

MISSOULA COUNTY 4H DOG PROGRAM

SUB-NOVICE

** All exercises for Sub-Novice are done ON LEAD

INDIVIDUAL EXERCISES:

1) Heel on Lead & Figure Eight:

Commands for this exercise are "Forward", "Halt", "Slow", "Fast", "Normal", "Right Turn", "Left Turn", "About Turn",

The heel position, as defined by the AKC Obedience Regulation Book:

"The heel position, whether the dog is sitting, standing, lying down, or moving forward, means that the dog shall be straight in line with the direction in which the handler is facing, at the handler's left side and as close as practicable to the handler's left leg without crowding, permitting the handler freedom of motion at all times. The area from the dog's head to shoulders shall be in line with the handler's left hip."

The commands may be given in any sequence and repeated, but the judge will attempt to standardize the heeling pattern for everyone.

The lead will be loose with the dog sitting in the Heel Position when starting this exercise. The judge will ask if the handler is ready, and if so, will say "Forward". A command 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. 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. After each halt, the command to heel may be given again. The judge will say, "Exercise finished", after the Heel On Lead portion is completed.

2) Figure Eight

Two stewards will stand eight feet apart, facing each other. The judge will place the handler and dog in the starting position facing the judge and halfway between the two stewards. The commands will be "Forward", "Halt" and "Exercise Finished". The handler may go in either direction (left is easier).

3) Stand For Exam

The principal feature of this exercise is for the dog to stand in position before and during the examination and that the dog does not display shyness or resentment.

The handler will take the dog on lead to the place indicated by the judge. The judge will say, "Stand your dog and leave when ready". When the handler is ready (in a reasonable amount of time), the command is given to the dog to stay. The handler will walk to the end of the lead and face the dog. The judge will give the dog a brief exam and say, "Return to your dog". The handler will walk around behind the dog and return with the dog at Heel Position. The dog must remain in place until after the judge says "Exercise finished" and the handler has released the dog.

4) Recall:

The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog will stay where left until called by the handler. The handler will have the dog sitting in the Heel Position. On order from the judge, the handler may give the command to the dog to "Stay" or "Wait", then walk to the end of the lead and face the dog. On the judge's signal, the handler will tell the dog to "Come". The dog must come straight to the handler and sit directly in front of the handler. On the judge's command, the

handler will give the dog a command to "Heel" or "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 straight in the heel position.

GROUP EXERCISES

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

1) Long Sit:

This exercise is done as a group with all of the dogs in the ring at the same time. (The judge may decide to split the group if there are a large number of entries.) Handlers and dogs will be lined up on one side of the ring with dogs sitting at heel position. Order from the judge, all handlers will give the dogs the command to sit. The judge will then say, "Leave your dog." The handlers will give the dogs the "stay" command and/or signal, walk to the end of the lead and face their dogs. After one minute the judge will say, "Return to your dog." Handlers will return around behind the dogs and up to the heel position. The dogs must not move from the sitting position until after the judge says "Exercise finished."

2) Long Down:

This is also a group exercise. This exercise begins with the dogs sitting at heel position. The judge will give the handlers 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 collars, they will NOT guide the dogs down with the lead. The judge will tell the handlers to leave their dogs. Handlers will give the "stay" command and/or signal, walk to the end of the lead 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 may not move from the down position until after the judge says, "Exercise finished."

** If your dog gets up and attempts to come to you, pull him to you and have him sit in the recall position so as not to disturb the other dogs

SCORING FOR SUB-NOVICE

Heel on lead and Figure Eight	40 points
Stand for Exam	30 points
Recall	30 points
Long Sit	30 points
Long Down	30 points
Total points possible	160 points

Points may be taken away for:

Heel:

- Improper heel position
- Occasional tight lead
- Lagging behind or forging ahead
- Excessive sniffing on the ground
- Extra commands to heel
- No change of pace (fast/slow)
- No sits

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Stand for Exam:

- Resistance to handler posing
- Extra commands to stay
- Growling or shying away from judge
- Moving during exam
- Moving after exam
- Sits as handler returns

Recall:

- Handler's arms not at sides
- Dog stood or lay down
- Dog did not return to handler
- Extra command to come
- No sit in front
- Poor sit
- Poor finish
- Leaving handler

Long sit:

- Handler guides or forces dog to sit
- Dog lay down or stands before handler returns
- Excessive whining or barking
- Disturbing other dogs
- Stood or lay down after handler returns (before being released)

Long Down:

- Handler guides or forces dog to lie down
- Dog sits or stands before handler returns
- Excessive whining or barking
- Excessive sniffing
- "Creeping" out of place
- Disturbing other dogs
- Excessive movement
- Dog sits or stands after handler returns (before being released)

*Any dog who fouls the ring or leaves the ring is automatically disqualified

** Any dog that is overly aggressive, out of control, attacks another dog or starts a dog fight will automatically be disqualified and asked to leave the ring.

SAMPLE OBEDIENCE TRIAL SCORE BREAKDOWN

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

DATE: _____

CLASS: **PRE-NOVICE**

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.) Dogs need not receive a qualifying score for ribbons or prizes.

EXERCISE	NON-QUALIFYING (NQ)	QUALIFYING	Max. Points	Points Lost	NET SCORE
HEEL ON LEASH	Unmanageable..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Heeling Fig. 8		45	
	Unqualified Heeling..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Forging..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Crowding handler..... <input type="checkbox"/>		
FIGURE 8 ON LEASH	Handler continually adapts pace to dog..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Lagging..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Sniffing..... <input type="checkbox"/>	25	
	Constant tugging on leash or guiding..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Extra command to heel..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Heeling wide..... <input type="checkbox"/>		
STAND FOR EXAM ON LEASH	Unmanageable..... <input type="checkbox"/>	No sits..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Poor sits..... <input type="checkbox"/>	30	
	Unqualified Heeling..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Sluggish pace..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Handler error..... <input type="checkbox"/>		
RECALL ON LEASH	Handler continually adapts pace to dog..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Moves feet..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Moving after examination..... <input type="checkbox"/>	40	
	Sits or lies down before or during examination..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Sits as handler returns..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Extra signal or command..... <input type="checkbox"/>		
SIT AND STAY (1 MIN.) ON LEASH	Growls or Snaps..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Leash on floor..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Tight leash..... <input type="checkbox"/>	30	
	Moves away before or during examination..... <input type="checkbox"/>	No sit in front..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Poor sit..... <input type="checkbox"/>		
DOWN AND STAY (3 MIN.) ON LEASH	Shows shyness or resentment..... <input type="checkbox"/>	No finish..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Poor finish..... <input type="checkbox"/>	30	
	Didn't come on first command or signal..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Extra command to finish..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Failure to come at a brisk trot or gallop..... <input type="checkbox"/>		
	NQ	MAX SUB-TOTAL		140	
MAXIMUM POINTS			200		
MISCELLANEOUS PENALTY			⇒		
TOTAL NET SCORE				⇒	

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Showmanship Score Sheet

Jr. Class _____ Sr. Class _____

Handler's Name _____ Number _____

Dog's Name _____ Breed _____

Date _____ Score _____ Ribbon _____ Placing _____

15 Points	<u>Circle the Ring</u>						Total
	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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