



K9 SMART START™

For pups under 12 months of age

Guidelines

Promotes handler to "begin" basic training and possibly encourage them to continue to advanced training with future dogs.

Handlers can bait using food or toy.

Pups will wear flat/buckle collar and be on a 6 foot leash. Gentle guidance with leash is acceptable.

Verbal encouragement is acceptable as well as multiple attempts to complete each station/exercise. If after a reasonable amount of time to complete any one station/exercise, the pup is still no longer responding, evaluator has the option to move on to next exercise.

Order of exercise and station is up to evaluator. The stations/exercises are all created with more of a confidence course type of activity for owner/handlers that are new to dog training.

1. **PLACE** - can be a cot, half crate, box, etc. low to ground, sturdy, accommodating of size and safe. Pup need stay on place only for a few seconds on loose leash. Handler may treat entire time if needed.
Pass _____ Needs more work _____ (*Demonstrates willingness to climb up on strange objects at handlers request*)
2. **TUNNEL/HOOLA HOOP** (can be a child tunnel, the shorter the better. Should accommodate all size dogs. (*Demonstrates willingness to go into or under strange objects at handlers request*)
Pass _____ Needs more work _____
3. **WALKING SHORT PATTERN** - a simple forward, slow, normal, fast, left & right. (*Demonstrates willingness to follow handler*) Pass _____ Needs more work _____
4. **DEMONSTRATE A SIT** (*briefly*) Pass _____ Needs more work _____
5. **DEMONSTRATE A DOWN** (*briefly*) Pass _____ Needs more work _____
6. **RECALL FROM A DISTRACTION** - pup will be allowed/encouraged to sniff or mingle with field helpers or distractions. Upon judge's command, handler will "recall" pup using whistle, clicks, claps, kisses, etc. to motivate pup away from distraction. (*Demonstrates willingness to leave something new/fun/exciting to return to handler*) Pass _____ Needs more work _____
7. **ALLOW GENTLE HANDLING FROM TESTER** - pup will allow gentle handling over entire body. Pup need not "hold" any one position but must be managed by handler. (*Demonstrates ability to accept friendly strangers touch*) Pass _____ Needs more work _____
8. **MINGLE WITH GROUP OF PEOPLE** - pup will walk into a group of people who are mingling in an everyday normal setting. (*Demonstrates ability to be in public setting without aggressive or fearful behavior*) Pass _____ Needs more work _____
9. **WALK PAST DUMMY DOG** (*Demonstrates ability to pass other dogs on street without aggressive or fearful behavior*) Pass _____ Needs more work _____ Evaluator

Comments: _____

Evaluator Signature _____

Location _____

Hosting Club _____

Date _____