

## **Zone Dog 2 Skills Test**

To move to Zone 3, the dog/owner team must demonstrate the following:

In training room with other dogs and handlers present:

- 1) Dog will sit, down, relax on word cue and stand on cue. Hand signals and/or verbal cues may be used. A food lure may be used.
- 2) Dog will allow instructor to stroke it, neck to tail, while dog sits or stands quietly next to owner.
- 3) Dog will come to owner when called with no distractions and without hesitation. Owner is positioned halfway across the training room, and can encourage the dog according to how the exercise is taught in class.
- 4) Dog/owner team can cross the room with dog maintaining a slack leash.
- 5) Dog will stop and wait at a spot indicated by the instructor on its owner's cue, and will remain stopped until told to move forward.  
Owner may use hand signal as well as verbal cue, but may not pivot in front of dog.
- 6) Dog will leave treat in the hand for five seconds and until told to take it. Dog shows no forward movement of its body toward treat during the test. Dog can walk past a toy or food item on the ground when asked to "leave it."
- 7) Owner can run hands over dog's body, look in ears, lift lip to check teeth, and lift front paws without objection from dog.
- 8) Dog must be able to wait patiently when doing the "take it" permission game.
- 9) Dog will do relax down and hold position while other dogs walk past without getting up or barking.
- 10) Dog and handler will sit at a table with two other dog teams with no barking or whining and sit or relax and wait.

**As well as becoming eligible for Zone Dog 3, dog/handler teams who successfully complete Zone 2 are eligible to attend Tricks Workshop or Clicker Workshop.**