

INTRO CLASS

Heel & Figure 8 ON leash	40 pts
Sit for examination ON leash	40 pts
Recall (no finish) ON leash	40 pts
Long sit (1 min) Handler at the end of the leash	40 pts
Long down (1 min) Handler at the end of the leash	40 pts

INTRO

This class is for First year exhibitor with First year dog only. Dogs must not have earned any obedience title through AKC, UKC, etc.

Heel on Leash. The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team.

The orders are: “Forward” and “Exercise Finished.”

Commands to be used are “Right turn,” “Left turn,” “About turn,” “Slow,” “Normal,” “Fast” and “Halt.”

“Fast” means that the handler and dog must move forward at a noticeably accelerated speed.

“Slow” means that the handler and dog must move forward at a noticeably slower speed. Turns will be used only when the handler is moving at a normal speed.

Both the fast and slow commands must be followed by a normal command. The judge will standardize the heeling pattern for all dogs in the class.

The leash may be held in either hand or in both hands, but the hands must be held in a natural position.

The handler will enter the ring with the dog on a loose leash and stand with the dog sitting in the heel position. The judge will ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order the handler may give a command or signal to heel and will walk briskly and naturally with the dog on a loose leash. The dog should walk close to the handler’s left side without swinging wide, lagging, forging, or crowding. The dog must not interfere with the handler’s freedom of motion at any time. At the “Halt” command, the handler will stop. The dog shall sit straight and promptly in the heel position without command or signal. The judge will order “Exercise finished” at the completion of this exercise.

Figure Eight. The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team.

The orders are: “Forward,” “Halt,” and “Exercise Finished.”

For the Figure Eight, the handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position facing the judge, midway between the two stewards, who will be standing 8 feet apart. The Figure Eight will be performed on leash; the handler may go around either steward first. The judge will ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order, the handler and dog will walk briskly around and between the two stewards twice. There will be no about turn, fast or slow, but the judge must order at least one halt during this exercise and another halt at the end. After each halt, it is permissible for the handler to give a command or signal to heel before moving forward again. A one time single phrase of praise or encouragement by the handler to the dog will be allowed without penalty.

Sit For Exam. The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog sits in position before and during the examination without displaying resentment.

The orders are: “Sit your dog and leave when you are ready,” “Back to your dog” and “Exercise finished.”

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order, the handler will command the dog to sit if they are not already sitting. The handler will then stand with the dog sitting in the heel position and may give the command and/or signal to stay, walk straight forward about 2 feet, turn and face the dog. The leash should have slack, but not touching the floor.

The judge will approach the dog from the front. Using the fingers and palm of one hand, the judge will touch only the dog’s head. On the order “Back to your dog,” the handler will walk around behind the dog and return to the heel position. The handler may gather the leash at any time while returning to the dog. The dog must remain sitting until the judge has said, “Exercise finished.”

Recall. The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stay where left until called by the handler, and that the dog responds promptly to the handler’s command or signal to come.

The orders are: “Leave your dog,” “Call your dog,” and “Exercise finished.”

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask, “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order, the handler may give a command and/or signal to the dog to stay in the sit position. The handler will then walk forward, three to six feet, turn to face the dog. On the judge’s order or signal, the handler will command or signal the dog to come. Thereafter, the handler’s arms and hands should hang naturally at the sides until the dog has sat in front.

The dog must come directly, at a brisk trot or gallop, and sit in front near the handler. While the dog is coming directly to the handler, a onetime single phrase of praise or encouragement will be allowed without penalty. (Good, yes, nice, super, great, atta boy/girl, are some examples of praise that would be allowed.) Extra commands to 'come' will be penalized.

The dog must come close enough to its handler so that the handler could touch its head without excessive bending, stretching, or moving either foot. (No finish will be required of the dog by the handler.) After the dog has sat in front. the judge orders "Exercised finished".

Sit Stay and Down Stay (Individual Exercises).

The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog remains in the sitting or down position, whichever is required at the time.

The orders are: "Sit your dog," or "Down your dog," "Leave your dog," and "Back to your dog."

The leash will remain clipped to the dog's collar and the handler will hold on to the leash throughout the entire exercise. The armband will remain on the handler's left arm. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order, the handler will command and/or signal their dog to sit without touching either the dog or the dog's collar. On further order to "Leave your dog," the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward immediately 1 to 2 feet, without jerking or tightening the leash, turn, and face their dog. The leash must remain loose with slack throughout the entire exercise, but not touching the ground. After one minute from the time the judge ordered the handler to leave their dog, the judge will give the order "Back to your dog." The handler must return directly, walking around and in back of their dog to heel position. The dog must not move from the sitting position until after the judge has said "Exercise finished." This order will not be given until the handler is back in heel position. The dog must remain under control between this two-part exercise.

