

C.L.A.S.S. (Canine Life and Social Skills) overview

C.L.A.S.S., or Canine Life and Social Skills, is a three-level evaluation for dog owners to demonstrate the real-life skills of their dogs, as well as a knowledge assessment of the owners' understanding of basic dog handling and care.

The three levels of the program are named after human university degree programs: the B.A. for Dogs™ (Bachelor's level), the M.A. for Dogs™ (Master's level), and the Ph.D. for Dogs™ (Doctorate level). The skills in each level vary in the level of difficulty and distractions.

For example, at the B.A. level, we allow the use of treats as rewards after the completion of an exercise, and some of the "real life" skills that are assessed are waiting at the door, drop it, and settle. In the M.A. level, dogs are asked to walk past several dogs of different sizes, breeds and genders, to wait in the car before exiting, and to allow the student to handle various parts of their body. And in the Ph.D. level, students must carry everyday objects such as a cardboard box or paper sack while walking their dogs on a loose leash, ask their dogs to back up, and have their dog demonstrate table manners during a simulated dinner session.

This is a great class to take in place of or in addition to a BASIC obedience class (earning your B.A.) and a helpful class to take if you're working towards your CGC (M.A. and Ph.D.). At the B.A. level, you will also learn about communication and body language as well as training theory; you'll take a 30 multiple choice question quiz to test your knowledge.

Description of B.A. requirements:

http://www.mydoghasclass.com/docs/general/ba_test_desc.pdf

Description of M.A. requirements:

http://www.mydoghasclass.com/docs/general/ma_test_desc.pdf

Description of Ph.D. requirements:

http://www.mydoghasclass.com/docs/general/phd_test_desc.pdf

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