Virtual Dog

Showmanship Guidelines

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1. Introduce yourself (First name only, age, and how long you have shown dogs)
2. Introduce your animal (Name, breed, sex)
3. Showmanship exercise. Be sure to include the following:
   a. Move your dog in a counterclockwise circle
   b. Gait your dog at the correct speed
   c. Stack or pose your dog according to the breed standard
   d. Show dog’s ears and bite
   e. Demonstrate one of the showmanship patterns:
      i. **Novice** – “down and back” or “triangle” pattern
      ii. **Intermediate** – “triangle” pattern or “L” pattern
      iii. **Advanced** – “L” pattern or “T” pattern
   f. Finish your showmanship pattern by free stacking your dog
4. After you finish your showmanship exercise, please select at least 3 of the following 9 questions to answer -- there is a range of difficulty, so please choose the 3 questions that you feel most confident that you can answer thoroughly:
   ● What are 2 signs of a clinically healthy dog?
   ● Name 2 items in your dog’s First Aid Kit.
   ● Name a sign of heat stroke.
   ● How many permanent teeth does an adult dog have?
   ● What is the job of dogs in the Hound group?
   ● Name a breed of dog in the Hound group that was developed in the United States.
   ● Name the breed of dog in the Hound group that was bred in South Africa to hunt lions.
   ● Name the tool that connects the handler and the dog.
   ● What does “AKC” stand for?
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Obedience Instructions

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1. Introduce yourself (First name only, age, how long you have shown dogs)
2. Introduce your dog (Name, breed, sex)
3. Have the person recording your video give the orders required for each exercise. Make sure your video shows all of the required exercises. You should have an open area (ideally 35’ x 50’) to perform the exercises. Begin with your dog sitting in the heel position. Your “judge” should ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order.

4. Sub-Novice A or B:
   b. Figure 8 on Leash – Handler starts with dog sitting in the heel position midway between two people or cones that are 8 feet apart. “Are you ready?” “Forward,” “halt,” “forward,” “halt,” “exercise finished.”
   c. Stand for Exam on Leash – “Stand your dog and leave when you are ready.” Walk to the end of the leash and turn to face the dog. “Back to your dog,” “Exercise finished.”
   e. Sit-Stay – Handler starts with dog sitting in the heel position. “Leave your dog” Go to the end of your leash and face your dog (judge will time for 1 minute). “Return to your dog,” “exercise finished.”
   f. Down-Stay – Handler starts with dog sitting in the heel position. “Down your dog,” “leave your dog.” Go to the end of your leash and turn to face your dog (judge will time for 3 minutes). “Return to your dog,” “exercise finished.”
5. Beginner Novice:


b. Figure 8 on Leash – Handler starts with dog sitting in the heel position midway between two people or cones that are 8 feet apart. “Are you ready?” “Forward,” “halt,” “forward,” “halt,” “exercise finished.”

c. Sit for Exam – “Sit your dog and leave when you are ready” Walk to the end of the leash and turn to face the dog. “Back to your dog,” “Exercise finished.”

d. Sit Stay – Handler Walks Around the Ring – Handler starts with the dog sitting in heel position. The leash remains attached but is placed on the ground between the dog and the handler. “Are you ready?” “Sit your dog,” “leave your dog,” Walk around the perimeter of the ring and back to the heel position. “Exercise finished.”

e. Recall off Leash – Handler starts with dog sitting in the heel position, off leash. “Are you ready?” “Leave your dog,” “call your dog,” “finish,” “exercise finished.”