Before starting the Down Stay, the judge will ask "Are you ready?" On the judge's order, the handler will command and/or signal their dog to down without touching either the dog or the dog's collar/leash. On further order to "Leave your dog," the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward immediately 1 to 2 feet, without jerking or tightening the leash, turn, and face their dog. The leash must remain loose with slack throughout the entire exercise without touching the ground. After one minute from the time the judge ordered the handler to leave their dog, the judge will give the order, "Back to your dog."

The handler must return directly, walking around and in back of their dog to heel position.

The dogs must not move from the down position until after the judge has said “Exercise finished.” This order will not be given until the handler is back in heel position. The judge will tell the exhibitor “Maintain control of your dog.” The handler is required to exit the ring with their dog under control and without jumping, pulling or tugging on the leash.

Beginners Novice A & B

Heel ON leash	40 pts
Figure 8 ON leash	40 pts
Sit for Examination ON leash	40 pts
Sit/stay Handler walks ring Drop leash	40 pts
Recall (No finish) Off leash	40 pts

Beginners Novice A class is only for dogs and handler teams in their 2nd year of training. Exhibitor/Dog team may only enter this class 1 year. Dogs must not have earned any obedience title through AKC, UKC, etc.

Beginners Novice B is for dog/handler teams, where either the dog has had previous training, but this is the first year for the exhibitor, or for an exhibitor with experience, but this is the first year for the dog. This class is also open to exhibitor/dog teams in their 3rd year of training that did not receive a qualifying score in Beginners Novice A last year.

Any dog that has earned a 'PCD' level title or higher, before January 1, of the current year, is not eligible to enter these classes.

Heel on Leash. The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team.

The orders are: "Forward" and "Exercise Finished."

Commands to be used are "Right turn," "Left turn," "About turn," "Slow," "Normal," "Fast" and "Halt."

"Fast" means that the handler and dog must move forward at a noticeably accelerated speed.

"Slow" means that the handler and dog must move forward at a noticeably slower speed. Turns will be used only when the handler is moving at a normal speed.

Both the fast and slow commands must be followed by a normal command. The judge will standardize the heeling pattern for all dogs in the class. The leash may be held in either hand or in both hands, but the hands must be held in a natural position. The handler will enter the ring with the dog on a loose leash and stand with the dog sitting in the heel position. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order the handler may give a command or signal to heel and will walk briskly and naturally with the dog on a loose leash. The dog should walk close to the handler's left side without swinging wide, lagging, forging, or crowding. The dog must not interfere with the handler's freedom of motion at any time. At the "Halt" command, the handler will stop. The dog shall sit straight and promptly in the heel position without command or signal. The judge will order "Exercise finished" at the completion of this exercise.

Figure Eight. The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team.

The orders are: "Forward," "Halt," and "Exercise Finished."

For the Figure Eight, the handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel

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position facing the judge, midway between the two stewards, who will be standing 8 feet apart. The Figure Eight will be performed on leash; the handler may go around either steward first. The judge will ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order, the handler and dog will walk briskly around and between the two stewards twice. There will be no about turn, fast or slow, but the judge must order at least one halt during this exercise and another halt at the end. After each halt, it is permissible for the handler to give a command or signal to heel before moving forward again. A one time single phrase of praise or encouragement by the handler to the dog will be allowed without penalty.

Sit For Exam. The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog sits in position before and during the examination without displaying resentment.

The orders are: “Sit your dog and leave when you are ready,” “Back to your dog” and “Exercise finished.”

This exercise is to be performed with the dog on a 6 foot leash.

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order, the handler will command the dog to sit if they are not already sitting. The handler will then stand with the dog sitting in the heel position and may give the command and/or signal to stay, walk straight forward about 6 feet to the end of the leash, turn and face the dog. The leash should have slack, but not touching the floor. The judge will approach the dog from the front. Using the fingers and palm of one hand, the judge will touch only the dog’s head. On the order “Back to your dog,” the handler will walk around behind the dog and return to the heel position. The handler may gather the leash at any time while returning to the dog. The dog must remain sitting until the judge has said, “Exercise finished.”

Sit Stay – Handler Walk Around the Ring. The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog remains in the sit position. The orders are: “Sit your dog,” “Leave your dog,” and “Exercise finished.”

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. The leash remains attached to the dog’s collar and will be dropped/placed on the ground between the dog and the handler before the exercise begins. The judge will ask, “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order “Sit your dog,” the handler will command and/or signal the dog to sit, if they are not already sitting. On the judge’s order the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and immediately proceed to walk around the inside perimeter of the ring in a direction as indicated by the judge. Upon completing a full perimeter walk around the ring, the handler will

approach the dog from the front, and proceed to walk around and in back of the dog to the heel position. Once the handler has returned to heel position, the judge will give the order “Exercise finished.” During this exercise the judge will stand so that the dog and handler are clearly visible throughout the entire exercise.

