

Achiever's Obedience



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These regulations are the only standard against which all of the tests will be judged.

Please Note:

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Introduction

The Working Newfoundland Club have created these Achiever's Awards to be an introduction to Obedience by making them fun for both the handler and the dog,

These Awards have not been designed to enable you to take part in competition or working trial obedience - other dog organisations have already been established do this type of activity. These Achiever's Awards have been developed purely as a way of encouraging you to work together with your dog as a team, so you can both learn to achieve tasks in an enjoyable way whilst also learning how the Newfoundland like all dog breeds are best encouraged to listen and to learn to work with their handlers.

The tests have been designed so handlers can start from the moment they get their puppy and allow them to develop skills and commands which will be very useful when taking part in the other working disciplines of water, draught and nose work.

The handler will be encouraged to help the dog as much as possible by using positive verbal reinforcement with praise during the tests and by using rewards during the exercises at the lower grades.

The tests are based on the building block principle and each team must complete grade one before moving onto grade two etc. You are encouraged to obtain at least the multi pass award in bronze before moving onto the next grade, as this will enable your own learning process and team work to develop to achieve the next grade

Please always ensure that you have taken your dog to relieve themselves, before coming down to the test area, as any contamination of the test area will put the other dogs at a disadvantage and the whole area may have to be moved so the test can be started again.

To achieve the grade, you must complete the exercise in the time allowed. The handler can use any positive methods they choose from food to toys, singing, and dancing - anything which makes it fun for both dog and handler.

1 **Explanatory Notes, Equipment and Requirements**

- a) These guidance notes should be read in conjunction with the Land Test administration notes.
- b) For sake of simplicity, the male gender has been used throughout this document, but should be read to include the female.

Purpose

To demonstrate a dog's ability to work with the handler as a team to achieve various tasks.

1.1 **Test Area**

- a) The test area can be set up on any flat fairly level area; no marked-out areas are required, for the lower grade tests.
- b) Judges have the discretion, within the spirit of the regulations, to make adaptations to the test site due to the weather on the day of the test. Judges can move the test area if conditions dictate.

1.2 **Equipment**

The following equipment is required for the tests:

- A waterproof set of Regulations
- Score sheets.
- Stop Watch
- Whistle
- Clipboards/pencils/pens.
- First aid for humans and dogs.
- Four identical articles (cones/chairs/bottles) for grade two & five.
- Gate for grade three.
- Three toys for grade five.
- Six (windbreaker) poles for grades three, four & five.
- Table and steps for grade four.
- Chopstick and plates for grade four.
- Obstacle for grade four
- Four upright poles for grade four and five.

It may also useful to have a shelter and an umbrella.

1.3 **Timing**

The Judge or Steward will advise the handlers when the timing of an exercise is to begin and when it has finished.

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1.4 Dogs

- a) The dog can be of any age to take part in all levels of the obedience tests.
- b) It is the responsibility of the owner(s) to ensure that any dog entered for any test level is sufficiently fit and healthy.
 - The Club cannot accept any liability for injury or exacerbation of existing illness.
- c) No dog can be entered into a test unless it has successfully completed all the preceding grades.
- d) Dogs are not permitted to wear full check collars during the tests, however Halti/ Gentle leader style head collars are allowed in the lower grades one, two and three (but not in grades four or five).

1.5 Handlers

- a) Only one handler is allowed to work the dog throughout the test.
- b) The handler may always give unlimited audible/visual instructions and encouragement in Grade one. This can include the use of whistles although it must be borne in mind that a whistle may also be used by a judge, steward or someone unconnected with the tests. As the grades progress the amount of audible instructions will begin to be limited although unlimited visual instructions and encouragement is allowed.
- c) Any reward given at the end of each exercise will need to be provided by the handler.
- d) The following equipment is required for the tests and will be provided by the Handler:

	<u>Article</u>	<u>Food</u>	<u>Grooming</u>	<u>Care</u>	<u>Send to article</u>
Grade One	Toy	Treats	Brush		
Grade Two	Toy		Brush	ID Disc/ Poo bag	
Grade Three	Toy	Treats			Blanket
Grade Four	Toy	Treats			2 x Blankets
Grade Five	2 x Toys	Treats			Blanket

- Care - I.D tag in line with legal requirements – including the name and address of owner.
- Grooming – a suitable brush, comb or wet wipes.
- Send to article - Is a marker such a blanket, bed, mat, lead etc.
- Food - Treats which will used as part of the tests.

1.6 Permitted/ Non-Permitted actions during the tests

- a) The dog must achieve the required tasks by means of motivation, no rough handling is permitted.
- b) The handler is permitted to touch or rest a hand on the dog but no pushing or pulling is permitted.
- c) The tests and exercises have been written in detail on exactly how they are to be carried out. Handlers may use many different ways and techniques to train their dogs to complete the tests but, together with the stewards and judges, they are expected to carry out each exercise of each test in the spirit within which they have been written.
- d) In Grade one, when asking the dog to take a treat gently, the judge will place the treat in the palm of their hand, as shown, it is not to be held by the fingers.



- e) In grade two, when examining the dog or its collar, the judge will approach in a calm, controlled manner giving the handler ample time and opportunity to present the dog to the judge. Should the handler know that the dog will be uncomfortable taking part in this exercise they should withdraw making the judge aware that the dog is unable to take part and should not be judged on this element.
- f) In grade three, exercise one, the judge may choose to substitute any dog of good temperament to form the line. Should the handler know that the dog will be uncomfortable taking part in this exercise they should withdraw making the judge aware that the dog is unable to take part and should not be judged on this element.
- g) In grade five, exercise seven, all dogs must take part in the down stay at the same time.
- h) In all grades the exercises may be carried out in a different order to the regulations at the judge's discretion.
- i) The judges may combine exercises however these will still be judged separately.

1.7 Disqualification

- a) If the handler shows any signs of harsh treatment to the dog.
- b) If the dog is out of control.

1 Achiever's Obedience Award – Grade One

Notes for Grade One Exercises:

1. All exercises will be carried out on lead with the exception of exercise 6 "Play" where the handler may remove the lead if they wish.
2. The dog is allowed to wear any style collar or harness except a full check collar (Halti / Gentle leader style head collars are allowed).
3. When attracting the dog's attention, the handler is permitted to use any form of positive motivation, for example they can use the dog's name, talk, sing or clap their hands, all these actions are permitted.
4. To complete the exercise, as well as verbal commands the handler may use hand signals, their own food, toy or article for the dog to follow as a form of positive motivation.
5. Handlers are also permitted to reward the dog at the end of the exercise with their own food, toy or article.
6. The handler is not permitted to push or pull the dog in anyway.
7. The following equipment is required for the tests and will be provided by the Handler:

<u>Article</u>	<u>Food</u>	<u>Grooming</u>
Toy	Treats	Brush

Passing Grade One Award:

To achieve a pass the team must successfully achieve 6 out of the 8 exercises.

Grade One Exercises:

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| Exercise 1 | "With Me for 15 seconds" - Keeping your dog next to you by means of positive motivation. |
| Exercise 2 | "Watch" - Getting the dogs attention within 60 seconds. |
| Exercise 3 | "Sit" - Getting the dog in the sit within 60 seconds. |
| Exercise 4 | "Stand" - Getting the dog in the stand within 60 seconds. |
| Exercise 5 | "Down" - Getting the dog in the Down within 60 seconds. |
| Exercise 6 | "Play" - Handler to both initiate and finish play for 15 seconds. |
| Exercise 7 | "Gently" - Getting the dog to demonstrate good food manners. |
| Exercise 8 | "Grooming" – Handlers choice of 2 out of 6 areas. |

Failure for Grade One Exercises:

- Exceeding the time limit to complete the exercise.
- Pushing or pulling the dog to achieve the exercise.
- Snatching the food or toy in exercise 7

1 Achiever's Obedience Award – Grade One

Exercise 1 - "WITH ME FOR 15 SECONDS"

- a) The Judges shall indicate the time has started and ask the handler and dog to move in any direction they choose for a period of 30 seconds.
- b) The handler will encourage the dog to remain with them and be no more than 40 inches away for at least 15 seconds during the exercise.
- c) If the dog strays more than 40 inches, it is to be encouraged back to the handler by any means of motivation but not by any rough physical handling.
- d) The Judge shall indicate that the exercise is complete after 30 seconds.

