

## Zone Dog 1 Skills Test

To move to Level 2, the dog/owner team must demonstrate the following:

In training room with other dogs and handlers present:

- 1) Dog will allow owner to stroke its back without mouthing the owner, jumping up or moving away (can place tee shirt on the dog without excess mouthing).
- 2) Dog responds to name by turning attention to owner. While dog is distracted, owner calls dog's name and dog must turn to look at owner. A second try may be attempted if the first does not succeed and the instructor feels it is appropriate.
- 3) Dog will stay focused on the owner for 10 seconds. Owner may give treats, talk to dog, or ask dog to perform exercises, but may not touch dog. Dog may glance away but owner must be able to regain attention immediately. A second try may be attempted if the first does not succeed and the instructor feels it is appropriate.
- 4) Dog looks back at the owner within 5 seconds after being distracted by each of the following:
  - a. a sudden noise
  - b. another dog and owner walking past 10 feet away
  - c. treat placed on the floor 5 feet away
  - d. a person with a walker going by 10 feet away
  - e. a toy being pulled by 10 feet away*Owner may use treats and voice to get dog's attention.*
- 5) Dog/owner team can walk a circle around the room as directed by instructor with owner able to maintain the dog's attention, or regain it within 5 seconds if leash tightens or dog is distracted. Leash must be slack almost all of the time. Proper use and understanding of training equipment
- 6) Dog must be able to relax down with the step on the lead cue  
The owner must demonstrate correct and consistent use of word marker and release word whenever appropriate during this test. See #4 criteria for distractions.
- 7) Sending the dog to its mat: dog must be able to go to its mat on cue and lie down. Dog must be able to relax down with the step on the lead cue.

**Note: Dogs who demonstrate unruly behavior to the extent that it disrupts class or interferes with the teaching or learning processes of others will not be allowed to move up to Level 2.**

Unruly behavior includes, but is not limited to: barking and other vocalizations; jumping on dogs, people or objects; mouthing the handler or leash; uncontrollable pulling, lunging, or hyperactivity; or general lack of self-restraint.

**As well as becoming eligible for Zone Dog 2, dog/handler teams who successfully complete Zone 1 are eligible to attend Clicker Workshop.**