Recall. The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stay where left until called by the handler, and that the dog responds promptly to the handler’s command or signal to come.

The orders are: “Leave your dog,” “Call your dog,” and “Exercise finished.”

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. The leash is removed for this exercise and kept by the handler. The handler may hold the leash in either hand, put the leash in a pocket or drape it around their neck.

The judge will ask, “Are you ready?” before giving the first order.

On the judge’s order, the handler may give a command and/or signal to the dog to stay in the sit position. The handler will then walk forward, approximately 25 feet, to a location as directed by the judge, turn to face the dog. On the judge’s order or signal, the handler will command or signal the dog to come. Thereafter, the handler’s arms and hands should hang naturally at the sides until the dog has sat in front.

The dog must come directly, at a brisk trot or gallop, and sit in front near the handler. While the dog is coming directly to the handler, a onetime single phrase of praise or encouragement will be allowed without penalty. (Good, yes, nice, super, great, atta boy/girl, are some examples of praise that would be allowed.) Extra commands to ‘Come’ will be penalized.

The dog must come close enough to its handler so that the handler could touch its head without excessive bending, stretching, or moving either foot. (No finish will be required of the dog by the handler.)

After the judge orders “Exercised finished,” the handler will reattach the leash to the dog’s collar before exiting the ring.

Preferred Novice A & B

Heel & Figure 8 ON leash	40 pts
Stand for Examination Off leash	30 pts
Heel Free Off leash	40 pts
Recall with finish Off leash	30 pts
Stay – Sit or Down, Handler walks ring	30 pts
Sit Stay – Get your Leash	30 pts

Preferred Novice

Preferred Novice A class- A handler /Dog team may enter this class 1 year.

Preferred Novice B class- A handler/Dog team may enter this class until they receive a qualifying score.

Any dog that has earned a ‘PCD’ level title or higher, before January 1, of the current year, is not eligible to enter these classes.

Heel on Leash and Figure Eight. The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team. The orders are: “Forward,” “Halt,” “Right turn,” “Left turn,” “About turn,” “Slow,” “Normal” and “Fast.”

“Fast” means that the handler and dog must move forward at a noticeably accelerated speed.

“Slow” means that the handler and dog must move forward at a noticeably slower speed. All about turns will be right about turns. Orders for halts and turns will be given only when the handler is moving at a normal speed. The other orders may be given in any sequence, and turns and halts may be repeated. However, the judge should standardize the heeling pattern for all dogs in the class.

The leash may be held in either hand or in both hands, but the hands must be held in a natural position.

The handler will enter the ring with the dog on a loose leash and stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. The handler may give a command or signal to heel and will walk briskly and naturally with the dog on a loose leash. The dog should walk close to the handler’s left side without swinging wide, lagging, forging or crowding. The dog must not interfere with the handler’s freedom of motion at any time. At each order to halt, the handler will stop.

The dog shall sit straight and promptly in the heel position without command or signal and shall not move until the handler again moves forward on the judge's order. After each halt, it is permissible for the handler to give a command or signal to heel before moving forward again. The judge will say "Exercise finished" after this portion of the exercise.

For the Figure Eight, the handler will stand and the dog will sit in heel position facing the judge, midway between the two stewards, who will stand 8 feet apart. The Figure Eight in the Novice classes will be done on leash; the handler may go around either steward first. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. The handler and dog will walk briskly around and between the two stewards twice. There will be no about turn, fast or slow, but the judge must order at least one halt during this exercise and another halt at the end.

Stand for Examination. The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog stand in position before and during the examination without displaying resentment.

The orders are: "Stand your dog and leave when you are ready," "Back to your dog," and "Exercise finished."

Prior to the start of the exercises the handler will remove the leash and give it to a steward, who will place it on the judge's table or designated place. The handler will take their dog to the place indicated by the judge. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order, the handler will stand/pose the dog by the method of the handler's choice, taking any reasonable time if they choose to pose the dog as in the show ring. The handler will then stand with the dog in the heel position, and may give the command and/or signal to stay, walk straight forward about 6 feet, and then turn and face the dog.

The judge will approach the dog from the front. Using the fingers and palm of one hand, the judge will touch the dog's head, body and hindquarters. On the order "Back to your dog," the handler will walk around behind the dog and return to the heel position. The dog must remain standing until the judge has said "Exercise finished."

Heel Free off leash. This exercise will be performed as in the Heel on Leash but without either the leash or the Figure Eight.

Recall. The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stay where left until called by the handler, and that the dog responds promptly to the handler's command or signal to come.

