

**WASHINGTON STATE 4-H DOG OBEDIENCE PROGRAM
BEGINNER NOVICE SCORE SHEET**

SHOW _____ JUDGE _____ EXHIBITOR NUMBER _____

DATE _____ BREED _____

Exercise and Judge's Orders	NS (No Score)	Substantial/Minor	Max. Points	Points Lost	NET SCORE
*Heel On Leash Forward <i>(Pattern-Rally Signs)</i> Halt Left turn About turn Right turn Fast, normal, & Slow Exercise finished	Unmanageable..... <input type="checkbox"/> Rough Handling of dog..... <input type="checkbox"/> Constant correcting on leash or guiding..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Forging..... <input type="checkbox"/> Lagging..... <input type="checkbox"/> Heeling wide..... <input type="checkbox"/> Turns..... <input type="checkbox"/> About turns..... <input type="checkbox"/> Extra command to heel..... <input type="checkbox"/> No Sits..... <input type="checkbox"/> Poor Sits..... <input type="checkbox"/> Improper heel position..... <input type="checkbox"/> Handler not walking briskly..... <input type="checkbox"/> Harsh tone of voice..... <input type="checkbox"/> Occasional Pulling, Jerking on leash..... <input type="checkbox"/>	40		
*Figure 8 On Leash Forward Halt Exercise finished	Unmanageable..... <input type="checkbox"/> Rough Handling of dog..... <input type="checkbox"/> Constant correcting on leash or guiding..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Forging..... <input type="checkbox"/> Lagging..... <input type="checkbox"/> Heeling wide..... <input type="checkbox"/> Extra command to heel..... <input type="checkbox"/> No Sits..... <input type="checkbox"/> Poor Sits..... <input type="checkbox"/> Improper heel position..... <input type="checkbox"/> Handler not walking briskly..... <input type="checkbox"/> Harsh tone of voice..... <input type="checkbox"/> Occasional Pulling, Jerking on leash..... <input type="checkbox"/>	40		
**Sit for Exam On Lead Sit your dog and leave when ready. Back to your dog Exercise finished	Growled, snapped, shows resentment, or extreme shyness..... <input type="checkbox"/> Dog moved away from where it was left before, or during exam <input type="checkbox"/> Rough handling of dog to get to sit or stay..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Handler backs away when leaving..... <input type="checkbox"/> Tightening lead..... <input type="checkbox"/> More than one extra command to stay..... <input type="checkbox"/> Dog moved away from where it was left after exam..... <input type="checkbox"/>	40		
Sit Stay <i>Leave leash on, drop leash beside dog, walk around ring, go back to the dog from the front of the dog</i> Exercise finished	Stands or lies down. before handler returns..... <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive additional commands.. <input type="checkbox"/> Rough handling..... <input type="checkbox"/> Did not remain in place..... <input type="checkbox"/> Repeated whines or barks.... <input type="checkbox"/>	Stood or laid down after handler returns to heel position..... <input type="checkbox"/> Minor move before handler returns..... <input type="checkbox"/> Minor whine or bark..... <input type="checkbox"/> Forced into position..... <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Command..... <input type="checkbox"/>	40		
*Recall Off Leash <i>Handler takes (leash & goes 25 ft.)</i> Leave your dog Call your dog Exercise finished There is no finish in this class.	Extra command or signal to stay..... <input type="checkbox"/> Did not come on second command or signal..... <input type="checkbox"/> Moved from position..... <input type="checkbox"/> Anticipated <input type="checkbox"/> Sat out of handler's reach..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Extra command and/or signal to sit..... <input type="checkbox"/> Poor Sit..... <input type="checkbox"/> Slow sit..... <input type="checkbox"/> No Sit..... <input type="checkbox"/> Slow Response..... <input type="checkbox"/> Did not come directly to Handler..... <input type="checkbox"/> Harsh Tone of Voice..... <input type="checkbox"/> Did not come briskly..... <input type="checkbox"/> One extra command and/or signal to come..... <input type="checkbox"/>	40		
Maximum Points			200		
<input type="checkbox"/> Harsh discipline <input type="checkbox"/> Showed fear <input type="checkbox"/> Fouled ring <input type="checkbox"/> Expelled <input type="checkbox"/> Excused Less penalty for unusual behavior					
Explanation of penalty				Total Net Score	

* Handler allowed to give dog 1 phrase of praise and encouragement while heeling, or coming.