To achieve a Pass for exercise 1

The dog must remain within a standard lead length of the handler for at least 15 seconds of the allowed 30 seconds time period to pass.

Exercise 2 - "WATCH ME – WITHIN 60 SECONDS"

- a) The Judges shall indicate the time has started and ask the handler to get the dog's attention.
- b) They must get the dog to look at them by making eye contact within the time allowed by any means possible other than by rough physical handling.
- c) The Judge shall indicate that the exercise is complete after 60 seconds.

To achieve a Pass for exercise 2

The handler needs to get the dogs attention by making eye contact for at least 1 second out of the allowed 60 seconds time period to pass.

1 Achiever's Obedience Award – Grade One

Exercise 3 - "SIT WITHIN 60 SECONDS"

- a) When instructed by the judge, the dog and handler will be asked to walk around within the area.
- b) The handler will then be asked to get their dog to sit, by the judge who shall also indicate that the time has started.
- c) They must achieve this position within the time allowed by any positive motivational means possible - but not by any rough physical handling.

To achieve a Pass for exercise 3

The dog must achieve the sit position and maintain it momentarily within 60 seconds of the first command to complete this exercise.

Exercise 4 - "STAND WITHIN 60 SECONDS"

- a) When instructed by the judge, the dog and handler will be asked to walk around within the area.
- b) The handler will then be asked to get their dog to stand, by the judge who shall also indicate that the time has started.
- c) They must achieve this position within the time allowed by any positive motivational means possible but not by any rough physical handling.

To achieve a Pass for exercise 4

The dog must achieve the stand position and maintain it momentarily within 60 seconds of the first command to complete this exercise.

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Exercise 5 - "DOWN WITHIN 60 SECONDS"

- a) When instructed by the judge, the dog and handler will be asked to walk around within the area.
- b) The handler will then be asked to get their dog into the down position, by the judge who shall also indicate that the time has started.
- c) They must achieve this position within the time allowed by any positive motivational means possible but not by any rough physical handling.

To achieve a Pass for exercise 5

The dog must achieve the down position and maintain it momentarily within 60 seconds of the first command to complete this exercise.

Exercise 6 - "PLAY FOR 15 SECONDS"

- a) The Judges shall indicate the time has started and ask the handler to get the dog to play.
- b) The handler will be asked to initiate playing with their dog. This can consist of a chase me game or catching / retrieving a toy
- c) The handler must get the dog to play for at least 15 seconds within the time allowed by any means possible other than by rough physical handling.
- d) If a toy is used it must be given up readily when instructed by the judge to finish the play.
- e) The Judge shall indicate that the exercise is complete after 60 seconds.

To achieve a Pass for exercise 6

The handler must get the dog to play for at least 15 seconds out of the allowed 60 seconds time period to pass

Additional Notes for exercise 6

- 1. The Handler is allowed to exchange a treat for a toy.

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Exercise 7 - "GENTLY"

- a) The Judge will ask the handler for a piece of food or a toy.
- b) The judge will place the food or toy supplied by the handler onto the flat of their hand, (please refer to Permitted/ Non-Permitted actions during the tests 1.6 d).
- c) The food or toy will then be offered to the dog.
- d) The handler will instruct the dog to take the food or toy in safe and gentle manner.

To achieve a Pass for exercise 7

The dog is allowed 60 seconds to take the food or toy to complete this exercise, but if the dog snatches the toy or food from the judge, equally this will result in a failure.

Exercise 8 - "GROOMING - HANDLERS CHOICE OF 2 OUT OF AREAS"

- a) The handler will be asked to initiate grooming their dog.
- b) The Handler will show the judge the dog being groomed in at least two areas which must consist of the dog's back, tummy, ears, head tail and legs.

To achieve a Pass for exercise 8

The Handler is allowed 30 seconds to complete each area to groom (60 seconds in total). The dog can show mild aversion but must be willing to allow the handler to groom them.

Additional Notes for exercise 8

1. The Handler is allowed to use any suitable form of brush or comb for this exercise.
2. The handler is allowed to give the dog a toy or article to chew on whilst grooming takes place.
3. The handler will choose two out of the following six areas to groom.

■ Back	■ Head
■ Tummy	■ Tail
■ Ears	■ Legs
4. The Judge will watch the grooming but is not required to touch the dog during the exercise.

2 Achiever's Obedience Award – Grade Two

Notes for Grade Two Exercises:

1. All exercises will be carried out on lead except for exercise 7 "Recall" where the handler may remove the lead if they wish or use a long line training lead.
2. The dog can wear any style collar or harness except a full check collar. (Halti / Gentle leader style head collars are allowed).
3. When attracting the dog's attention, the handler is permitted to use any form of positive motivation, for example they can use the dog's name, talk, sing or clap their hands, all these actions are permitted, with the exception of food which in grade two should only be used as a reward at the end of the exercise.
4. Treats may be brought into the area, but must remain out of sight of the dog, and must not be used as a lure.
5. Handlers are permitted to reward the dog at the end of the exercise with their own food, toy or article once the judge has said the exercise has been completed.
6. To complete the exercise, as well as verbal commands the handler may use hand signals.
7. The handler is not permitted to push or pull the dog in anyway.
8. A dog should not be put forward to take part in Exercise 5 if it is of such a temperament that it would be detrimental to the examiner or dog.
9. The following equipment is required for the tests and will be provided by the Handler:

<u>Article</u>	<u>Grooming</u>	<u>Care</u>
Toy	Brush	ID Disc/ Poo bag

Passing Grade Two Award:

To achieve a pass the team must successfully achieve 8 out of the 10 exercises.

Grade Two exercises:

- Exercise 1 "With Me" - Keeping your dog next to you around 4 articles.
- Exercise 2 "Sit" - Dog to hold this position for 10 seconds.
- Exercise 3 "Stand" - Dog to hold this position for 10 seconds.
- Exercise 4 "Down" - Dog to hold this position for 10 seconds.
- Exercise 5 "Responsibility and care" - Legal requirements.
- Exercise 6 "Grooming" – Judge's choice of 2 out of 6 areas.
- Exercise 7 "Recall" - Handler to be able to call their dog to them at 10 paces.
- Exercise 8 "Reverse" - Getting the dog to move back 3 steps.
- Exercise 9 "Leave it" - Getting the dog to come away from non-food distractions.
- Exercise 10 "Stay/Wait" - Dog to hold this position whilst the handler moves.

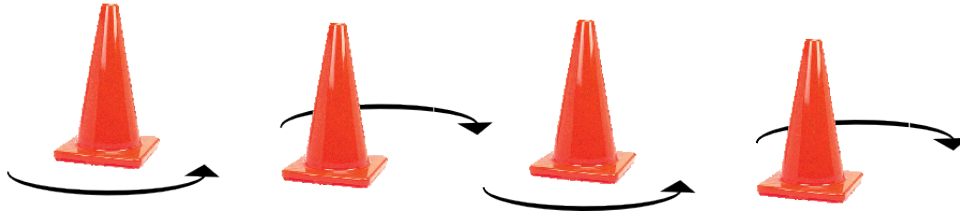
Failure for Grade Two Exercises:

- Exceeding the time limit to complete the exercise.
- Pushing or pulling the dog to achieve the exercise.

2 Achiever's Obedience Award – Grade Two

Exercise 1 - "WITH ME AROUND 4 ARTICLES"

Four identical articles should be placed in a straight line 4 paces apart, Chairs or cones are ideal.