The orders are: "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," and "Finish." The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask "Are you ready?"

before giving the first order. On the judge's order, the handler may give a command and/or signal to the dog to stay in the sit position. The handler will then walk forward to the other end of the ring, turn to face the dog, and stand with the arms and hands hanging naturally. On the judge's order or signal, the handler will either command or signal the dog to come. The dog must come directly, at a brisk trot or gallop and sit straight, centered in front of the handler. The dog must be close enough to its handler so that the handler could touch its head without excessive bending, stretching or moving either foot. On the judge's order, the handler will give a command or signal to finish. The dog must go smartly to heel position and sit. The manner in which the dog finishes will be optional, either around behind the handler, or spin on the side of the handler, provided it is prompt and that the dog sits straight at heel.

Stay – Sit or Down – Handler Walk Around the Ring.

The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog remains in the sit or down position as directed by the judge.

All dogs entered in the class will perform the same stay exercise. The dog and handler should be positioned approximately equidistant to each side of the ring as to be perpendicular to and facing one of the sides. The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position.

The orders are: "Sit your dog" or "Down your dog," "Leave your dog," and "Exercise finished."

The judge will ask, "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to sit or down. The judge will order, "Leave your dog," and the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and immediately proceed straight forward to the edge of the ring. The handler will walk around the inside perimeter of the ring in a direction as indicated by the judge, with all dogs entered in the class being judged the same way. Upon completing a full perimeter walk around the ring, the handler will approach the dog from the front and proceed to walk around and in back of the dog to the heel position. Once the handler has returned to heel position, the judge will give the order "Exercise finished."

Sit Stay – Get Your Leash

The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog remains in the sit position.

The orders are: "Sit your dog," "Leave your dog to get your leash," and "Back to your dog."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order the handler may command and/or signal the dog to sit without touching either the dog or the

dog's collar. On further order to "Leave your dog to get your leash," the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward immediately to the place designated by the judge for the leash,

pick up the leash, turn, and face the dog and wait for the judge's next order.

The judge will give the order "back to your dog." The handler must return directly, walking around and in back of the dog to heel position. The dog must not move from the sitting position until after the judge has said "Exercise finished." The judge will tell the handler "Clip your leash to the collar and maintain control of your dog." The handler is required to exit the ring with the dog under control and without jumping, pulling or tugging on the leash.

Novice A & B

Heel on Leash and Figure Eight	40 pts
Stand for Examination	30 pts
Heel Free Off leash	40 pts
Recall with Finish Off Leash	30 pts
Sit Stay – Get Your Leash	30 pts
Group Exercise – Sit & Down Stay	30 pts

NOVICE A & B

Novice A – A handler/Dog team may enter this class 1 year.

Novice B- A handler/Dog team may enter this class until they receive a qualifying score.

Any dog that has earned any ‘CD’ level title before January 1, of the current year, is not eligible to enter these classes.

Heel on Leash. The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team.

The orders are: “Forward” and “Exercise Finished.”

Commands to be used are “Right turn,” “Left turn,” “About turn,” “Slow,” “Normal,” “Fast” and “Halt.”

“Fast” means that the handler and dog must move forward at a noticeably accelerated speed.

“Slow” means that the handler and dog must move forward at a noticeably slower speed. Turns will be used only when the handler is moving at a normal speed.

Both the fast and slow commands must be followed by a normal command. The judge will standardize the heeling pattern for all dogs in the class.

The leash may be held in either hand or in both hands, but the hands must be held in a natural position.

The handler will enter the ring with the dog on a loose leash and stand with the dog sitting in the heel position. The judge will ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order the handler may give a command or signal to heel and will walk briskly and naturally with the dog on a loose leash. The dog should walk close to the handler’s left side without swinging wide, lagging, forging, or crowding. The dog must not interfere with the handler’s freedom of motion at any time.

At the “Halt” command, the handler will stop. The dog shall sit straight and promptly in the heel position without command or signal. The judge will order “Exercise finished” at the completion of this exercise.

Figure Eight. The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team.

The orders are: “Forward,” “Halt,” and “Exercise Finished.”

For the Figure Eight, the handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position facing the judge, midway between the two stewards, who will be standing 8 feet apart. The Figure Eight will be performed on leash; the handler may go around either steward first. The judge will ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order, the handler and dog will walk briskly around and between the two stewards twice. There will be no about turn, fast or slow, but the judge must order at least one halt during this exercise and another halt at the end. After each halt, it is permissible for the handler to give a command or signal to heel before moving forward again. A one time single phrase of praise or encouragement by the handler to the dog will be allowed without penalty. Any extra commands to ‘heel’ will be penalized.

Stand for Examination. The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog stand in position before and during the examination without displaying resentment.

The orders are: “Stand your dog and leave when you are ready,” “Back to your dog,” and “Exercise finished.”