**Judge approaches dog from front, using fingers and palm of one hand, will touch only dog's head.

EXPLANATION OF DEDUCTIONS

The purpose of this scoresheet is for the Judge to use it as a tool for scoring the exhibit against a standard of performance, and also for the exhibitor to see how they performed and learn what areas need improvement.

Some explanations of deductions are listed below for your learning convenience, however members, parents and leaders are encouraged to get current copies of the AKC obedience regulations or read them online at www.AKC.org

Judges may judge and mark any occurrences that happen in the ring, whether they are listed or spelled out in the regulations or not, as needed. There are many gray areas that judges may make decisions on.

Although the AKC rule book is used as a guide, Judges should keep in mind when judging 4-H members the appropriate development stage and expectations from the 4-H member's age group.

Scoring - Minor penalty - 1/2 point to 2-1/2 points Substantial penalty - 3 points or more

Some of the faults listed on the scoresheet are self explanatory. If any of the following is marked on the front of the score sheet, this is what might have happened:

Heeling exercises- Heel Position. The heel position applies whether the dog is sitting, standing, lying down, or moving at heel. The dog should be at the handler's left side straight in line with the direction the handler is facing. The area from the dog's head to shoulder is to be in line with the handler's left hip. The dog should be close to, but not crowding, it's handler so that the handler has freedom of motion at all times.

Brisk, briskly - keenly alive, alert, energetic. Handler needs to walk briskly.

Constant tugging on leash or Guiding - Tugging or keeping the leash up tight without clip hanging down and sufficient length of leash hanging down.

Continually adapts pace to dog - If dog changes pace on it's own, handler slows or speeds up to dog's pace.

Crooked or Poor Sit - a dog that is not straight in line with the direction the handler is facing. May be at side or in front.

Crowding - a dog so close to handler as to interfere with handler's freedom of motion.

Gently - with kindness, without harshness or roughness.

Guiding gently by the collar - control of the dog by holding any part of the collar with minimal pressure on the dog's neck.

Forging - Dog moving ahead of heel position.

Hands on leash - The leash may be held in either hand or both hands, but the hands must be held in a natural position.

Hands off leash - (1) When the handler is in motion, the arms and hands must move naturally at the sides

(2) The left hand must be held against the front of the body, centered in the area of the waist, with the left forearm carried against the body.

The hands and arms may be adjusted during the fast portion of an exercise.

Substantial deduction if the hands and arms are not carried as stated above.

Hands - Recall or position any time a dog returns to the front of handler - In any exercise that the dog returns to sit in front, the handler's arms and hands must hang naturally at the sides until the dog has sat in front.

Heeling wide - Dog moving out far from side of handler.

Lagging - Dog moving behind heel position .

Natural - not artificial; free of affectation; what is customarily expected in the home or public places

No change of pace - Handler and dog do not noticeably accelerate on the fast or decelerate on the slow.

No Sits - on the score sheet may refer to in front of or at the side of handler

Unmanageable - Dog is not under control and/or not responding to handler.

Unqualified Heeling - Dog may not be continually working, or heels on the wrong side of the handler for a substantial part of the exercise.

Stand for Exam

Resentment - resistance, unwillingness

Moves away - Dog moved all four feet away from the place where the dog was left.

Recall

Directly - immediately, without deviation or hesitation, in a straight line

Drop completely - a down position that would be acceptable for a Long Down exercise

Prompt response - without hesitation, immediate, quick

Long sit or down

Forcing - Physically putting the dog into position, by touching dog or by collar.

Did not remain in place - Dog lifts rear end off ground on sit, as opposed to shifting weight in place.

On Down, dog moves a complete body's length forward, or sideways, from where it was left.

Dog placed so it interferes with adjacent dog - Dog placed at angle making it closer to and faces another dog.

Misbehavior: Any display of fear or nervousness by the dog or any uncontrolled behavior such as snapping, barking, or running away from its handler.