- a) The Judges shall indicate the time has started and ask the handler and dog to travel in a weaving motion at any pace from one end to the other, about turn, and return the same way.
- b) The handler will encourage the dog to remain with them with a minimal use of the lead for correction.
- c) They must complete the course within the time allowed using positive motivational means – and not by any rough physical handling.
- d) The Judge shall indicate that the exercise is complete when the handler and dog have completed the course.

To achieve a Pass for exercise 1

Once the handler and dog have started they must complete the course within 60 seconds to complete this exercise.

Exercise 2 - "SIT FOR 10 SECONDS"

- a) When instructed by the judge, the dog and handler will be asked to walk around within the area.
- b) The handler will be then asked to get their dog to sit, by the judge who shall also indicate that the time has started.
- c) They must achieve this position and remain sitting for a total of 10 seconds within the time allowed by positive motivational means - not by any rough physical handling.

To achieve a Pass for exercise 2

The dog must achieve the sit position and remain in it, for a total of 10 seconds within a 60 seconds time period to complete this exercise.

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Exercise 3 - "STAND FOR 10 SECONDS"

- a) When instructed by the judge, the dog and handler will be asked to walk around within the area.
- b) The handler will be then asked to get their dog to stand, by the judge who shall also indicate that the time has started.
- c) They must achieve this position and remain standing for a total of 10 seconds within the time allowed by positive motivational means - not by any rough physical handling.

To achieve a Pass for exercise 3

The dog must achieve the stand position and remain in it, for a total of 10 seconds within a 60 seconds time period to complete this exercise.

Exercise 4 - "DOWN FOR 10 SECONDS"

- a) When instructed by the judge, the dog and handler will be asked to walk around within the area.
- b) The handler will be then asked to get their dog to get into the down position, by the judge who shall also indicate that the time has started.
- c) They must achieve this position and remain in the down for a total of 10 seconds within the time allowed by positive motivational means - not by any rough physical handling.

To achieve a Pass for exercise 4

The dog must achieve the down position and remain in it, for a total of 10 seconds within a 60 seconds time period to complete this exercise.

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Exercise 5 - "RESPONSIBILITY AND CARE"

- a) When instructed by the judge, the handler will be asked to show that they have a clean bag to be used to pick up after their dog and to see the dogs I.D tag.
- b) The dogs tag must be in line with legal requirements, that all dogs should have a collar with an Identification tag on which includes the name and address of the owner.
- c) The owner is permitted to distract the dog during the collar/tag inspection; however, the judge must be able to read the tag.
- d) The Judge shall indicate that the exercise is complete once the inspection has taken place.

To achieve a Pass for exercise 5

The dog is allowed to show mild aversion only and must be willing to allow the Judge to read the tag within a 60 seconds time period to complete this exercise.

Exercise 6 - "GROOMING – JUDGES CHOICE OF 2 OUT OF AREAS"

- a) The handler will be asked to initiate grooming their dog.
- b) The Handler will show the judge the dog being groomed in at least two areas which have been nominated by the judge this will be its back, tummy, ears, tail, head or legs.
- c) The judge will inspect the dog on the area's that have been groomed.

To achieve a Pass for exercise 6

The Handler is allowed 30 seconds to complete each area to groom (60 seconds in total). The dog is allowed to show mild aversion only and must be willing to allow the handler to groom him.

Additional Notes for exercise 6

- 1. The Handler is allowed to use any suitable equipment when grooming for example wipes for the ears, a brush, or a comb.
- 2. The handler is allowed to give the dog a toy or article to chew on whilst grooming takes place.
- 3. The Judge will choose two out of the following six areas to groom.
 - Back ■ Head
 - Tummy ■ Tail
 - Ears ■ Legs

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Exercise 7 - "RECALL 10 PACES AWAY"

- a) When instructed by the judge, the handler will be asked to walk 10 paces away from their dog at which point they should call their dog, using the pet's name and a return command to get the dog back to them.

To achieve a Pass for exercise 7

The handler must get the dog's attention and get their dog to go directly back next to the handler, should the dog go anywhere else other than directly back to the handler this will be deemed as a fail. The handler can use a maximum of three commands, within a 45 seconds time period to complete this exercise.

Additional Notes for exercise 7:

1. The handler may choose to do this exercise on or off lead. If however the dog remains on lead it is not to be used to pull the dog towards them.
2. The dog may be left in a stay/wait position or just allowed to move freely.
3. The dog may return to the handler in front, back or at their side.

Exercise 8 - "REVERSE FOR 3 STEPS"

- a) When instructed by the judge, the handler will instruct the dog to move three paces backwards.

To achieve a Pass for exercise 8

Steps consist of all four paws having moved backwards.

The steps do not need to be in a straight line but need to be backwards from the original starting position.

The handler may move or position themselves anywhere they choose to achieve the exercise.

The dog must complete three backwards steps within 45 seconds to complete this exercise.

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Exercise 9 - "LEAVE IT"

- a) When instructed by the judge, the handler and dog will approach the toys and retrieve if they wish to their own toy and return to their position.

To achieve a Pass for exercise 9

The handler must get the dog to leave all the other toys except their own and return with the handler back to their starting position within a 60 seconds time period to complete this exercise. If the dog takes any other toy than their own this will be deemed as a fail.

Additional Notes for exercise 9:

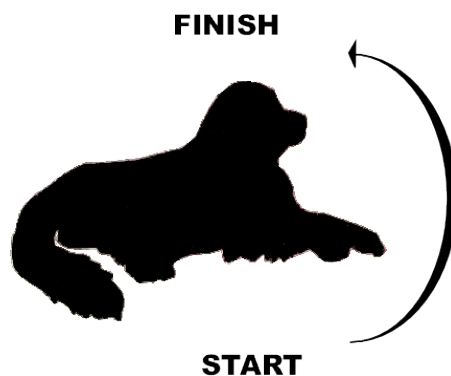
1. Before the exercise begins, all the handlers will be asked to throw/place their toys in the middle of the area. If, however, a dog is being tested on its own, the judge will throw/place a minimum of three toys into the area.
2. The dog is allowed to sniff all the toys but will be called away and respond readily, to leave all the other toys but if they wish, bring back their own.
3. If the dog takes hold of another toy, but then leaves it on command, this is acceptable.
4. The handler may use the toy to distract the dog from the other toys to achieve this as an encouragement if required.

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Exercise 10 - "STAY/WAIT"

The dog is to be left in a position of the handler's choice (Sit Down or Stand).

- a) When instructed by the judge, the handler will instruct the dog to Stay/Wait and stand at one side of the dog
- b) The judge shall indicate that the handler should now proceed slowly to the opposite side of the dog.



- c) Once the handler is at the other side of the dog, the judge shall indicate that the time has started.
- d) The dog is now to remain on the spot for three seconds.
- e) The judge shall indicate that the time and exercise is complete.
- f) The handler may now praise and release the dog from the stay/wait position.

To achieve a Pass for exercise 10

The dog must achieve the stay/wait position and remain on the spot it has been left in for a total of 3 seconds once the handler reaches the other side.

If the handler has moved too quickly around the dog, the judge can ask them to do it again.

The dog may change positions on the stay/wait but must remain in the same spot (for 3 seconds)

The dog will only be deemed to have failed if it moves off the spot.

The dog can be reset but must achieve the whole wait including the additional 3 seconds within the time period.

3 Achiever's Obedience Award – Grade Three

Notes for Grade Three Exercises:

1. Exercises 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 12 may be carried out on lead if required.
2. The dog is allowed to wear any style of collar or harness except a full check collar (Halti / Gentle leader style head collars are allowed)
3. When attracting the dog's attention, the handler is permitted to use any form of positive motivation, for example they can use the dog's name, talk, sing or clap their hands. All these actions are permitted, with the exception of food which in grade three should only be used as a reward at the end of the exercise.
4. Treats may be brought into the area, but must remain out of sight of the dog, and must not be used as a lure.
5. Handlers are permitted to reward the dog at the end of the exercise with their own food, toy or article once the judge has confirmed the exercise has been completed.
6. To complete the exercise, as well as verbal commands, the handler may use hand signals.
7. The handler is not permitted to push or pull the dog in anyway.
8. A dog should be omitted from Exercise 1 if it is of such a temperament that it would be detrimental to the other dogs.
9. The following equipment is required for the tests and will be provided by the Handler:

<u>Article</u>	<u>Food</u>	<u>Send to article</u>
Toy	Treats	Blanket

Passing Grade Three Award:

To achieve a pass, the team must successfully achieve 10 out of the 12 exercises.