Prior to the start of the exercises the handler will remove the leash and give it to a steward, who will place it on the judge’s table or other designated place. The handler will take their dog to the place indicated by the judge. The judge will ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order, the handler will stand/pose the dog by the method of the handler’s choice, taking any reasonable time if they choose to pose the dog as in the show ring. The handler will then stand with the dog in the heel position, and may give the command and/or signal to stay, walk straight forward about 6 feet, and then turn and face the dog.

The judge will approach the dog from the front. Using the fingers and palm of one hand, the judge will touch the dog’s head, body and hindquarters. On the order “Back to your dog,” the handler will walk around behind the dog and return to the heel position. The dog must remain standing until the judge has said “Exercise finished.”

Heel Free off leash This exercise will be performed as in the Heel on Leash but without the leash.

Recall. The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stay where left until called by the handler, and that the dog responds promptly to the handler's command or signal to come.

The orders are: "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," and "Finish."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order, the handler may give a command and/or signal to the dog to stay in the sit position. The handler will then walk forward to the other end of the ring, turn to face the dog, and stand with the arms and hands hanging naturally. On the judge's order or signal, the handler will either command or signal the dog to come. The dog must come directly, at a brisk trot or gallop and sit straight, centered in front of the handler. The dog must be close enough to its handler so that the handler could touch its head without excessive bending, stretching or moving either foot. On the judge's order, the handler will give a command or signal to finish. The dog must go smartly to heel position and sit. The manner in which the dog finishes will be optional, either around behind the handler, or spin on the side, provided it is prompt and that the dog sits straight at heel.

Sit Stay – Get Your Leash. The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog remains in the sit position.

The orders are: "Sit your dog," "Leave your dog to get your leash," and "Back to your dog."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order the handler may command and/or signal the dog to sit without touching either the dog or the dog's collar. On further order to "Leave your dog to get your leash," the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward immediately to the place designated by the judge for the leash, pick up the leash, turn, and face the dog. The judge will give the order "Back to your dog." The handler must return directly, walking around and in back of the dog to heel position. The dog must not move from the sitting position until after the judge has said "Exercise finished." The judge will tell the handler "Clip your leash to the collar and maintain control of your dog." The handler is required to exit the ring with the dog under control and without jumping, pulling or tugging on the leash.

Group Exercise – Sit and Down Stay. The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog remains in the sitting or down position, whichever is required at the time.

The orders are: "Sit your dogs," "Down your dogs," "Leave your dogs," and "Back to your dogs."

Dogs must be spaced with a minimum of six (6) feet between each dog and a minimum of four (4) feet from the ring barriers. Judges will position the dogs in the approximate center of the ring in one row or back-to-back in two rows with a minimum of six (6) feet between the rows. If the back-to-back formation is used, it must be used for all groups in the class. This exercise must be performed with the dog on a 6-foot leash. The leash will remain clipped to the dog's collar and the handler will hold on to the leash throughout the entire exercise. The armband will remain on the handler's left arm. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order, the handlers will command and/or signal their dogs to sit without touching either the dog or the dog's collar. On further order to "Leave your dogs," the handlers may give a command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward immediately to the end of the leash, without jerking or tightening the leash, turn, and face their dogs.

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The leash must remain loose with slack throughout the entire exercise, but not touching the ground. After one minute from the time the judge ordered the handlers to leave their dogs, the judge will give the order "Back to your dogs." The handlers must return directly, walking around and in back of their own dog to heel position. The dogs must not move from the sitting position until after the judge has said "Exercise finished." This order will not be given until the handlers are back in heel position. The dogs must remain under control between this two-part exercise.

Before starting the Down Stay portion of this exercise the judge will ask "Are you ready?" On the judge's order, the handlers will command and/or signal their dog to down without touching either the dog or the dog's collar. On further order to "Leave your dogs," the handlers may give a command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward immediately to the end of the leash, without jerking or tightening the leash, turn, and face their dogs. The leash must remain loose with slack throughout the entire exercise without touching the ground.

After one minute from the time the judge ordered the handlers to leave their dogs, the judge will give the order, "Back to your dogs." The handlers must return directly, walking around and in back of their own dog to heel position. The dogs must not move from the down position until after the judge has said "Exercise finished." This order will not be given until the handlers are back in heel position. The judge will tell the exhibitors "Maintain control of your dogs." The handlers are required to exit the ring with their dogs under control and without jumping, pulling or tugging on the leash.

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Graduate Novice A & B

Heel Free and Figure Eight	40 points
Drop on Recall	40 points
Dumbbell Recall	30 points
Dumbbell Recall over High Jump	30 points
Recall over Broad Jump	30 points
Stand Stay – Get Your Leash	30 points

Graduate Novice A – For dogs attempting the dumbbell work and have not received a qualifying score.

