffing..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Extra command to heel..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Heeling wide..... <input type="checkbox"/> Turns..... <input type="checkbox"/> Abouts..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> No sits..... <input type="checkbox"/> Poor sits..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Brisk pace..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Handler error..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>STAND FOR EXAM</b>			<b>30</b>		
	Sits or lies down before or during examination..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Growls or Snaps..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Moves away before or during examination..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Shows shyness or resentment..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Moving slightly before or during..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Moves feet..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Moving after examination..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Sits after exam..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Heel position..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Extra signal or command..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Handler error..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>HEEL FREE</b>			<b>40</b>		
	Unmanageable..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Unqualified heeling..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Handler continually adapts pace to dog..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Leaving handler..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	No change of pace Fast..... <input type="checkbox"/> Slow..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Improper hand position..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Occasional tight leash..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Forging..... <input type="checkbox"/> Crowding handler..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Lagging..... <input type="checkbox"/> Sniffing..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Extra command to heel..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Heeling wide..... <input type="checkbox"/> Turns..... <input type="checkbox"/> Abouts..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> No sits..... <input type="checkbox"/> Poor sits..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Brisk pace..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Handler error..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>RECALL</b>			<b>30</b>		
	Didn't come on first command or signal..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Anticipated..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Extra command or signal to stay..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Moved from position..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Sat out of reach..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Leaving handler..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Stood or lay down..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Slow response..... <input type="checkbox"/> Touched handler..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> No sit in front..... <input type="checkbox"/> Sat between feet..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> No finish..... <input type="checkbox"/> Poor sit..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to come directly to handler..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Poor finish..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to come at a brisk trot or gallop..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Handler arms not at side..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Handler error..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>			
	<b>NQ</b>	<b>MAX SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>140</b>		
<b>LONG SIT (1 MIN.)</b>			<b>30</b>		
	Did not remain in place..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Goes to another dog..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Repeated whines or barks..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Stood or laid down before handler returns..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Stood or laid down after handler returns to heel position..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Minor move before handler returns..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Minor whine or bark..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Forced into position..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Handler error..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>LONG DOWN (3 MIN.)</b>			<b>30</b>		
	Did not remain in place..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Goes to another dog..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Repeated whines or barks..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Stood or sat before handler returns..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Stood or laid down after handler returns to heel position..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Minor move before handler returns..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Minor whine or bark..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Forced into position..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Handler error..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>MAXIMUM POINTS</b>			<b>200</b>		
<b>MISCELLANEOUS PENALTY</b>			⇒		
<b>TOTAL NET SCORE</b>				⇒	

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## Showmanship Score Sheet

Jr. Class \_\_\_\_\_ Sr. Class \_\_\_\_\_

Handler's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_ Ribbon \_\_\_\_\_ Placing \_\_\_\_\_

	<u>Circle the Ring</u>						Total
15 Points	Watches the Judge	5	4	3	2	1	
	Trots Dog	5	4	3	2	1	
	Stacks Dog	5	4	3	2	1	
						total	_____
15 Points	<u>Line Up</u>						
	Watches Judge & Dog	5	4	3	2	1	
	Moves Dog Around Ring	5	4	3	2	1	
	Stacks Dog	5	4	3	2	1	
						total	_____
10 points	<u>Appearance (Dog)</u>						
	Proper Equipment	5	4	3	2	1	
	Grooming	5	4	3	2	1	
						total	_____
5 points	<u>Appearance (Handler)</u>						
	Proper Attire/Cleanliness	5	4	3	2	1	
						total	_____
25 Points	<u>Straight Out and Back</u>						
	Watches Judge and Dog	5	4	3	2	1	
	Straight Line	5	4	3	2	1	
	Trots Dog	5	4	3	2	1	
	Turn Around	5	4	3	2	1	
	Stacks Dog	5	4	3	2	1	
						total	_____
30 points	<u>Individual Pattern</u>						
	Watches Judge	5	4	3	2	1	
	Changes Hands (L Pattern)	yes _____		no _____	(5 points)		
	Small Circle (Triangle)	5	4	3	2	1	
	Trots Dog	5	4	3	2	1	
	Turn	5	4	3	2	1	
	Stacks Dog	5	4	3	2	1	
						total	_____

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