

Loose Leash Walking

Team will walk around the room making left and right turns and come to a stop.

	Check	Observed Behavior
R		Calm and walks at handler's side
R		Leash is occasionally tight, but dog is calm and under control
NR		Pulling on leash, not under control, overly excited, or vocalizes

Greeting a Stranger

Evaluator and team approach each other. Handler puts dog in sit/down/stand stay. Evaluator greets team, walks around team, and pets dog (hand over top of head).

	Check	Observed Behavior
R		Stays in position, is friendly and calm
R		Breaks stay, but is friendly and calm
NR		Acts inappropriately, overly excited, nervous or vocalizes

Handling by a Stranger

Evaluator will brush and inspect the pet (touching all over the body). Evaluator will restrain the dog in a hug for approximately 10 seconds. Handler may bring own brush.

	Check	Observed Behavior
R		Comfortable with all handling
R		Tolerates handling, but may be uncomfortable at times, pulls from hug
NR		Acts aggressive/inappropriately, mouths, or cannot be handled (evaluator will stop the test)

Basic Training

Handler will demonstrate that the dog is able to sit and lay down on command.

	Check	Observed Behavior
R		Performs one or both sit and down commands
NR		Performs none of the commands

Behavior with Dogs

The team will approach another handler/dog team. The handlers will put their dogs into a sit/down/stand stay by their side. The handlers will greet each other and walk briefly in the same direction.

	Check	Observed Behavior
R		Under control at handler's side, acts appropriately
R		Pulls towards dog but is friendly
NR		Acts aggressive/inappropriately or is vocal

Visit with Another Dog Present

The team will visit with people while another dog visits nearby.

	Check	Observed Behavior
R		Not distracted and visits appropriately
R		Distracted at times
NR		Highly distracted and cannot visit well

Visit with Food Distraction

The team will visit with people while food is laying nearby.

	Check	Observed Behavior
R		Able to visit appropriately
NR		More interested in food than person

Visit with Medical Equipment

The team will visit with people using medical equipment. The evaluator will be assessing both the dog and handler for appropriate visiting behavior.

	Check	Observed Animal Behavior
R		Enjoys attention, interacts well and acts appropriately
NR		Hesitant at times, compliant - does not seem to be enjoying the interaction, vocalizes, or acts inappropriately
	Check	Observed Handler Behavior
R		Handler is interactive, comfortable, and attentive
NR		Handler seems uncomfortable or is not interactive

Visit with a Group

A group of people will gather around the dog for petting.

	Check	Observed Animal Behavior
R		Enjoys attention, interacts well and acts appropriately
NR		Hesitant at times, compliant - does not seem to be enjoying the interaction, vocalizes, or acts inappropriately
	Check	Observed Handler Behavior
R		Handler is interactive, comfortable, and attentive
NR		Handler seems uncomfortable or is not interactive

Negotiate a Noisy Crowd

Team will walk through a group of loud people moving around. Someone will drop/bang something making a loud noise, and another will reach out to pet the dog as they walk by.

	Check	Observed Behavior
R		Willingly walks through crowd
NR		Avoids crowd, acts fearful, inappropriately, or vocalizes

Visit with Unpredictable Person

The team will visit with a person making unpredictable movements and sounds. Examples are unsteady walking, erratic hand movements, clapping, barking, high pitch or loud talking.

	Check	Observed Behavior
R		Interacts well and acts appropriate even if slightly hesitant at times
NR		Uncomfortable, avoids interaction, vocalizes, or acts inappropriately

Leave it

Handler will walk the dog near a line of treats laying on the floor.

	Check	Observed Behavior
R		Willingly goes with handler, only slight pulling on leash
NR		Pulls at times towards treat or refuses to walk away from the treat

Take a Treat Gently

Evaluator will offer the dog a treat. (handler may provide own treat)

	Check	Observed Behavior
R		Takes treat gently or not at all
NR		Teeth are felt or taken inappropriately (dog should not take treats on visits)