Graduate Novice B – For dogs that readily carry the dumbbell, or have received a qualifying score in Graduate Novice A.

Dogs must not have received any ‘CDX’ level titles.

Heel Free off leash & Figure Eight

The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team.

The orders are: “Forward” and “Exercise Finished.”

Commands to be used are “Right turn,” “Left turn,” “About turn,” “Slow,” “Normal,” “Fast” and “Halt.”

“Fast” means that the handler and dog must move forward at a noticeably accelerated speed.

“Slow” means that the handler and dog must move forward at a noticeably slower speed. Turns will be used only when the handler is moving at a normal speed. Both the fast and slow commands must be followed by a normal command. The judge will standardize the heeling pattern for all dogs in the class.

The hands must be held in a natural position. The handler will enter the ring with the dog

On leash to a designated place, and then remove the leash, and stand with the dog sitting in the heel position. The judge will ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order the handler may give a command or signal to heel and will walk briskly and naturally.

The dog should walk close to the handler’s left side without swinging wide, lagging, forging, or crowding. The dog must not interfere with the handler’s freedom of motion at any time. At the “Halt” command, the handler will stop. The dog shall sit straight and promptly in the heel position without command or signal. The judge will order “Exercise finished” at the completion of this exercise.

For the Figure Eight, the handler will stand and the dog will sit in heel position facing the judge, midway between the two stewards, who will stand 8 feet apart. The handler may go around either steward first. The judge will ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. The handler and dog

will walk briskly around and between the two stewards twice. There will be no about turn, fast or slow, but the judge must order at least one halt during this exercise and another halt at the end.

Drop on Recall. The principal features of this exercise, in addition to those listed under the Novice Recall, are the dog's prompt response to the handler's command and/or signal to drop, and the dog remaining in the down position until again called or signaled to come. The dog will be judged on the promptness of its response to the command and/or signal to drop.

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask, "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order, the handler may give a command and/or signal for the dog to stay in the sit position.

The handler will walk forward to the other end of the ring, then turn, face the dog, and stand naturally. On the judge's order or signal, the handler will either command or signal the dog to come. The dog must come directly at a brisk trot or gallop. On the judge's arm or hand signal, the handler will give the command and/or signal to drop, and the dog must drop immediately to a complete down position. If the handler chooses to give both, a command and signal to drop, they must be given simultaneously.

The dog must remain down until the handler gives the command or signal to come when ordered by the judge.

On the judge's order, the handler will give a command or signal to finish. The dog must go smartly to heel position and sit. The manner in which the dog finishes will be optional, either around behind the handler, or spin on the side, provided it is prompt and that the dog sits straight at heel.

Dumbbell Recall. The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask, "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order, the handler will present the dumbbell and command or signal the dog to take it. The dog must promptly accept, take and hold the dumbbell. On the judge's order, the handler may give the command and/or signal to stay, walk forward to the other end of the ring, then turn, to face the dog and stand naturally. On the judge's order or signal, the handler will command or signal the dog to come. The dog must come directly at a brisk trot or gallop without unnecessary mouthing or playing with the dumbbell. The dog must sit front of the handler as in a Novice Recall. On order from the judge to "Take it," the handler will give a command or signal and take the dumbbell. On the judge's order, the handler will give a command or signal to finish. The dog must go smartly to heel position and sit. The manner in which the dog finishes will be optional, either around behind the handler, or spin on the side, provided it is prompt and that the dog sits straight at heel.

Dumbbell Recall over High Jump. This exercise will be performed in the same manner as the Dumbbell Recall except that the dog must clear the high jump. The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least eight (8) feet (or any reasonable distance beyond 8 feet) from the jump. The judge will ask, “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order, the handler will present the dumbbell and command or signal the dog to take it. The dog must promptly accept, take and hold the dumbbell. On the judge’s order, the handler may give the command and/or signal to stay, go around the jump to at least eight (8) feet beyond the other side of the jump, then turn, face the dog and stand naturally. On the judge’s order or signal, the handler will command or signal the dog to come. The dog must come directly at a brisk trot or gallop without unnecessary mouthing or playing with the dumbbell and jump over the high jump without touching it.

The dog must sit front of the handler as in a Novice Recall. On order from the judge to “Take it,” the handler will give a command or signal and take the dumbbell. On the judge’s order, the handler will give a command or signal to finish. The dog must go smartly to heel position and sit. The manner in which the dog finishes will be optional, either around behind the handler, or spin on the side, provided it is prompt and that the dog sits straight at heel.