Grade Three Exercises:

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| Exercise 1 | “With Me” - Keeping your dog next to you around other 4 dogs. |
| Exercise 2 | “Hold” – Dog to hold an article for 5 paces in 2 different directions |
| Exercise 3 | “Send Away” Dog to go to a designated area approximately three paces away. |
| Exercise 4 | “Distance Control” – Dog to complete 2 positions with the handler being 3 paces away. |
| Exercise 5 | “Stop on Recall” Handler to be able to call their dog to them and when commanded stop them crossing an indicator mark. |
| Exercise 6 | “Front opening gate, followed by a course” requiring the dog to work both sides of the handler” |
| Exercise 7 | “Leave it with food” Getting the dog to leave the food, between or just in front of its paws for 3 seconds until instructed to take it. |
| Exercise 8 | “Stay” Stay position of handler’s choice at 5 paces away for a duration of 1 minute. |

Failure for Grade Three exercises:

Exceeding the time limit or failing to complete the required number of exercises.
Pushing or pulling the dog to achieve the exercise.

3 Achiever's Obedience Award – Grade Three

Exercise 1 - "WITH ME STAYING ON ONE SIDE AROUND 4 DOGS"

Four dogs on lead with their handlers standing beside them should be in the down or sit position in a straight line 4 paces apart.



- a) The judge will ask the handler on which side they wish to work the dog.
- b) The handler will nominate left or right, and the dog is to remain on this side of the handler for the whole exercise.
- c) The Judge will indicate the time has started and ask the handler and dog to travel in a weaving motion at walking pace from one end to the other, about turn, and return the same way.
- d) The handler will encourage the dog to remain with them on the same side with a minimal use of the lead for correction.
- e) They must complete the course within the time allowed using positive motivational means – and not by any rough physical handling.
- f) The Judge shall indicate that the exercise is over when the handler and dog have completed the course.

To achieve a Pass for Exercise 1

Once the handler and dog have started they must complete the course, in one attempt in the required way, within 60 seconds to complete this exercise.

Additional Notes for Exercise 1:

1. Only dogs of good temperament will be asked to take part in this exercise.
2. The judge may choose to substitute any dog of good temperament to form the line from dogs not entered in the award.

3 Achiever's Obedience Award – Grade Three

Exercise 2 - "HOLD FOR 5 PACES IN 2 DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS"

- a) When instructed by the judge, the handler will command the dog to hold its own article in its mouth, whilst moving a good 5 paces in one direction of their choice. The handler and dog will then change direction for a further 5 paces.
- b) The Judge shall indicate that the exercise is over when the handler and dog have completed the 10 paces.

To achieve a Pass for Exercise 2

The dog must hold the article for the whole duration of the 10 paces, within a 60 second time period to complete this exercise.

Additional Notes for Exercise 2:

- 1. The handler is allowed to pick up the article at any time if dropped by the dog to give it back to them to restart the whole exercise again from that point. The time will not be restarted.
- 2. Only the dog must hold the article (the handler is not allowed to hold or carry the article) for the desired distance of 10 paces.
- 3. This exercise may be undertaken at any speed, fast normal or slow or a combination.

3 Achiever's Obedience Award – Grade Three

Exercise 3 - "SEND AWAY FROM 3 PACES AWAY"

- a) When instructed by the judge, the handler will leave the dog in any position and proceed to move 3 paces away in front of the dog and indicate a mark of where the dog is to be sent to. The handler may do the exercise with or without an article, however, if an article is chosen it will be placed on the ground and left as the indicator mark (not thrown) the article used can be a bed, blanket, mat, lead or cloth etc.
- b) The handler will return to the dog's side.
- c) The judge shall instruct the handler to begin.
- d) The handler will send the dog to the mark.
- e) On reaching the mark, the dog will hold any position.
- f) The handler will go and stand beside the dog, which has remained in its original mark position.
- g) The judge shall indicate when the exercise is completed.

To achieve a Pass for Exercise 3

The dog must leave the handler and travel to the send away mark within 30 seconds of the handlers first send away command. The dog must achieve the mark position and remain in it for a total of 3 seconds to complete this exercise.

Additional Notes for Exercise 3:

- 1. The dog may use any position to mark (sit/down/stand).
- 2. If an article is to be used it must be provided by the handler.
- 3. The article may be anything the handler wishes such as a bed, blanket, mat, lead, cloth, etc
- 4. The dog is not allowed to hold or chew the article.

3 Achiever's Obedience Award – Grade Three

Exercise 4 - "DISTANCE CONTROL WITH ONE CHANGE OF POSITION"

- a) When instructed by the judge, the handler will be asked to pick two cards out of a bag containing three cards. (each card will show one position of either a Sit, Stand or a Down)
- b) A barrier line will then be placed in front of the dog. The measurement of this will be equal to the length of a dog in front and the thickness of the barrier will be minimal such as a wooden pole or lead.
- c) The handler will choose one of the positions shown on the cards.
- d) The handler will then place their dog in this position and leave their dog by moving two paces behind the barrier.
- e) They will then turn and face the dog.
- f) The handler will then instruct the dog to change position to correspond with the one shown on the remaining card the handler has drawn out from the bag.
- g) The judge shall ask the handler to return to the dog's side and shall indicate when the exercise is completed.

To achieve a Pass for Exercise 4

Once the handler and dog have started they must achieve and hold both card positions for 3 seconds each within the 45 seconds allowed to complete this exercise.

Additional Notes for Exercise 4:

1. The dog is permitted to move a few steps forward (but not cross the barrier) towards the handler whilst changing from the first card position to the second card position to complete this exercise.

3 Achiever's Obedience Award – Grade Three

Exercise 5 - "STOP ON RECALL"

- a) When instructed by the judge, the handler will leave the dog in any position and move 5 good paces away in front of the dog then turn and face the dog.
- b) A barrier of minimal height, (such as wind break pole or lead used in exercise 6) will be placed three good paces in front of the handler.
- c) When instructed by the judge, the handler will call the dog towards them stopping them in any position before they cross the barrier.

To achieve a Pass for Exercise 5

The handler must stop the dog by vocal and/or hand signal commands before they cross the barrier within 45 seconds to complete this exercise.

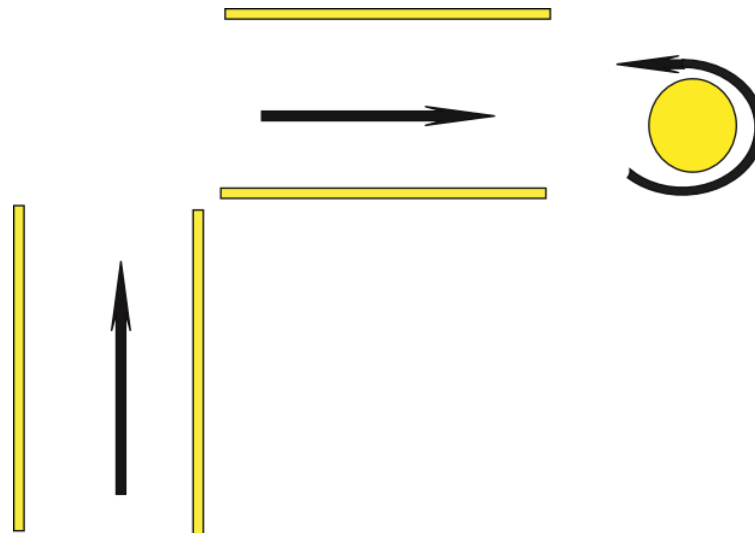
Additional Notes for Exercise 5:

1. The handler will start the exercise at least two good paces away from the barrier and is not permitted to walk towards the dog they must remain at least one good pace away from the barrier at all times during the exercise. They are however permitted to take one step only towards the dog (or in any direction) to help them achieve a pass.

