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#### Introduction

Boys and girls who have a special talent for training dogs and who have a dog that has trained reasonably well in the Pre-Novice class will enjoy the challenge of more advanced training. Many dogs seem to enjoy the exercises of advanced training more than in the Pre-Novice class. Some dogs especially enjoy the jumping and retrieving exercises. The 4-H leader may also find the challenge of advanced training more interesting.

Many boys and girls who train at this level will enjoy competing in AKC trials and will earn Companion Dog (CD) degrees and others as offered through the American Kennel Club. Through competition of this type you will meet other people who have similar interests in dogs. You will find these people warm and friendly and glad to exchange training ideas.

#### The novice course

The Novice class differs from the Pre-Novice by addition of the heel off leash exercise. Dogs should heel well on leash before starting the off leash heeling. Both the instructor and member may find it useful to review the training methods of the Pre-Novice course in the 4-H literature, 4H436, *The Basics of Training Your Dog.* 

#### The heel off leash

The heel off leash starts from the heel position. Unsnap the leash and have your dog sitting squarely at your heel. Upon the command, "Forward," from your instructor, step off on your left foot while saying the dog's name and "Heel." If he lags or heels wide, give him encouragement to heel by saying his name and repeating the command. If he bolts away, put him back on the leash immediately. Do not let him think you lack control over him because he is off the leash. (See Images 1-3.)

It is important that you show confidence in your dog when training but especially when he is doing exercises off leash. When you step off to heel, give the command in a confident manner and step out briskly. Do not hesitate and look to see if he is keeping up or your dog will almost certainly lag behind and stop. Do the heel off leash for short periods of time; then place him back on leash for more heeling.

Most dogs will become bored at some level of training. Training only once or twice a week or stopping entirely for a week or two may help a dog that is obviously bored with training.

#### The training schedule

The class should have nine weekly meetings of one hour duration. The instructor will usually review the exercises at the first meeting and determine the exercises in which each dog needs extra training. At the second meeting, the heel free exercise may be started. The instructor may teach the course so that each dog receives maximum individual attention with problem exercises.

Time should be devoted to teaching the correct manner of conducting each exercise. You should stand and walk arrow straight and look straight ahead while doing the exercises. When doing the recall, do not move your head when calling your dog or give a second command with your shoulders and hips when you finish your dog. Using correct posture will take concentration, especially when in competition. Execute the left and right turns and about turns sharply. Perform all the exercises in a pleasant but businesslike manner.

Image 1: Start training your dog to heel off leash by using a very loose leash. Looping the leash over your shoulder works well.



#### The graduate novice course

Graduate Novice training differs from Novice by inclusion of the exercise, "Drop on recall." The long sit is three minutes and the long down is five minutes in duration, with the handler out of sight. Dogs will be scored using the Graduate Novice scorecard.

#### Heel on leash, heel free and figure 8

This exercise should be practiced each week. The heel free and figure 8 are combined into one exercise. Training methods remain the same. Remember to alternate the off leash and on leash training. If your dog lags when doing the figure 8, you may encourage him to go faster by taking short, quick steps especially on the curve where he has the outside path.

#### Stand for examination off leash

At this point in training your dog will probably do this exercise well. Repeat it often enough, especially with a stranger, to keep him performing well.

#### Drop on recall

#### First week of training

Place your dog in the sitting position and step two or three feet away in front of him. (See Image 4.) While saying

"Down," quickly raise your right hand, palm open, slightly higher than your head; pause for only a moment and bring your hand down sharply. If your dog does not obey, use your left hand to jerk downward on the training collar. After he has been down for a short time, give him the command, "Sit." You may need to give a jerk upward with the leash. Your dog should go down when your hand goes up. Holding your hand up for a moment the first few days of training may help him learn the signal, but it should soon be a quick up and down motion.

Vary your method of changing your dog from the down to the sitting position. Sometimes command him to sit when you are directly in front of him; other times go back to the heel position, pause a moment and then command him to sit.

After it appears that he understands the hand signal, occasionally leave off the verbal command. Gradually move to the end of the six-foot leash and give the signal and command, "Down."

Hold your arms at your sides when doing the recall. Your dog may be tempted to nose them if you let them hang.

Image 2: Practice the heel off leash in an area your dog is used to. Also keep safety in mind. Train away from traffic in case your dog decides to run away.

Image 3: Keep your hand resting comfortably at your side while heeling off leash. Image 4: Begin the recall with your dog at your side in a sitting position. Prepare to leave your dog.









#### Second week

When teaching the down, insist on an immediate drop, not a slow sinking to the ground. Do not forget the praise. This is most important.

When your dog seems to understand and obeys your command when you are standing at the end of the leash, you may then remove it and drop him at short distances, gradually moving to 40 feet away. If he does not obey when off leash or at a distance of 40 feet, place him back on leash and repeat the training. For more control at a distance, you may attach a 40-foot lightweight cord. If he does not work well off leash, you will usually make faster progress by placing him back on the six-foot leash.

Image 5: Move 40 feet away from your dog.



Image 6: Call your dog.



Image 7: Down your dog. When you finish, remember to praise your dog.