Recall over Broad Jump. The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least eight (8) feet from the jump, (or any reasonable distance beyond 8 feet) facing the lowest hurdle. The judge will ask, “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order the handler may give the command and/or signal to stay, go around the hurdle(s) to at least eight (8) feet beyond the last hurdle, then turn and face the dog. On the judge’s order, the handler will give the command or signal to jump. The dog must clear the entire distance of the broad jump, and come directly to the handler and sit in front. On the judge’s order, the handler will give a command or signal to finish. The dog must go smartly to heel position and sit. The manner in which the dog finishes will be optional, either around behind the handler, or spin on the side, provided it is prompt and that the dog sits straight at heel.

Stand Stay – Get Your Leash.

The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog stand and stay in position until the handler has returned to heel position.

The orders are: “Stand your dog,” “Leave your dog to get your leash,” and “Back to your dog.”

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge, approximately 15 feet from the ring gate. The judge will ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to stand without touching the dog or the dog’s collar. The dog must stand but need not stand in heel position.

On further order to “Leave your dog to get your leash,” the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward directly to the place outside the ring gate designated by the judge for the leash. The handler will pick up the leash, re-enter the ring, stop and wait for the judge’s order “Back to your dog.” The handler must return directly, walking around and in back of the dog to heel position. The dog must remain standing until the judge has said “Exercise finished.” The judge will tell the handler “Attach your leash to the collar and maintain control of your dog.” The handler is required to exit the ring gate with the dog under control and without jumping, pulling or tugging on the leash.

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Heel Free & Figure Eight	40 points
Command Discrimination (Stand, Down, Sit)	30 points
Drop on Recall	30 points
Retrieve on Flat	20 points
Retrieve over High Jump	30 points
Broad Jump	20 points
Stand Stay – Get Your Leash	30 points

Heel Free & Figure Eight The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team.

The orders are: “Forward” and “Exercise Finished.”

Commands to be used are “Right turn,” “Left turn,” “About turn,” “Slow,” “Normal,” “Fast” and “Halt.”

“Fast” means that the handler and dog must move forward at a noticeably accelerated speed.

“Slow” means that the handler and dog must move forward at a noticeably slower speed. Turns will be used only when the handler is moving at a normal speed.

Both the fast and slow commands must be followed by a normal command. The judge will standardize the heeling pattern for all dogs in the class.

The hands must be held in a natural position.

The handler will enter the ring with the dog on leash to a designated place, then remove the leash and stand with the dog sitting in the heel position. The judge will ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order the handler may give a command or signal to heel and will walk briskly and naturally.

The dog should walk close to the handler’s left side without swinging wide, lagging, forging, or crowding. The dog must not interfere with the handler’s freedom of motion at any time. At the “Halt” command, the handler will stop. The dog shall sit straight and promptly in the heel position without command or signal. The judge will order “Exercise finished” at the completion of this exercise.

For the Figure Eight, the handler will stand and the dog will sit in heel position facing the judge, midway between the two stewards, who will stand 8 feet apart. The handler may go around either steward first.

The judge will ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. The handler and dog will walk briskly around and between the two stewards twice. There will be no about turn, fast or slow, but the judge must order at least one halt during this exercise and another halt at the end.

Command Discrimination (Stand, Down, Sit). The principal feature of this exercise is the dog’s correct response to the handler’s commands and/or signals and that the dog stays until the handler returns to heel position. The orders are: “Leave your dog” and “Back to your dog.” The judge must use signals for directing the handler to command and/or signal the dog to change position except for the first position and that order is: “Stand your dog” or “Down your dog.”

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order to “Stand your dog” or “Down your dog.” The handler will give a command and/or signal for the dog to change position. On further order to “Leave your dog,” the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will immediately walk forward 15 feet, turn, and face the dog. On the judge’s signal, the handler will give a command and/or signal for the dog to change to the second position. The judge will then order “Leave your dog.” The handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will immediately turn around and walk forward an additional 15 feet, turn, and face the dog. On the judge’s signal, the handler will give a command and/or signal for the dog to change to the third position. The judge will then order “Back to your dog.” The handler may give a command and/or signal to stay, and then must return directly, walking around and in back of the dog to heel position. The dog must stay in position without additional commands or signals until the handler has returned to heel position.

Drop on Recall

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order the handler may give a command and/or signal for the dog to stay in the sit position. The handler will walk forward to the other end of the ring, then turn, face the dog, and stand naturally. On the judge’s order or signal, the handler will either command or signal the dog to come. The dog must come directly at a brisk trot or gallop. On the judge’s arm or hand signal, the handler shall give the command or signal to drop, and the dog must drop immediately to a complete down position. The dog must remain down until the handler gives the command or signal to come when ordered by the judge. The dog must

Come and sit directly in front of the handler. On the judge's order, the handler will give a command or signal to finish. The dog must go smartly to heel position and sit. The manner in which the dog finishes will be optional, either around behind the handler, or spin on the side, provided it is prompt and that the dog sits straight at heel.