3 Achiever's Obedience Award – Grade Three

Exercise 6 - "FRONT OPENING GATE, AND WORKING BOTH SIDES OF THE HANDLER"

- a) When instructed by the judge, the dog and handler will be asked to walk the course which will be set out using a gate with four poles laid on the ground set at a 45-degree angle including an obstacle or pole to be used as a turn (as shown).



FRONT OPENING GATE
3 steps in front of the poles

- b) The handler will nominate left or right, and the dog is to remain on this side of the handler for the first part of the exercise.
- c) The Judge will indicate the time has started and ask the handler and dog to go through the front opening gate and walk within the course without stepping outside of the poles, during the course which shall consist of one right turn, one about turn and back again to complete one left turn.
- d) The handler will encourage the dog to remain with them on the same side of the handler throughout the first part of the course.
- e) Once the team have turned around the obstacle, the handler will work from the other side of the dog.
- f) The judge shall indicate that the exercise is over when the handler and dog have completed the course back through the gate.

3 Achiever's Obedience Award – Grade Three

To achieve a Pass for Exercise 6

The team must complete the course within the time allowed using positive motivational means – and not by any rough physical handling.

Once started the team must complete the course without stepping outside the poles and complete the exercise within 60 seconds.

Additional Notes for Exercise 6:

1. The handler may choose to do this exercise on or off lead. If however the dog remains on lead, the lead is not to be used to control the dog.
2. The poles will be minimal height such as windbreaker poles.
3. The poles shall be placed 40 inches/ 102 centimetres apart (standard lead length).

Exercise 7 - "LEAVE IT WITH FOOD FOR 3 SECONDS"

- a) The handler will place the dog in any position.
- b) When instructed by the judge, the handler will place an item of food between, or just in front of, the dog's front paws.
- c) The handler may instruct the dog to leave the food.
- d) The judge shall indicate when 3 seconds has elapsed from the time of the handler leaving the food.
- e) The handler may now instruct the dog that they may take the food.

To achieve a Pass for Exercise 7

The dog must leave the food when instructed and eat the food when instructed within 45 seconds to complete this exercise.

Additional Notes for Exercise 7:

1. The handler must allow the dog to view the food without blocking or having any interference for the 3 seconds.
2. If the dog does not take the food, the handler is permitted to pick up the food and give it to the dog to eat.

3 Achiever's Obedience Award – Grade Three

Exercise 8 - "STAY FOR 1 MINUTE"

- a) The handler will place the dog in any position of their choice (sit/down or stand).
- b) When instructed by the judge, the handler will move a distance of 5 paces away from the dog for a period of 1 minute.
- c) The judge shall indicate when the handler may return to the dog.
- d) The exercise is completed when the handler is back by the dog's side.

To achieve a Pass for Exercise 8

The dog must remain in the same position for 1 minute.

Additional Notes for Exercise 8:

- 1. The handler will be five good steps away from the dog before the judge starts the time.
- 2. The handler will remain in sight of the dog at all times during this exercise.

4 Achiever's Obedience Award – Grade Four

Notes for Grade Four exercises:

1. Exercises 1, 5, 8, 9 and 10 may be carried out on lead if required by the handler.
2. The dog is allowed to wear any style of collar or harness except a full check collar/ Halti / Gentle leader style head collar.
3. When attracting the dog's attention, the handler is permitted to use any form of positive motivation, for example they can use the dog's name, talk, sing or clap their hands. All these actions are permitted, with the exception of food which in grade four should only be used as a reward at the end of the exercise.
4. Treats may be brought into the area as a reward, but must remain out of sight of the dog, and must not be used as a lure.
5. Handlers are permitted to reward the dog at the end of the exercise with their own food, toy or article once the judge has confirmed the exercise has been completed.
6. To complete the exercise, as well as verbal commands, the handler may use hand signals.
7. The handler is not permitted to push or pull the dog in anyway.
8. A dog should be omitted from any Exercise if it is of such a temperament that it would be detrimental to the other dogs.
9. One pace = approximately 1 meter.
10. The following equipment is required for the tests and will be provided by the Handler:

<u>Article</u>	<u>Food</u>	<u>Send to article</u>
Toy	Treats	2 x Blankets

Passing the Grade Four Test

To achieve a pass, the team must successfully achieve 8 out of the 10 exercises.

Grade Four exercises:

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| Exercise 1 | “With Me” - Keeping your dog next to you on one side whilst off lead. |
| Exercise 2 | “Recall and turn on the move without stopping”-Dog to wait, recall to the side of handler from 10 paces away |
| Exercise 3 | “Retrieve” – Dog will retrieve an article of its choice from 10 paces away. |
| Exercise 4 | “Directional Send Away” - Dog to go to one of two designated areas approximately five to 10 paces away. |
| Exercise 5 | “Forward and Back” - Dog to respond to commands in a restricted area. |
| Exercise 6 | “Recall over obstacle”- Handler to be able to call their dog to them over an obstacle. |
| Exercise 7 | “Distance Control” - Working in a square, the dog is to be sent left or right. |
| Exercise 8 | “Leave it with food” - Getting the dog to leave the food, whilst collecting it. |
| Exercise 9 | “Stay” - Stay position of handler's choice at 10 paces away for duration of 3 minutes. |
| Exercise 10 | “Over and Under” - Walk calmly over and under obstacles. |

Failure for Grade Four exercises:

Exceeding the time limit or failing to complete the required number of exercises.

Pushing or pulling the dog to achieve the exercise.

4 Achiever's Obedience Award – Grade Four

Exercise 1 - "WITH ME – OFF LEAD"

- a) The judge will ask the handler on which side they wish to work the dog.
- b) The handler will nominate left or right, and the dog is to remain on this side of the handler for the whole exercise.
- c) The Judge will indicate the time has started and ask the handler and dog to move off in a straight line, after approximately 10 paces the judge will ask the team to turn right, after 10 paces the judge will ask the team to turn left and continue for another 10 paces.
- d) The handler will encourage the dog to remain with them on the same side with a minimal use of rewards however these may be used but not as a lure.
- e) They must complete the course within the time allowed using positive motivational means – and not by any rough physical handling.
- f) The Judge shall indicate that the exercise is over when the handler and dog have completed the course.

To achieve a Pass for Exercise 1

Once started the handler and dog must complete the course, in the required way, within 60 seconds to complete this exercise.

Exercise 2 - "RECALL AND TURN ON THE MOVE WITHOUT STOPPING"

- a) When instructed by the judge, the handler will be asked to place the dog in any position (sit/down/stand) to remove the lead, and to give the dog a wait or stay command.
- b) The handler should indicate they are ready and then walk 10 good paces away (10 meters) from their dog.
- c) The judge will signal to the handler to turn left
- d) The handler will turn as indicated and without stopping they will call the dog.
- e) Once the dog has come alongside the handler the team will continue for approximately 5 more paces.
- f) The handler will then stop and put the dog back on the lead.

To achieve a Pass for Exercise 2

The dog must first wait in the same position until it is called.

The handler must not stop to call the dog.

Once called the dog must be at the handler's side within 15 paces.

4 Achiever's Obedience Award – Grade Four

Additional Notes for Exercise 2:

1. The handler must do this exercise off lead.
2. The dog must be left in a stay/wait position.
3. The dog must remain in the position it is left in and not change positions.
4. The handler can use a maximum of three commands to get the dog to recall.
5. The dog's name alone is not a command.
6. The dog must return to the handler side and continue for a further 5 paces.