#### Third week

The next procedure is teaching your dog to go down from the standing position. Follow the same steps for teaching him the down from the sitting position: Leave him in the standing position, step two or three feet away in front of him, and give the hand signal and command, "Down."

#### Fourth week

Gradually move back to the end of the 40-foot leash, finally removing the leash and dropping him at this distance. Remember not to say his name before the command, "Down."

#### Fifth week

Teaching the dog to drop in motion is the next step. but first be sure he understands the other steps. While heeling on leash, suddenly stop and quickly step backward saying your dog's name and "Come." When he starts coming toward you, stop suddenly and give the signal and command, "Down." If your training has been complete up to this point, he should drop on your first attempt. If he does not, give him a sharp correction by putting him down with a jerk on the training collar. After he has been down a few moments, give him the command, "Sit." Then step backward quickly and say his name and "Come." Continue backward until he is in full motion; then stop and have him sit directly to your front just as when doing a recall. Be ready to pull up on the leash to put him in the sit as he may have learned too well on the first try and anticipates a down command. After he has sat in front, send him to heel as the finish of the recall.

Alternate the down and coming to you as the recall. Do not allow him to anticipate commands.

#### Sixth week

The next step is taught off leash. Place your dog in the sitstay and take a position 25 feet to his front. Say his name and "Come." When halfway to you, give the command and signal to down. Gradually increase the distance to 40 feet. Drop him at various distances. Alternate with straight recalls so that he will not anticipate commands. (See Images 5-7.)

If he slows down when coming to you in anticipation of a drop, start running backward and say "Come," encouraging him to speed up. Never drop him unless he is coming at full speed as it will only cause him to come in slower and drop without a command or signal.

Do not forget to vary the exercises to prevent boredom. Do not forget the praise.

In an obedience trial, you may use either the command or signal to down your dog. Using both is considered a double command and will be scored against you. Using the signal is preferred as the dog will be more alert and will give you his undivided attention.

#### The long sit

The handler is out of sight for three minutes.

#### Seventh week

By the seventh week your dog well understands when he is being trained and when he is released from training. Take him to a familiar training area where there are buildings, trees or bushes you can easily hide behind. Do not try to hide behind a single tree, a car or other object which might enable him to see a part of you.

Go through several exercises he does best to let him know he is training. Heel him where he can see the corner or edge of your hiding place. Order him to stay and then walk briskly and confidently away without a backward glance. The first several times you should not be out of sight more than a few moments. When you return, pause momentarily before praising and repeating the exercises. It is important that your dog have confidence that you will return to him. This can be accomplished by being out of sight for short periods of time at first and gradually extending the time to three minutes. First, disappear from his sight at short distances and gradually extend to the distance of as much as 100 feet.

#### Image 8: Practice on a regular basis.



If your dog breaks from the position to wander off or look for you, you will need a person to signal you so that you can take the dog back to the exact same spot and sternly give him the command to stay again. You may give him a jerk backward with the training collar to further emphasize his staying in that position.

#### The long down

The handler is out of sight for five minutes.

#### Eighth week

This exercise may be taught in the same manner as the long sit. Again, return to the training area that has a building, hallway or dense bushes that will hide you completely from his view. Place him in the down, give a firm command and signal to stay, and walk briskly out of sight. Return after a short time and gradually extend the time to five minutes and the distance to 100 feet. Use the correction methods of the long sit.

#### **Training schedule**

The training schedule which follows will not suit the needs of all dogs. Some will learn slower than others. The drop on recall will take considerable time to teach. This exercise has been broken down into weekly portions. Do not advance to the next week's training until he does the preceding part well. Patience is very important in teaching these exercises. (See Image 8.)

#### First week

The heel on leash, the heel free and figure 8. These exercises should be practiced at each of the training periods.

Teach the hand signal and command, "Down," when standing directly in front of the dog. During the week of practice, the handler may gradually move to the end of the six-foot leash and alternate leaving off the verbal command.

#### Second week

Review the previous lesson. Remove the leash and drop him from distances of not more than 15 feet. During the week of practice, the handler may increase the distance to 40 feet.

#### Third week

Review the previous lesson. Teach the dog to "Down" from the standing position. The handler should be standing in front of the dog on leash at a distance of about two or three feet. During the week of practice, the handler may move to the end of the leash. Alternate the use of the command and signal.

#### Fourth week

Review the previous lesson. Remove the leash and drop your dog at a distance not greater than 15 feet. During the week of practice the handler may gradually move back to 40 feet.

#### Fifth week

Review the previous lesson. Teach the drop in motion on leash. Alternate his dropping in motion and his coming to the sitting position to the handler's front as the recall so that he will not anticipate commands.

#### Sixth week

Review the previous lesson. Place your dog in the stand-stay off leash and take a position 25 feet to his front. Say his name and "Come." When halfway in, give him the command and signal to drop. During the week of practice, the handler may extend the distance to 40 feet. Be sure to drop him at various distances and alternate the down command with doing a complete recall.

#### Seventh week

Review the previous lesson. The long sit. (Handler out of sight for three minutes.)

The handler should be out of sight of his dog for a short period of time to build the dog's confidence that he will return. During the week of practice the handler may extend the length of time and distance out of sight.

