



APDT, UK Good Companion Awards Stage 4 Jubilee Exercises Handler List

- Throughout the course instructors should ensure that exercises carried out at Foundation and Progress Levels continue to be of a high standard.
- All participants need to pass the core elements before moving on to the 'Choices'.
- All exercises must comply with the APDT Code of Practice and positive motivational methods must be employed at all times.
- Clickers, food and toys may be used wherever needed and appropriate at this stage for rewarding, but not luring, behaviour.
- All owners should be carrying poo bags.
- All dogs must be wearing a suitable collar / fixed harness with id tag showing owners name, address and postcode.

Core Elements

Greeting Behaviour

- The dog "off lead" should behave in an appropriate manner when approached and greeted by the assessor.

Walking with Handler

- Handler and dog to walk for 3 minutes "off lead" along with a handler and stooge dog (on lead).
- Also other people carrying articles for example umbrella, walking stick, shopping bags.
- The dog and handler under test then STOP to hold a conversation with two people for one minute whilst the dog remains controlled.

Car Travel / Self Control

- Entry and Exit to be executed as in the foundation level - the dog will remain under control getting in and out of a vehicle. The dog will only enter when cued to do so, and only exit when cued to do so.
- The handler should be able to hold a quiet conversation with the assessor while the dog waits quietly in the car.
- The handler will answer questions on travel precautions and safety during this time.

Tricks/Assistance Dog

- The dog will, on cue, perform a minimum of 4 tricks joined together in sequence with a time limit of one minute.

OR

- Perform a task to aid a disabled owner. For example pick up 4 different items from the floor and place in a box: remove pair of gloves or socks which the owner is wearing.

Sendaway

- The dog will, without hesitation, on cue, go to a target point at a distance of four - five metres and sit or down willingly.
- The dog should then be redirected to a second target at a distance of two metres to the left or right of the first target and again sit or down willingly.

Recall

- The dog is asked to wait by a small group of people and then, on cue, recall from a distance of 10 metres minimum.

Recall with distraction

- The handler should leave the dog in a wait in any position and recall the dog from a minimum distance of ten metres.

Retrieve

- The dog will, on cue pick up 3 items referred to by name and return these, without hesitation to the handler.

Indication

- The dog will be asked to indicate the presence of an object which is hidden in a box. There should be the distraction of at least 6 other objects. (For example, other boxes, plant pots, small cones etc.)
- Indicatory behaviour should be the same when the exercise is repeated 3 times.

Emergency Stop

- The dog will on cue, remain in a wait in ANY position until called by the handler and cued to STOP approximately at a midway point.

Stays

- The dog should stay in position whilst the handler greets 3 other people and dogs in the group.
- The dog will stay in position whilst the handler goes out of sight for one and a half minutes.