Exercise 3 - "RETRIEVE 10 PACES AWAY"

- a) When instructed by the judge, the handler will command the dog to wait.
- b) The handler will throw or place the article approximately 10 paces (10 meters) in a direction of their choice.
- c) The dog may be moderately restrained or must wait if the article is being placed by the handler.
- d) The handler will instruct the dog to retrieve the article.
- e) The Judge shall indicate that the exercise is over when the dog has brought the article back to the handler and has given the article up readily.

To achieve a Pass for Exercise 3

Once started the dog must retrieve the article and bring it back to the handler giving it up to them readily, within a 60 second time period to complete this exercise.

The dog is only allowed to drop the article a maximum of three times on the way back before getting to the handler.

Additional Notes for Exercise 3:

1. The handler is allowed to ask to restart the whole exercise again once only, but the time will not be restarted.

4 Achiever's Obedience Award – Grade Four

Exercise 4 - "DIRECTIONAL SEND AWAY 10 PACES AWAY"

- a) The judge shall ask the handler to pick one of two cards which shall indicate if the dog is to be sent left or right.
- b) When instructed by the judge, the handler will leave the dog in any position and proceed to move 10 paces away in front of the dog and indicate two marks one to left and one to the right, with 10 paces between the two markers.
- c) The handler may do the exercise with or without two identical articles, however, if articles are chosen they will be placed on the ground and left as the indicator mark (not thrown) the articles used can be a beds, blankets, mats, leads or cloths etc.
- d) The handler will return to the dog's side.
- e) Once chosen the judge shall instruct the handler to begin.
- f) The handler will send the dog straight to the correct mark.
- g) On reaching the mark, the dog will hold any position.
- h) The handler will go and stand beside the dog, which has remained in its original mark position.
- i) The judge shall indicate when the exercise is completed.

To achieve a Pass for Exercise 4

The dog must leave the handler and travel straight to the correct send away mark within 30 seconds of the handlers first send away command. The dog must achieve the correct mark position and remain in it for a total of 3 seconds after the handler has joined the dog to complete this exercise.

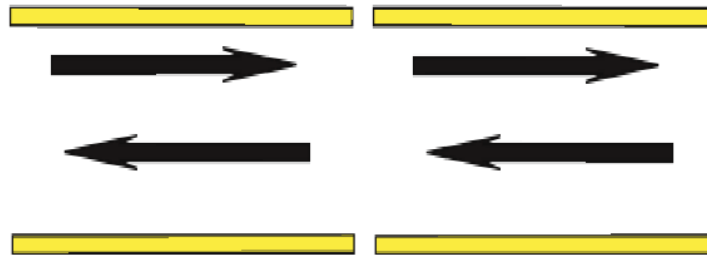
Additional Notes for Exercise 4:

- 1. The dog may use any position to mark (sit/down/stand).
- 2. If an article is to be used it must be provided by the handler.
- 3. The article may be anything the handler wishes such as a bed, blanket, lead, cloth, etc.
- 4. The dog must go to straight the correct mark they cannot be redirected from the wrong mark to the correct one.
- 5. The dog is not allowed to hold or chew the article.

4 Achiever's Obedience Award – Grade Four

Exercise 5 - "FORWARD AND BACK"

- a) When instructed by the judge, the dog and handler will be asked to walk the course which will be set out using four poles laid on the ground (as shown below) The poles will be 10 centimetres wider on each side of the dog.



- b) The Judge will indicate the time has started.
c) The handler will remain half way down or behind the dog and instruct the dog to go forward in front of the handler for 5 paces.
d) The team will walk within the course without stepping on or outside of the poles.
e) Once started the Judge will allow 30 seconds for the forward section be completed.
f) Once completed the judge will indicate the time has started again and ask the handler and dog to back up the course retracing their 5 paces.
g) The handler may be in any position within the poles to complete the backup.
h) The judge shall indicate that the exercise is over when the handler and dog have completed both parts of the course.

To achieve a Pass for Exercise 5

The team must complete the course 5 paces forward and back without stepping outside the poles and complete the exercise within 60 seconds (30 seconds for each section).

The team will walk within the course without stepping on or outside of the poles.

They must complete the course within the time allowed using positive motivational means and not by any rough physical handling.

Additional Notes for Exercise 5:

1. The poles will be minimal height such as windbreaker poles.
2. The poles shall be placed on the ground adjusted to 10 centimetres wider on each side relevant to each dog.

4 Achiever's Obedience Award – Grade Four

Exercise 6 - "RECALL OVER AN OBSTACLE MINIMUM 5 PACES AWAY"

- a) When instructed by the judge, the handler will be asked to place the dog a minimum of 5 paces away from the obstacle, the dog may be left in any position (sit/down/stand) the handler will remove the lead, and to give the dog a wait or stay command.
- b) The handler should indicate they are ready and then walk a minimum of 5 paces away from the obstacle on the opposite side.
- c) The judge shall indicate the time has started.
- d) The handler will call the dog over the obstacle.
- e) Once over the obstacle the dog will return to the handler and sit.
- f) The handler will then put the dog back on the lead.

To achieve a Pass for Exercise 6:

The dog must first wait until it is called.

The dog must go over the obstacle without knocking it over.

Once started the handler can use a maximum of three commands within a 45 seconds time period to complete this exercise.

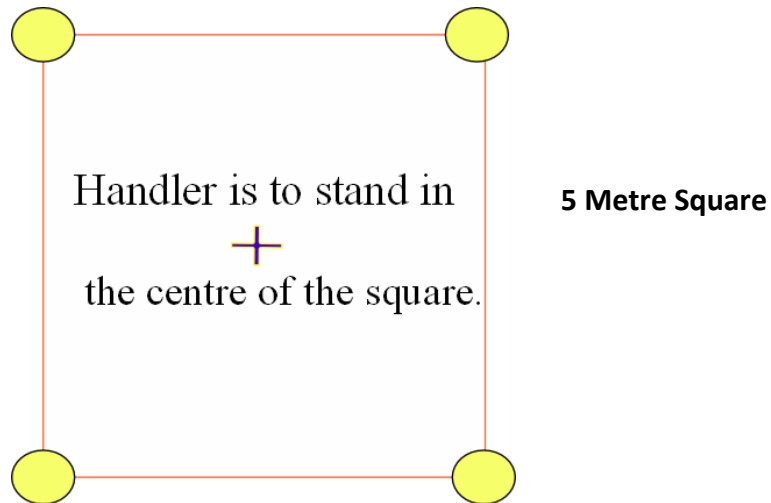
Additional Notes for Exercise 6:

1. The handler must do this exercise off lead.
2. The dog must be left in a stay/wait position.
3. The dog's name alone is not a command.
4. The dog must return to the handler after going over the obstacle.
5. Two obstacles will be available for the handler to choose from to ensure at least one of obstacles will be no more than knee height to the dog.

4 Achiever's Obedience Award – Grade Four

Exercise 7 - "DISTANCE AND DIRECTION CONTROL IN A 5 METRE SQUARE "

- a) When instructed by the judge, the handler will be asked to position their dog at any one of the poles in the square facing into the centre of the square.



- b) The handler will command their dog to stay/wait and proceed to the centre of the square.
c) The handler will make their way to the centre of the square turn and face the dog.
d) The handler will pull a card held by the judge so show if the dog is to be sent left or right before the exercise begins.
e) The judge shall indicate the time has started.
f) The handler will command the dog to go the correct pole.

To achieve a Pass for Exercise 7:

The dog must go to straight in the direction of the correct pole to achieve this exercise. Once started the dog has one minute to complete this exercise.

Additional Notes for Exercise 7:

1. A left card = the dogs left side, a right card = the dogs right side.
2. The dog may be given as many commands as they wish to command the dog to the correct pole.
3. The dog is permitted to take a maximum of a few steps towards the centre square before being redirected to the correct pole, however they must be at least one step away from their handler.
4. The dog needs to be close to the pole, so minor adjustments by the dog to get closer to the pole are allowed within the time period.