#### Eighth week

Review the previous lesson. The long down. (Handler is out of sight for five minutes.) This exercise should be taught in the same manner as the long sit. The other exercises should also be reviewed.

Ninth week Review of exercises.

*Tenth week* Graduation.

#### The pre-open class

The Pre-Open class escalates from the Graduate Novice by including the retrieve on flat and broad jump. Most dogs will take to the jumping and some will enjoy the retrieving. The retrieving is usually much easier for the sporting and working dogs. The Pre-Open class scorecard will be used for judging.

#### The heel free, figure 8, and drop on recall

Practice these exercises every week to keep your dog performing smartly. (See Image 9.)

#### The retrieve on flat

For the retrieve on flat, the handler stands with the dog sitting in the heel position. The judge gives the order, "Throw it," whereupon the handler gives the command and signal, "Stay," and throws a dumb-bell about 30 feet directly in front of the dog. He must not give the signal with the hand

Image 9: Remember to change pace. Try to see how slow you can go. Image 10: The dumbbell should fit comfortably in your dog's mouth.





in which he holds the dumbbell. The judge will then say "Send your dog," whereupon the handler gives the command, "Take it." The dog should retrieve the dumbbell at a fast trot or gallop. He should sit straight in front within easy reach of the handler and hold the dumbbell in his mouth without chewing or mouthing it. The judge will then order "Take it." and the handler commands his dog "Out" and takes the dumbbell from him. The judge will then order "Finish" and the handler may then give the command or signal to heel as in the recall. The judge may then say, "Exercise finished."

The willingness to learn this exercise will vary a great deal among dogs; however, it is generally not difficult and offers more fun for both the dog and handler than perhaps the other exercises. It can also serve practical uses around the home.

#### Dumbbell size

When teaching a dog to retrieve, it is important to use a dumbbell of correct size for the dog. The length of the bar should be about one inch more than the width between the dog's eyes for unobstructed vision. The bells should keep the bar far enough off the ground for the dog to grasp it behind his canine teeth without touching the ground with his nose. The bar should be large enough not to rock in his mouth and pinch his lips but not so large that he drools. (See Image 10.)

Study the size of your dog's mouth carefully before selecting or making a dumbbell. Paint the bells white; your dog may be able to locate the dumbbell more easily and perform better in competition. Do not paint the bar.

#### The broad jump

The broad jump is twice as long as the height of the high jump. The greatest length is therefore six feet for large dogs and two feet for small dogs. Build the jump according to Diagram 1. (See Images 11-14.)

#### The long sit

Handler out of sight for three minutes.

#### The long down

Handler out of sight for five minutes.

#### The training schedule

The training schedule for the Pre-Open class will not necessarily meet the needs of each dog. Some will learn faster than others. Each step should be learned reasonably well before starting on the next step lest dog and handler get bogged down in too many problems.

Always begin the week with heeling on leash, some sits, downs and recalls just to remind your dog that it is training time again. Continue with the heel free and figure 8. Then do the retrieve on flat several times.

#### The open class

The Open class escalates from the Pre-Open by including the retrieve on flat, retrieve over high jump, and broad jump. Most dogs will take to the jumping and some will enjoy the retrieving. The retrieving is usually much easier for the sporting and working dogs. The 4-H Open class scorecard will be used for judging.

#### The heel free, figure 8. and drop on recall

Practice these exercises every week to keep your dog performing smartly.

#### Diagram 1: The broad jump



Image 11: Begin teaching the broad jump by running next to the jump while your dog goes over it.

Image 12: Then stand next to the jump, facing it and your dog.



Image 13: Don't forget to encourage your dog.





Image 14: Your dog should finish by turning and sitting square in front of you.



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The willingness to learn this exercise will vary a great deal among dogs; however, it is generally not difficult and offers more fun for both the dog and handler than perhaps the other exercises. It can also serve practical uses around the home.

Image 15: Your dog should not drop the dumbbell until you command your dog to give it to you.



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Image 16: Keep your dog at your side, in front of the jump while you throw the dumbbell.



Image 17: Send your dog.



Image 18: Your dog should find the dumbbell on the other side of the jump and pick it up.



#### Retrieve over high jump

Dogs seem to enjoy jumping and will do it readily after they understand the commands. Teach the exercise in parts; do not advance to following parts until your dog performs the first parts well. (See Images 16-20.)

For most dogs, the height of the hurdle is one and one half times higher than their withers (shoulder) or three feet, whichever is less. The Great Dane, Great Pyrenees, Mastiff, Bull Mastiff, Newfoundland, St. Bernard, and Bloodhound are required to jump only the height of their withers or three feet, whichever is less. Learn to make the hurdle by studying Diagram 2.

#### The broad jump

The broad jump is twice as long as the height of the high jump. The greatest length is therefore six feet for large dogs and two feet for small dogs.

#### The long sit

Handler out of sight for three minutes.



#### Image 19: Your dog should carry the dumbbell over the jump on the return.

Image 20: Take the dumbbell from your dog when your dog is sitting squarely in front of you.





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#### The long down

Handler out of sight for five minutes.

#### The training schedule

The training schedule for the Open class will not necessarily meet the needs of each dog. Some will learn faster than others. Each step should be learned reasonably well before starting on the next step lest dog and handler get bogged down in too many problems.

