



Bronze Award - Notes of guidance

1. **Handling / Grooming:** The dog should be comfortable being touched and groomed by the handler. This should include head, ears, teeth, undercarriage, paws and tail. A comb, brush or other suitable equipment should also be used. In addition, it should accept being greeted by another person.
2. **Controlled walk on lead:** On lead the dog should negotiate a course of 50 - 80 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. 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 15 and 50 metres, including right and left turns. Throughout the course the dog should stay with the handler (briefly leaving the handler once will be accepted). Rewards, lures and other encouragement can be used.
4. **Control around other dogs:** The dog should demonstrate that it can be walked around other dogs and handlers under control without showing undue aggression, excitement or lunging. (Occasional pulling will be accepted). Rewards, lures and other encouragement can be used. This will also include passing in close proximity to another dog and handler walking in the opposite direction.
5. **Control through gate:** The handler should be able to negotiate a gateway with the dog in the following manner. The dog should sit or stand before the gate is opened, the handler will walk through followed by the dog and again put it in the sit / stand. The dog will remain in the sit / stand while the handler closes the gate.
6. **Controlled greeting:** The dog and handler should be greeted by a third person. The dog should remain under control throughout and not jump up or show signs of aggression or undue nervousness.
7. **Sit stay:** The dog should, following the command take up the sit position and remain in position for 1 minute. In addition, it should also remain in position while the handler takes three steps back and returns to the dog.
8. **Down or stand stay:** The dog should, following command take up the lying down or stand position and remain in position for 15 seconds. The handler should be able to stand up straight during the 15 seconds.
9. **Recall:** Off lead with other dogs under the control of their handlers between the handler and their dog the handler will recall the dog from a distance of 40 metres. The dog should return to the handler without deviation. Any reasonable encouragement can be given to achieve this.
10. **Agility:** The dog will on or off lead successfully negotiate the following obstacles suitable for the age and size of the dog; Hurdle, tyre jump, tunnel, ramp onto and off box, series of weave poles.