4 Achiever's Obedience Award – Grade Four

Exercise 8 - "LEAVE IT WITH FOOD ON A COURSE 2 PACES APART"

- a) The Judge will lay out a course of 5 plates/boards with 1 pieces of food supplied by the handler on each plate.
- b) The judge will get the dogs attention to show where the food is being placed
- c) When instructed by the judge, the handler walk the course with the dog on a loose lead colleting the pieces of food using chopsticks onto their own plate.
- d) The handler may instruct the dog to leave the food, as many times as they wish.
- e) The judge shall indicate the exercise is complete when the handler has all 5 pieces of food on their own plate.
- f) The handler will instruct the dog to take at least one piece of the food.

To achieve a Pass for Exercise 8

Once started the dog must leave the food when instructed and eat the food when instructed within 60 seconds to complete this exercise.

Additional Notes for Exercise 8:

1. The plates/boards will be two good paces apart in a straight line.
2. The handler must allow the dog to view the food without any interference whilst they are collecting the food.
3. The handler must use their own food for this exercise.

Exercise 9 - "STAY FOR 3 MINUTES IN SIGHT "

- a) The handler will place the dog in any position of their choice (sit/down or stand).
- b) When instructed by the judge, the handler will move a distance of 10 paces away from the dog for a period of 3 minutes.
- c) The judge shall indicate when the handler may return to the dog.
- d) The exercise is only completed when the handler is back by the dog's side and the dog has remained in the chosen position.

To achieve a Pass for Exercise 9

The dog must remain in the same position for 3 minutes, until the handler has returned to the dog and has been told the exercise has been completed.

Additional Notes for Exercise 9:

1. The handler will be a minimum of ten good steps away from the dog before the judge starts the time.
2. The handler will remain in sight of the dog at all times during this exercise.

4 Achiever's Obedience Award – Grade Four

Exercise 10 - "OVER AND UNDER"

- a) When instructed by the judge, the dog and handler will be asked to walk calmly over a set of two steps then under an obstacle.
- b) The judge shall indicate that the exercise is complete when the handler and dog have completed the course.

To achieve a Pass for Exercise 10

Once started the team must finish the course, within 45 seconds to complete this exercise.

Additional Notes for exercise 10:

- 1. The dog will be asked to calmly walk up two steps, the height of which will be similar in size to standard caravan steps.
- 2. The dog must make contact with the lowest step or step off the top step in a controlled manner.
- 3. The obstacle should preferably be a table that will be approximately shoulder height to the dog, so the judge can see the dog is aware or has made some physical adjustment to their body to get under the obstacle.
- 4. The handler can call their dog from the other side of the obstacle.

5 Achiever's Obedience Award – Grade Five

Notes for Grade Five exercises:

1. All exercises must be carried out off lead (exercise 2 the dog can be taken to start the exercise on lead, but it must be removed before the exercise begins so the dog can investigate the articles off lead).
2. The dog is allowed to wear any style collar or harness (except a full check collar/Halti or Gentle leader style head collar).
3. When attracting the dog's attention, the handler is permitted to use any form of positive motivation, for example they can use the dog's name, talk, sing or clap their hands, all these actions are permitted.
4. Food/Treats may be brought into the area, as a reward but must remain out of sight of the dog and must not be used as a lure.
5. Handlers are permitted to reward the dog at the end of the exercise with their own food, toy or article once the judge has said the exercise has been completed.
6. To complete the exercise, as well as verbal commands the handler may use hand signals.
7. The handler is not permitted to push or pull the dog in anyway.
8. A dog should not be put forward to take part in any grade five exercises if it is of such a temperament that it would be detrimental to the other dogs taking part in the test.
9. The following equipment is required for the tests and will be provided by the Handler:

<u>Article</u>	<u>Food</u>	<u>Send to article</u>
2 x Toys	Treats	Blanket/Lead/etc

Passing Grade Five Test:

To achieve a pass the team must successfully achieve all of the 8 exercises.

Grade Five exercises:

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| Exercise 1 | “With Me” - Off lead dog working both sides of the handler. |
| Exercise 2 | “Stop on Free Movement” – Dog to roam free before being told to stop. |
| Exercise 3 | “Directional Retrieve” – Dog to reach one of two identical articles |
| Exercise 4 | “Out of Sight Send Away” - Handler to send their dog to a blanket, bed or article out of sight behind a windbreaker. |
| Exercise 5 | “Directional Back up” - Dog and handler to go back with a right and left turn.
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| Exercise 6 | “Distance and Directional Control” – Dog to be sent to two of the poles from the set-up square. |
| Exercise 7 | “Stay” stay in one position of handler's choice for 3 minutes with 1 minute out of sight. |
| Exercise 8 | “Recall & Leave it” - Dog to be re-called to the handler past a line of distractions. |

Failure for Grade Five exercises:

Exceeding the time limit or failing to complete the exercise.

Pushing or pulling the dog to achieve the exercise.

5 Achiever's Obedience Award – Grade Five

Exercise 1 - "WITH ME OFF LEAD BOTH SIDES OF THE HANDLER"

- a) The Judges shall ask the handler on what side they wish to start working the dog.
- b) When instructed by the judge, the handler and dog shall walk forward with the dog beside them on their chosen side after approximately 10 paces the handler will be asked turn right and move forward for another 10 paces, the handler will be asked to turn left and move forward for another 10 paces.
- c) The handler will then be asked to stop and put the dog in a sit position; the dog will remain at the side of the handler and should hold the sit for 10 seconds.
- d) The handler will be asked by the judge to change the dog to the other side of them and continue using the same course as before.

To achieve a Pass for exercise 1

The dog must remain the side the handler has indicated for both the first and then the second part of the exercise the dog is not allowed to change sides until the handler indicates they can do so.

Additional Notes for exercise 1:

1. Minor adjustments by the handler to keep the dog on the correct side are acceptable.

Exercise 2 - "STOP ON FREE MOVEMENT"

- a) When instructed by the judge, the handler will take the dog to a number of articles (toys, empty bottles etc.) and remove the lead and leave the dog to investigate.
- b) The handler will stop or quietly move at least 5 paces away from the dog.
- c) When the dog is not paying any attention to the handler but has taken at least three steps on their own.
- d) The handler will command the dog to stop.
- e) The handler will then walk to dog, which will remain in the stop position and then put the dog back on the lead.

To achieve a Pass for exercise 2

The dog must have taken at least 3 steps off lead away from the handler before the stop command is given.

Additional Notes for exercise 2:

1. The handler must do this exercise off lead.
2. The judge may use themselves as a decoy to help the handler achieve this by taking the attention away from the handler, however they must then allow the dog to move away from them and roam free before the stop command is given.
3. If the dog does not investigate the articles on its own a piece of food maybe thrown onto the floor by the judge as a distraction.

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Exercise 3 - "DIRECTIONAL RETRIEVE AT 10 PACES"

- a) The handler will pick a card which shall indicate left or right.
- b) When instructed by the judge, the handler will throw or place one article in front at least 10 paces to the left of the dog and one article in front at least 10 paces to the right of the dog.
- c) The judge shall advise the handler that the exercise can begin.
- d) The handler will send the dog to retrieve the correct article.
- e) The dog will bring the article back to the handler and give up the article willingly.

To achieve a Pass for exercise 3

The dog must only go to the correct side left or right to retrieve the article, they cannot be re-directed if they gone to the wrong article first.

Additional Notes for exercise 3:

1. The articles used by the handler must be identical.

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Exercise 4 - "OUT OF SIGHT SEND AWAY"

- a) When instructed by the judge, the handler will leave the dog in any position 5 paces in front of the windbreaker and proceed to move behind the windbreaker or the handler may take the dog to show them the mark when placing the article.
- b) The handler may do the exercise with or without an article, however, if an article is chosen it will be placed on the ground and left as the indicator mark (not thrown) the article used can be a bed, blanket, mat, lead or cloth etc.
- c) The handler will return to the dog's side.
- d) The judge shall instruct the handler to begin.
- e) The handler will send the dog to the mark.
- f) On reaching the mark the dog will hold any position.
- g) The handler will go and stand beside the dog, which has remained in its original mark position.
- h) The judge shall indicate when the exercise is completed.