Always begin the week with heeling on leash, some sits, downs, and recalls just to remind your dog that it is training time again. Continue with the heel free and figure 8. Then do the retrieve on flat several times.

#### The pre-utility class

The Pre-Utility class differs markedly from the Open by consisting of signal exercise, retrieve over high jump, directed retrieve, directed jumping (high jump only), and moving stand. The Pre-Utility scorecard will be used for judging.

The jump shall be one and one half times the height of the dog at the withers with a minimum of eight inches and a maximum of 36 inches. This applies to all breeds with the exception of those listed in the AKC rulebook available from the American Kennel Club, 51 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10010.

All exercises in this class are done off leash. When entering the ring, tell the steward the height your dog should jump and place your directed retrieve articles on the judge's table.

#### The signal exercise

The signal exercise is done entirely from hand signals. No verbal commands may be given.

The exercise begins with heeling off leash. The judge will order a "Left turn," "Right turn," "About turn," and "Halt," slow, normal, and fast. Special emphasis will be placed on how you and your dog work as a team. In the process of heeling, the judge will maneuver you to one end of the ring. While heeling, the judge will order, "Stand your dog," and then, "Leave your dog." You should then signal your dog to stand and stay and walk to the far end of the ring (about 50 feet). The judge will then signal you to "Drop your dog," "Sit your dog," "Call your dog," and "Finish," in that order.

Begin teaching these exercises with the signal to heel. Place your dog in the heel position, give him the heel signal (the left hand held open, passed smartly above and forward beside your dog's head). Step off with your left foot and heel at a brisk pace. If your dog fails to get the idea of the hand signal, place him on leash so you can give a corrective jerk forward with the right hand.

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#### Directed retrieve (seek back)

This exercise is conducted as follows: Place your dog in the sitting position facing away from the unobstructed end of the ring. The judge will then drop the three predominately white cotton work gloves across the end of the ring. The gloves shall be designated "One," "Two" or "Three" from left to right when the handler turns and faces the gloves. The judge will order a retrieve of one of the three numbers. The handler will then give the command, "Duke, heel," and will turn in place, either to the right or to the left to face the designated glove. The handler will come to a halt with the dog in the heel position. The handler shall not touch the dog to get it in position. The handler will then give the dog the direction to the designated glove with a single motion of his left hand and arm along the right side of the dog. The handler may give the command to retrieve either simultaneously with or immediately following the giving of the direction. The usual command is, "Duke, get it." The dog shall make the retrieve at a brisk pace, completing the exercise as in the retrieve on the flat. You will be asked to retrieve only one of the three articles.

This exercise will not be difficult for your dog to learn if he is proficient at the retrieve on the flat. When training, select an area that slopes upward from you and your dog. This will enable your dog to see the gloves more easily. In training, give your dog the stay command and signal (dog in sitting position), throw the glove, wait a few seconds, then give the arm signal and command, "Get it." After a few days of training, throw two gloves while he is sitting at heel. Give the signal and command to get the last one thrown, call him in and finish. Then send him to the other glove. Advance to three gloves as soon as he masters retrieving two gloves. After he masters retrieving three gloves, throw only one glove but send him for the other two already in place. He will



soon develop a trust of always finding a glove to retrieve when you send him.

#### Directed jumping (high jump only)

This exercise is conducted as follows: Take a position, with your dog at your heel, and the bar and high jump about 20 feet to your front. The judge will order you to "Send your dog" and you will command your dog, "Go." The dog should trot out briskly to a point about 20 feet beyond the jump at which time you should command, "Sit." Your dog should turn and face you in the sitting position. You should then give him the command, "Hup," and signal him toward the jump. The dog should clear the jump without touching. When the dog is in midair, you may turn to face him as he returns. Then, upon order from the judge, finish your dog by sending him to your heel. You may then praise your dog.

#### The training schedule

A rigid training schedule is not recommended. Some dogs will advance faster than others. It is important that each new exercise be learned reasonably well before starting on the next step so that both the dog and handler do not get bogged down in too many problems.

Always begin the training period with heeling on leash, some sits, downs and recalls, just to remind your dog that it is training time again. Continue with heel off leash and then go into the most recent exercise taught.

#### The utility class

The Utility class differs markedly from the Pre-Utility by consisting of scent discrimination of a leather and metal article, directed retrieve, signal exercise, directed jumping, and moving stand. The Utility scorecard will be used for judging.

The jump shall be one and one half times the height of the dog at the withers with a minimum of eight inches and a maximum of 36 inches. This applies to all breeds with the exception of those listed in the AKC rulebook available from the American Kennel Club, 51 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10010.

All exercises in this class are done off leash. When entering the ring, tell the steward the height your dog should jump, place your box of five leather and five metal scent discrimination articles and your directed retrieve articles on the judge's table.

#### Scent discrimination

The following is a description of the scent discrimination exercise. The judge will select one leather and one metal

article from your box and place them on his table. The judge will then tell you where to stand with your dog at the heel position while he places the remaining articles on the ground about 15 feet to your front. The articles will be placed about six inches apart.

