

OBREEDIENCE

Judge: Rachel Bradley

Heelwork

Is a stewarded team exercise where all dogs start and end sitting at heel beside the handlers left leg. Dogs and handlers should remain synchronised and in line, throughout the chosen pattern of turns, weave and halts, without the need for the lead to be tight. There are 3 heelwork patterns for the judge to choose from, which may be found further down this page (Test A, Test B and Test C)

Individual exercises will all start and end on the steward's direction.

Send to bed The dog should go to its bed and settle there, on the command of its handler. The dog is shown where the bed is positioned prior to the handler returning with him/her to the start point of the exercise. The dog should remain on the bed until the handler has replaced the lead, signifying the end of exercise.

Retrieve The dog should retrieve an article, thrown by the handler, and should return with it to sit in front of the handler. The dog should continue holding the article until the handler takes it, before sending the dog on the steward's command, to sit beside their left leg.

Stop the Dog and Play The dog must be able to remain in a settled position, whilst the handler moves away to a designated spot. The handler is asked to recall the dog, but must then stop it within a marked area. The dog should remain in position until the handler returns, clips the lead on and then plays with the dog, until the steward signifies the end of exercise.

Scent The dog's article is placed in position, in a straight line made up of 5 other articles, with the dog's view of them obscured. The dog is then sent to find its own article, ignoring the other 5. The dog is likely to use both sight and scent to detect the correct article, and having done so, should return with it, to sit in front of the handler. The handler must take the article, before sending the dog to sit beside their left leg, when asked to do so by the steward. For further information go to the Crufts website. <https://crufts.org.uk/dog-exhibitors/obreedience>