



### **Silver Award - Notes of guidance**

1. **Examination:** The dog should allow inspection of itself by a stranger. This should include head, ears, eyes, stomach, tail, legs and paws.
2. **Controlled walk on lead:** On lead the dog should negotiate a course of 80 – 100 metres in length, including right, left and about turns whilst being in the heel position and keeping the lead slack. The dog should also take up the sit and lying down positions when instructed to. Distractions such as another dog being walked, scooter or bicycle being ridden should be added. Rewards, lures and other encouragement can be used by the handler.
3. **Controlled walk off lead:** Off lead the dog should negotiate a course of between 30 and 50 metres, including right and left turns. The dog should take up the sit and lying down positions when instructed to. Throughout the course the dog should stay with the handler. Rewards, lures and other encouragement can be used.
4. **Recall from distractions:** The dog will be released from the lead in an area populated by other dogs and their handlers (on lead). The handler will then walk or run away recalling the dog to join them at which point it will be placed on the lead.
5. **Controlled greeting person with dog:** The dog will be introduced to a third person with dog on lead. The dog should sit on command and remain calm throughout the meeting.
6. **Sit stay:** The dog should, following the command take up the sit position and remain in position for 90 seconds. At some point during the 90 seconds the handler will move away from the dog to a distance of 10 metres.
7. **Down or stand stay:** The dog should, following command take up the lying down or stand position and remain in position for 1 minute. The handler should be standing up straight for the duration of the exercise.
8. **Stay at distance:** While the dog is away from the handler at a distance of at least 3 metres the handler will instruct the dog to sit, lie down or stand. The dog should take up the instructed position on the spot and not return to the handler.
9. **Recall from sit:** The handler will leave the dog in the sit, move away to a distance of 10 metres and then recall the dog. Distractions such as other dogs between the handler and dog will be added. The dog should not move until instructed to by its handler.
10. **Agility:** Off lead the dog should successfully negotiate the following obstacles: Series of hurdles, long tunnel, ramp with added sit, series of weave poles. The dog will be allowed up to two deviations from the course.