At this time the article selected will be passed to you (probably on a clipboard). Show both the judge and steward the number and type of article so they can make a note of it. This eliminates any chance of question of whether the dog retrieves the correct article. You should then turn around so that both you and your dog are facing away from the articles on the ground. Rub the article with your hands to place your scent on it. After several seconds the judge will take it from you by asking you to place it on a clipboard. He will then, without touching it with his hands, place it among the articles on the ground. He will then order you to "Send your dog." You should then say, "Duke, heel," and do an about turn in place to your right. As you turn around and face the articles command, "Duke, get it." Your dog should go briskly to the articles and search out the scented article. He should return quickly without mouthing, and sit straight in front of you, holding it patiently. The judge will then order, "Take it." After you have removed the article from his mouth, the judge will order, "Finish," and you will command, "Duke, heel." You will then follow the same procedure with the remaining article.

Your dog must be proficient at retrieving before learning the scent discrimination exercise. First carry one of the leather articles in your pocket for a week to allow it to become thoroughly impregnated with your scent. Then take the dog to a quiet place and throw the article 10 or 15 feet and command, "Get it." Don't forget to praise. Always rub the article with your hands just before throwing to add fresh scent to the article. Next place a clean unscented article and throw the scented article nearby. Send your dog. If he starts to pick up the unscented article, say, "No." If he does pick up the article, rush to him and flick it from his mouth. Guide him to pick up the scented article. Lavish praise is important.

Some trainers fasten the unscented article with wire or nails to a sheet of plywood. The dog then learns that the unscented article cannot be picked up. This method has worked well and is suggested. After the dog has learned to distinguish the scented from the unscented, fasten more articles down. He will then learn to smell each article until finding the one with the scent. Follow this procedure with the metal articles. Then use some of each, finally using all of the articles.



When training, it is important to handle the unscented articles in a manner to not confuse the dog. Prepare unscented articles by washing them with hot water and soap. Let them dry in the air. Use a pair of tongs to pick them up.

Use the same methods for teaching the exercises in the Utility class as you used in the Pre-Novice class. They are praise, correction and persistence. Be definite with each. Your timing at using each is most important.

#### Directed retrieve (seek back)

This exercise is conducted as follows: Place your dog in the sitting position facing away from the unobstructed end of the ring. The judge will then drop the three predominately white cotton work gloves across the end of the ring. The gloves shall be designated "One," "Two" or "Three" from left to right when the handler turns and faces the gloves. The judge will order a retrieve of one of the three numbers. The handler will then give the command, "Duke, heel," and will turn in place, either to the right or to the left, to face the designated glove. The handler will come to a halt with the dog in the heel position. The handler shall not touch the dog to get it in position. The handler will then give the dog the direction to the designated glove with a single motion of his left hand and arm along the right side of the dog, The handler may give the command to retrieve either simultaneously with or immediately following the giving of the direction. The usual command is, "Duke, get it." The dog shall make the retrieve at a brisk pace, completing the exercise as in the retrieve on the flat. You will be asked to retrieve only one of the three articles.

This exercise will not be difficult for your dog to learn if he is proficient at the retrieve on the flat. When training. select an area that slopes upward from you and your dog. This will enable your dog to see the gloves more easily. In training, give your dog the stay command and signal (dog in sitting position), throw the glove, wait a few seconds, then give the arm signal and command, "Get it." After a few days of training, throw two gloves while he is sitting at heel. Give the signal and command to get the last one thrown, call him in and finish. Then send him to the other glove. Advance to three gloves as soon as he masters retrieving two gloves. After he masters retrieving three gloves, throw only one glove but send him for the other two already in place. He will soon develop a trust of always finding a glove to retrieve when you send him.

#### The signal exercise

The signal exercise is done entirely from hand signals. No verbal commands may be given.

The exercise begins with heeling off leash. The judge will order a "Left turn," "Right turn," "About turn," and "Halt," slow, normal, and fast. Special emphasis will be placed on how you and your dog work as a team. In the process of heeling, the judge will maneuver you to one end of the ring. While heeling, the judge will order, "Stand your dog," and then, "Leave your dog." You should then signal your dog to stand and stay and walk to the far end of the ring (about 50 feet). The judge will then signal you to "Drop your dog," "Sit your dog," "Call your dog," and "Finish," in that order.

Begin teaching these exercises with the signal to heel. Place your dog in the heel position, give him the heel signal (the left hand held open, passed smartly above and forward beside your dog's head). Step off with your left foot and heel at a brisk pace. If your dog fails to get the idea of the hand signal, place him on leash so you can give a corrective jerk forward with the right hand.

#### **Directed jumping**

This exercise is conducted as follows: Take a position, with your dog at your heel, and the bar and high jump about 20 feet to your front. The judge will order you to "Send your dog" and you will command your dog, "Go." The dog should trot out briskly to a point about 20 feet beyond the jump at which time you should command, "Sit." Your dog should turn and face you in the sitting position. At this time the judge will tell you which jump you should send your dog over. You should then give him the command, "Hup," and signal him toward the jump. The dog should clear the jump without touching. When the dog is in midair you may turn to face him as he returns. Then, upon order from the judge, finish your dog by sending him to your heel. You may then praise your dog. Repeat this exercise by sending him over the other jump.