To achieve a Pass for exercise 4

Once started the dog must leave the handler and travel to the send away mark within 30 seconds of the handlers first send away command. The dog must achieve the mark position and remain in it for a total of 3 seconds to complete this exercise.

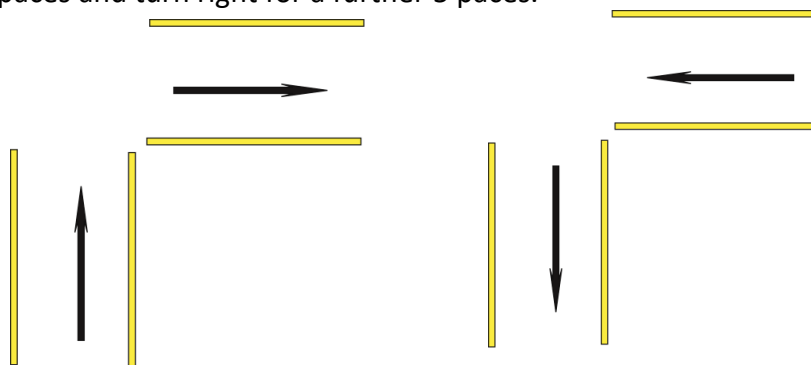
Additional Notes for exercise 4:

- 1. The dog may use any mark position (sit/down/stand).
- 2. If an article is to be used it must be provided by the handler.
- 3. The article may be anything the handler wishes such as a bed, blanket, mat, lead, cloth, etc however it cannot be the length of the windbreaker, if it is deemed too large by the Judge will ask the handler to fold the article in half or remove it.
- 4. The dog is not allowed to hold or chew the article.

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Exercise 5 - "BACK UP WITH RIGHT AND LEFT TURNS"

- a) This exercise is to be set up in two sections.
- b) First section - When instructed by the judge, the dog and handler will be asked to back up five paces and turn left for a further 5 paces
- c) The handler may then turn and walk to the end of the course before setting up to start again.
- d) Second section- When instructed by the judge, the dog and handler will be asked to back up five paces and turn right for a further 5 paces.



- e) The course which will be set out using four poles laid on the ground set at a 45-degree angle.
- f) The handler and dog must complete the course without stepping outside of the poles.
- g) They must complete the course within the time allowed using positive motivational means – and not by any rough physical handling.
- h) The Judge shall indicate that the exercise is complete when the handler and dog have completed the course.

To achieve a Pass for exercise 5

Once started the team must complete the course without stepping outside the poles, within 30 seconds to complete each section.

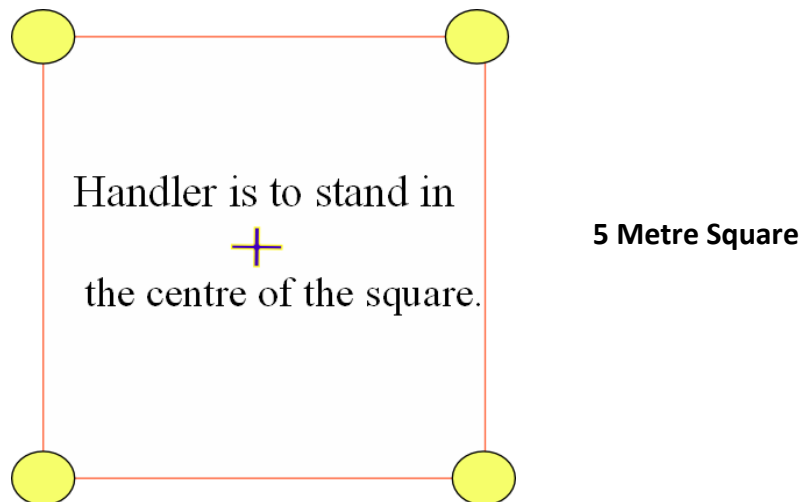
Additional Notes for exercise 5:

1. The handler may choose to do this exercise on or off lead. If however the dog remains on lead, the lead is not to be used to control the dog.
2. The pole will be minimal height such as windbreaker poles.
3. The poles shall be placed 120 inches apart (3 standard lead lengths).

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Exercise 6 – “DISTANCE AND DIRECTIONAL CONTROL IN A 5 METRE SQUARE”

- a) When instructed by the judge, the handler will be asked to position their dog at any one of the poles in the square facing into the centre of the square.



- b) The handler will command their dog to stay/wait and proceed to the centre of the square.
c) The handler will make their way to the centre of the square turn and face the dog.
d) The handler will pull a card held by the judge so show if the dog is to be sent left or right before the exercise begins.
e) The handler will command the dog to go the correct pole.
f) Once at the pole the handler will command the dog to stop.
g) The handler will pull a card held by the judge so show if the dog is to be sent left or right before the exercise continues.
h) The handler will command the dog to go the correct pole.
i) Once at the pole the handler will command the dog to stop.

To achieve a Pass for Exercise 6

The dog must go to each correct pole to achieve this exercise.

Once started the dog has 30 seconds to complete each section.

Additional Notes for Exercise 6:

1. A left card = the dogs left side, a right card = the dogs right side.
2. The dog may be given as many commands as they wish to command the dog to the correct pole.
3. The dog is permitted to take a maximum of a few steps towards the centre square before being redirected to the correct pole, however they must be at least one step away from their handler.
4. The dog needs to be close to the pole, so minor adjustments by the dog to get closer to the pole are allowed within the time period.
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Exercise 7 - "STAY IN AND OUT OF SIGHT FOR 3 MINUTES"

- a) The handler will place the dog in any position of their choice (sit/down or stand).
- b) When instructed by the judge, the handler will move a distance of 10 paces away in sight from the dog for a period of 1 minute.
- c) The judge shall indicate when the time has been completed and ask the handler to move out of sight for another minute.
- d) The judge shall indicate when the time has been completed and ask the handler to move back in sight at a distance of 10 paces away for another minute.
- e) The judge shall indicate when the time has been completed and ask the handler to return to the dog.
- f) The exercise is completed when the handler returns to the dog's side.

To achieve a Pass for exercise 7

The dog must remain in the same position for the whole exercise

Additional Notes for exercise 7:

1. This will be judged as a group exercise. If a dog changes position the handler must return to the dog's side and remain there keeping it under control until the exercise is complete.
2. The judge can only reset this exercise if they feel that in exceptional circumstances a dog has been placed at a disadvantage when for instance one dog gets up and goes over to another causing it to move.

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Exercise 8 - "RECALL AND LEAVE IT"

- a) The Judge will lay out a course of 8 articles in a line (including toys and food on plates/boards it may also contain some inanimate objects such as cones/bottles etc)
- b) The judge will place food on the first, fourth and eighth plate/board in the line.
- c) The judge will get the dogs attention whilst placing the food and articles.
- d) When instructed by the judge, the handler will leave the dog in any position of their choice within 10 paces of the first article and go to the end of line of objects.
- e) The handler will stand within 10 paces and approximately parallel with the last object.
- f) When instructed by the judge, the handler will call the dog.
- g) The handler may instruct the dog to leave the articles, as many times as they wish.
- h) The judge shall indicate the exercise is complete when the dog is sitting in front of the handler.

To achieve a Pass for Exercise 8

Once started the dog must leave all the food and the articles when instructed and return to the handler within 60 seconds to complete this exercise.

Additional Notes for Exercise 8:

1. The articles will be two good paces apart in a straight line.
2. The food used will be biscuits unless supplied by the handler.
3. The handler may use their own food for this exercise; however, the dog will be given the food afterwards to ensure it would have been a temptation to the dog.
4. The dogs must be placed within 10 paces of the first board

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