

Pets for Life, Inc.

Volunteer Team Evaluation



Volunteer Name:

Animal Name:

| EXERCISE | PFL REQUIREMENTS | ANIMAL | HANDLER | EVALUATOR COMMENTS |
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| 1. Prior to beginning the evaluation, the evaluator will greet the team and answer any questions. | The dog must remain in position without jumping or showing excited behavior. | <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ready | <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ready | |
| 2. Sit on cue - maximum 2 attempts (complete before moving on to next exercise) | The dog must hold position for 3 seconds - keeping focus on the handler. | <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ready | <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ready | |
| 3. Down on cue - maximum 2 attempts before moving on to next exercise) | Dog must hold position for 3 seconds - keeping focus on handler | <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ready | <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ready | |
| 4. Stay/Recall | The dog must be able to stay in a sit or down position for 20 seconds while the handler backs up to the end of the leash. The leash always stays in the handler's hand The handler takes 2 steps to the right and 2 steps left of the dog. The handler approaches and releases the dog. The handler places the dog in a stay again and walks to the end of the leash and calls the dog who comes straight to the handler. | <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ready | <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ready | |

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| 5. Loose leash / controlled walking | <p>The dog and handler will walk around the testing space.</p> <p>The dog does not have to heel but they must remain on one side of the handler.</p> <p>If the dog gets distracted, the handler should be able to verbally redirect.</p> <p>The dog must follow the handler's lead.</p> <p>The handler will direct the dog to sit or down during the walk. The dog sits on command.</p> <p>The dog cannot appear out of control or pull on the leash or ignore the handler.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ready | <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ready | |
| 6. Leave It - maximum 2 attempts | <p>The dog and handler will walk within 1-2 feet of distraction items lined up on either side of the exercise area and about 7 feet apart. Items may include toys, water bottles, and potentially food.</p> <p>The team walks nearby the items, gets to the end, u-turns and walks back through again.</p> <p>The dog cannot disregard verbal redirection or pull/lunge toward the items.</p> <p>This exercise can be performed twice with a minimum of 5 minutes between attempts.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ready | <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ready | |
| 7. Greeting/ Passing another Dog/handler team | <p>Teams will approach each other, stop for a greeting of 10-15 seconds before walking past each other.</p> <p>The dog demonstrates self-control and stays at the handler's side.</p> <p>The dog cannot try to cross over to meet/greet the other team.</p> <p>The dog cannot offer any aggressive behaviors or bark</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ready | <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ready | |

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| 8. Interacting with a visitor - Note: appropriate time and space will be given by the evaluator between handling steps to ensure dogs body language is acceptable to invasive touching and petting. | The evaluator will approach the dog/handler team and ask for permission to greet the dog. The evaluator will initially pet the dog in the common appropriate manner. Once they sense the dog is comfortable with petting, they will try different types of handling such as kneeling or massaging strokes. The evaluator will pet the ears, legs, back, chest, and stomach. Dogs cannot offer any type of hand shy behavior or move away from the greeting. | <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ready | <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ready | |
| 9. Reaction to assistive medical devices | The evaluator will use a walker, wheelchair or other assistive walking devices. Wheelchair: handler will stop about 2-5' away and ask for permission to greet them. Once they receive approval, the handler should navigate the dog around the wheelchair and allow the evaluator to interact with the dog. Walker: Dog remains at handler's side while evaluator approaches using a walker. The dog does not have to be in the sit position. The dog can be slightly intimidated by the approach but once the evaluator reaches the team, the dog should willingly interact. The dog cannot panic, bark/growl during approach or refuse to interact with evaluator at completion of approach. | <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ready | <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ready | |

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| 10. Walking in an increasingly crowded, noisy environment, | The evaluator will create an increasingly noisy environment with a crowd of three or more people making excited noise, cheering. Crowd will start at normal volume and steadily increase the volume while the handler navigates through the noisy crowd twice. The dog will not react timidly or in a frightened manner. | <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ready | <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ready | |
| Evaluation Date: | Overall Assessment | Animal | Handler | Evaluator Signature (comments have been reviewed with handler) |
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