#### The training schedule

A rigid training schedule is not recommended. Some dogs will advance faster than others. It is important that each new exercise be learned reasonably well before starting on the next step so that both the dog and handler do not get bogged down in too many problems.

Always begin the training period with heeling on leash, some sits, downs and recalls, just to remind your dog that it is training time again. Continue with heel off leash and then go into the most recent exercise taught.

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Show:		Breed:		Judge	·			
	Non Qu	alifving	Οι	alifying		Max	Points	Net
Exercise	Zero	Less than 50%	Substantial	,	Minor	points	off	score
Heel on leash and figure 8	Unmanageable Unqualified heeling	adapts pace	<ul> <li>Forges</li> <li>Lags</li> <li>Crowds handler</li> <li>No change of pace</li> <li>Sniffs</li> <li>Needs extra comm</li> <li>Heels wideturni</li> <li>No sits</li> <li>Improper heel post</li> <li>Occasional tight 1</li> <li>Lacks naturalness</li> <li>Handler error</li> </ul>	e [fast] slow nand/signal ing [reversing Poor sits sition eash /smoothness		40		
Stand for exam (off leash)	Sits before/during examination	Moves away before/during examination	Resists handler pc     Needs extra comn     Moves slightly du     Moves after exam     Sits as handler ret     Lacks naturalness     Handler error	nand to stay ring exam nination turns		30		
Heel off leash	Unmanageable	Handler continually adapts pace to dog	<ul> <li>Lags</li> <li>Crowds handler</li> <li>Sniffs</li> <li>Improper heel post</li> <li>No change of pact</li> <li>Lacks naturalness</li> <li>Needs extra comm</li> <li>Heels wideturni</li> </ul>	sition e		40		
Recall	Does not come on first command or signal	Moves from position	<ul> <li>□ Stands or lays dow</li> <li>□ Needs extra comm signal to finish</li> <li>□ Returns slowly</li> <li>□ Responds slowly</li> <li>□ No sit in front</li> <li>□ No finish</li> <li>□ Handler's arms no</li> <li>□ Didn't know how</li> <li>□ Handler error</li> </ul>	nand/ Sits betw Poor fini Poor sit. Lacks sn Lacks na t at side to execute recall		30		
<b>T</b> •4		~		Maximum		140		
Long sit (1 minute) off leash	Stands/lays within 15 sec Disturbs another dog	Stands/lays within 15 - 30 sec Repeatedly whines or barks	<ul> <li>Forced into positi</li> <li>Lays/stands in 30-60 seconds</li> <li>Minor move <i>befor</i> handler returns</li> <li>Handler error</li> </ul>	handler r re	ove <i>after</i> returns	30		
Long down (3 minutes) off leash	Does not remain in place up to 1 min Disturbs another dog	Stands/sits within 1-2 min	<ul> <li>Forced into positi</li> <li>Sits/stands</li> <li>in 2-3 minutes</li> <li>Minor move <i>before</i></li> <li>handler returns</li> <li>Handler error</li> </ul>	handler r re Minor w	ove after eturns	30		
L					um Points	200		
Disciplining	Shows fe		-	Leaves ring	Less pena unusual b	-		
Disqualified Explanation	Expelled		cused	Other		ALNETS	SCORE	

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	Non Qu	alifying	Qualify	ving	Max	Points	Net
Exercise	Zero	Less than 50%	Substantial	Minor	points	off	score
Heel on leash	Unmanageable Unqualified heeling	Handler continually adapts pace to dog Constant tight leash or guiding	Lags     Dog interferes with hat     No change of pace     Sniffs     Needs extra command//     Heels wide □ turning □	ndler	30		
Stand for exam (off leash)	Sits before/during examination	Moves away before/during examination Shows shyness/ resentment	<ul> <li>Needs extra command//</li> <li>Moves feet</li> <li>Moves after exam com</li> <li>Sits as handler returns.</li> <li>Handler error</li> </ul>	pleted	30		
Heel free and figure 8 (off leash)	Unmanageable Unqualified heeling	Handler continually adapts pace to dog	Lags     Crowds handler     Sniffs     Needs extra command/     Heels wide lturning		40		
Drop on recall	Does not come on first command or signal Does not drop on first command or signal	Extra command or signal to stay after handler leaves Moves from place left Anticipates: Recall Drop Come in	<ul> <li>Stands or lays down</li> <li>Extra command/signal before handler leaves</li> <li>Returns slowly</li> <li>Drops slowly</li> <li>Responds slowly</li> <li>No sit in front</li> <li>No finish</li> <li>Handler error</li> </ul>	Touches handler	40		
			I	Maximum Sub-Total	140		
Long sit (3 minutes) Handler out of sight	Does not remain in place up to 1 min Disturbs another dog	Stands/lays within 1-2 min Repeatedly whines or barks	<ul> <li>Forced into position</li> <li>Stands/lays in 2-3 min.</li> <li>Minor move <i>before</i> handler returns</li> <li>Handler error</li> </ul>	Minor move <i>after</i> handler returns to heel position Rough treatment	30		
Long down (5 minutes) Handler out of sight	Disturbs another	Stands/lays within 2-4 min	<ul> <li>Forced into position</li> <li>Stands/lays in</li> <li>4-5 min.</li> <li>Minor move <i>before</i> handler returns</li> <li>Handler error</li> </ul>	Minor move <i>after</i> handler returns to heel position	30		
	dog	or barks		Minor white/bark	200		
Disciplining	Shows fe		uls ring Lea cused Ot	aves ring Less pena	lty for		
Explanation of penalty					ALNET	SCORE	

## Pre-Open Class

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Date:

Show:\_\_\_\_ Jumps:\_\_\_\_\_ Breed:\_\_\_\_\_

Dog No.: \_\_Height (at withers):\_\_\_\_\_

Judge:\_\_\_\_\_

All exercises will be off lead.