Retrieve on Flat The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order "Throw it," the handler may give the command and/or signal to stay. If the handler does use a signal, that signal may not be given with the hand that is holding the dumbbell. After the dumbbell is thrown at least 20 feet, the judge will order the handler to "Send your dog." The judge may require the dumbbell to be thrown again before the dog is sent if it is thrown less than 20 feet, too far to one side or too close to the ring's edge.

The retrieve should be performed at a brisk trot or gallop. The dog will go directly to the dumbbell and retrieve it, returning directly to and sit in front of the handler without unnecessary mouthing or playing. On the judge's order to "Take it," the handler will give command or signal and take the dumbbell.

On the judge's order, the handler will give a command or signal to finish. The dog must go smartly to heel position and sit. The manner in which the dog finishes will be optional, either around behind the handler, or spin on the side, provided it is prompt and that the dog sits straight at heel.

The dumbbell, which must be approved by the judge, will be made of one or more solid pieces of wood or non-wooden material similar in size, shape and weight to a wooden dumbbell. Metal dumbbells are not permitted. Dumbbells will not be hollowed out. They may be unfinished, coated with a clear finish or may be any color. They may not have decorations or attachments but may bear an inconspicuous mark for identification. The size of the dumbbell will be proportionate to the size of the dog

Retrieve over High Jump. The principal features of this exercise is that the dog go out over the jump, pick up the dumbbell and promptly return with it over the jump. The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position at least 8 feet (or any reasonable distance beyond 8 feet) from the jump and will remain in the same spot throughout the exercise. On the judge's order "Throw it," the handler may give the command and/or signal to stay. If the handler does use a signal, that signal may not be given with the hand that is holding the dumbbell. After the dumbbell is thrown at least 8 feet over the jump, the judge will order the handler to "Send your dog." The judge may require the dumbbell to be thrown again before the dog is sent if it is thrown less than 8 feet, too far to one side

or too close to the ring's edge. The retrieve should be performed at a brisk trot or gallop. The dog will go directly over the jump to the dumbbell and retrieve it, returning directly back over the jump to the handler and sit in front of the handler without unnecessary mouthing or playing. On the judge's order to "Take it," the handler will give command or signal and take the dumbbell. On the judge's order, the handler will give a command or signal to finish. The dog must go smartly to heel position and sit. The manner in which the dog finishes will be optional, either around behind the handler, or spin on the side, provided it is prompt and that the dog sits straight at heel.

Jump height is to be set at ½ the height of the dog at the withers, rounded to the nearest multiple of 2 inches. The actual height of the dog shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of 2 inches to determine the minimum jump height, with the exception of dogs eligible for the 4- and 18- inch jump heights. Dogs eligible for the 4-inch jump height must be 12 inches or less at the withers and all dogs over 34 inches are eligible for the 18-inch jump height. Handlers who choose to have their dogs jump more than the minimum required height will neither be penalized nor receive extra consideration.

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Broad Jump The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least 8 feet from the jump facing the lowest side of the lowest hurdle.

The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order.

On the judge's order the handler may give the command and/or signal to stay and go to a position facing the right side of the jump. Handlers may stand anywhere between the lowest edge of the first hurdle and the highest edge of the last hurdle with their toes about two (2) feet from the jump. On the judge's order, the handler will give the command or signal to jump. While the dog is in midair, the handler will make a 90-degree pivot, but will remain in the same spot. The dog will clear the entire distance of the hurdles without touching them and, without further command or signal, immediately return to a sitting position in front of the handler. On the judge's order, the handler will give a command or signal to finish. The dog must go smartly to heel position and sit. The manner in which the dog finishes will be optional, either around behind the handler, or spin on the side, provided it is prompt and that the dog sits straight at heel.

The broad jump will consist of four white telescoping hurdles, all about 8 inches wide. The largest hurdle will measure about 5 feet long and about 6 inches at the highest point. In the ring, they will be arranged in order of size, evenly spaced, covering a distance equal to twice the height of the high jump setting for each dog.

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Stand Stay – Get Your Leash.

The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog stand and stay in position until the handler has returned to heel position.

The orders are: “Stand your dog,” “Leave your dog to get your leash,” and “Back to your dog.”

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge, approximately 15 feet from the ring gate. The judge will ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to stand without touching the dog or the dog’s collar. The dog must stand but need not stand in heel position.

On further order to “Leave your dog to get your leash,” the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward directly to the place outside the ring gate designated by the judge for the leash. The handler will pick up the leash, re-enter the ring, stop and wait for the judge’s order “Back to your dog.” The handler must return directly, walking around and in back of the dog to heel position. The dog must remain standing until the judge has said “Exercise finished.” The judge will tell the handler “Attach your leash to the collar and maintain control of your dog.” The handler is required to exit the ring gate with the dog under control and without jumping, pulling or tugging on the leash.