	Non Qu	alifving	Qualify	ing	Max	Points	Net
Exercise	Zero	Less than 50%	Substantial	Minor	points	off	score
Heel free and				Heeling Fig. 8	Points		50010
figure 8	Unmanageable	adapts pace to dog	□ Improper heel position.         □ Forges         □ Lags         □ Crowds handler         □ Sniffs         □ Needs extra command tt         □ Heels wide □ turning □         □ No change of pace □ fa         □ No sits Pc         □ Lacks naturalness/smoo		40		
			☐ Handler error				
Drop on recall	Does not come on first command or signal Does not drop on first command or signal	Extra command or signal to stay after handler leaves Moves from place left Anticipates: Recall Drop Come in Sits out of reach	<ul> <li>Stands or lays down</li> <li>Extra command/signal before handler leaves</li> <li>Returns slowly</li> <li>Drops slowly</li> <li>Responds slowly</li> <li>No sit in front</li> <li>No finish</li> <li>Handler error</li> </ul>	Touches handler	40		
Retrieve on flat	Fails to go out on first command or signal	Goes before command or signal Needs extra command/signal	<ul> <li>Mouthing or playing</li> <li>Drops dumbbell</li> <li>Poor delivery</li> </ul>	Returning	30		
	Fails to retrieve	Sits out of reach.	Handler error				
Broad jump	Refuses to jump on first command or signal	Goes before command or signal Does not clear jump Sits out of reach	<ul> <li>Minor jump touch</li> <li>Poor return</li> <li>No sit in front</li> <li>No finish</li> <li>Handler error</li> </ul>	Touches handler	30		
			<b>N</b>	Iaximum Sub-Total	140		
Long sit (3 minutes)	Does not remain in place	Stands/lays before handler returns	Forced into position	Minor move before/ after handler returns to heel position	30		
	dog	or barks	Handler error	Minor whine/bark			
Long down (5 minutes)	Does not remain in place	Stands/lays before handler returns	□ Forced into position	Minor move before/ after handler returns to heel position	30		
	dog	or barks	Handler error	Minor whine/bark	200		
Disginlining	Chow f	or	ule ring	Maximum Points	200		
<ul> <li>Disciplining</li> <li>Disqualified</li> </ul>	Shows fe		uls ring cused	Less pena unusual b			
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### Open Class

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Shows fear

Expelled

Disciplining

Disqualified

of penalty

Explanation

Fouls ring

Excused

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Show:

Jumps:

\_\_\_Breed:\_\_\_ \_\_\_Judge:\_\_\_ \_Height (at withers):\_\_\_

Max **Points** Net Non Qualifying Qualifying Exercise Zero Less than 50% Substantial Minor points off score Heeling Fig. 8 Heel free and Unmanageable.... Handler continually □ Improper heel position.....□ Π figure 8 ☐ Forges Crowds handler..... adapts pace Lags □ Sniffs.....□ to dog..... 40 □ Needs extra command to heel...... ☐ Heels wide ☐ turning ☐ reversing □ No change of pace □ fast □ slow.....□ Unqualified Leaves handler.... Poor sits..... heeling..... 🗌 No sit  $\square$ ☐ Handler error **Drop on** Does not come on Extra command or □ Stands or lays down Touches handler..... first command or signal to stay after Extra command/signal Sits between feet.... recall handler leaves..... before handler leaves signal..... Poor finish..... Moves from place Returns slowly Poor sit..... left...... Drops slowly Lacks smoothness. 30 Responds slowly Lacks naturalness... Anticipates: Does not drop on Recall..... □ No sit in front first command or Drop...... □ No finish signal..... Come in...... Handler error Sits out of reach. **Retrieve on** Goes before Fails to go out on Slow □ Going □ Returning......□ first command or command □ Mouthing or playing.....□ flat signal..... or signal..... Drops dumbbell Touches handler..... 25 Needs extra □ Poor delivery Sits between feet.... command/signal... Poor sit..... 🗌 No finish Poor finish..... Fails to retrieve... Sits out of reach... Handler error **Retrieve over** Slow Fails to go out on Goes before □ Going □ Returning......□ command □ Mouthing or playing.....□ first command or high jump signal..... or signal...... Drops dumbbell Touches handler.... 35 □ Poor delivery Jumps only one Sits between feet.... Poor sit..... Fails to jump either Sits out of reach. Poor finish..... direction..... Extra command or D No finish Fails to retrieve... signal..... Handler error **Broad** jump Goes before □ Minor jump touch Refuses to jump on Touches handler..... Sits between feet first command or command or Der return signal..... signal..... □ No sit in front Poor sit..... 20 Does not clear No finish Poor finish..... Walks on jump.... Sits out of reach. 150 **Maximum Sub-Total** □ Forced into position Minor move before/ Long sit Does not remain in Stands/lays before place..... handler returns.... after handler (3 minutes) 25 returns to heel position..... Repeatedly whines Goes to another dog..... Minor whine/bark. Long down Does not remain in □ Forced into position Minor move before/ Stands/lays before place..... handler returns.... after handler (5 minutes) 25returns to heel position..... Goes to another Repeatedly whines dog..... Minor whine/bark.. **Maximum Points**  $\mathbf{200}$ 

TOTAL NET SCORE

Less penalty for unusual behavior

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	Non Qu	alifving	Oua	lifying	Max	Points	Net
Exercise	Zero	Less than 50%	Substantial	Minor	points	off	score
Signal exercise	Handler adapts to dog's pace	Stay□ Drop□ Sit□ Come□	□ Lags       Sni         □ No change of pace       □         □ Heels wide □ turning       □ Needs extra signal         □ Holding signals       □         □ Holding signals       □         □ Stand       □ Down         □ No sit front/finish       □         □ Lacks naturalness/       smoothness	wds handler	40		
Retrieve over high jump	Fails to go out on first command or signal Fails to jump either direction Fails to retrieve	Goes before command or signal Jumps only one direction Sits out of reach Extra command or signal	Slow       Going         Mouthing or playing         Drops dumbbell         Poor delivery         Climbs jump         No sit in front         No finish         Handler error	Returning      Touches handler     Sits between feet     Poor sit     Poor finish	40		
Directed retrieve	Does not: Go out on first command Go directly to glove Retrieve right article	Needs extra command/signal	<ul> <li>Mouthing or playing</li> <li>Excessive signals</li> <li>Responds slowly to</li> <li>Dropping article</li> <li>Poor delivery</li> <li>No sit in front</li> <li>No finish</li> <li>Lacks naturalness/sr</li> </ul>	ending	40		
Directed jump (High jump only)	Leave on order Go substantially Stop on comman Jump as directed Go at least 10' b Climbs jump	in right direction	<ul> <li>Responds slowly to</li> <li>Slightly off direction</li> <li>Not back far enough</li> <li>Anticipates Tun</li> <li>Does not sit on com</li> <li>No sit in front/finish</li> <li>Lacks naturalness</li> <li>Lacks smoothness</li> </ul>	nmand	40		
				Maximum Sub-Total	160		
Moving stand	Sits/lies before handler returns Substantial move. Growls or snaps Goes to another dog	Minor move away Repeatedly whines or barks Shows shyness Shows resentment	<ul> <li>Moves feet slightly.</li> <li>Minor whine or barl</li> <li>Sits/lays after handle</li> </ul>	ng	40		
				<b>Maximum Points</b>	200		
Disciplining Disqualified	Shows fe		uls ring cused	Less pens unusual			
Explanation of penalty				TO	TAL NET:	SCORE	

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Show:		Breed:			Height (at wither	s):		
Jumps:		Judge:						
	Non Qu	alifying	$\square$	Qualify	ying	Max	Points	Net
Exercise	Zero	Less than 50%	Sv	ubstantial	Minor	points	off	score
Signal exercise	Handler adapts to dog's pace	Stay Drop Sit Come		Lags Sniffs. No change of pace and fathels wide turning wide wide with turning wide sector signal to: Holds signals Responds slowly to: Stand Down No sit front/finish Lacks naturalness/ smoothness Handler error	Touches handler Sits between feet Poor sits Poor finish	40		
Scent	Leather: Fails 1st com-	Leather:			L M	L		
discrimina-	mand	Anticipates		Sits after turn		30		
tion	No retrieve Wrong article Metal: Fails 1st com- mand No retrieve Wrong article	Extra command		<ul> <li>Doesn't work continu</li> <li>Drops article on retu</li> <li>Picks up/drops wrong</li> <li>Responds slowly M</li> <li>No sit in front T</li> <li>No finish P</li> </ul>	uously    urn    g article    Ø article    Image: A constraint of the state of the stateo	30 M 30		
Directed	Does not:	Anticipates			ding			
retrieve	Go out on first command Go directly to glove Retrieve right article	Needs extra command/signal		Excessive signals Responds slowly to cor Drops article Poor delivery No sit in front No finish Lacks naturalness/smoot	mmands	40		
	Fails to retrieve							
Directed jump (High jump and Bar jump)	Leave on ord     Go mainly in     Stop on comm     Jump as direct     Go at least 10     Climbs jump     Knocks bar of	a right direction		Responds slowly to direction	Cections	40		
				N	Maximum Sub-Total	180		
Moving stand	Sits/lies before handler returns Substantial move. Growls or snaps Goes to another dog	Minor move away Repeatedly whines or barks Shows shyness Shows resentment		Moves feet slightly	returns	20		
					<b>Maximum Points</b>	200		
Disciplining	Shows fe			•	Less pen	alty for behavior		
Disqualified Explanation of penalty	Expelled	i Exc	cuse	2d		TALNETS	SCORE	



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