



Are You Ready for the B.A. Evaluation?

Use this 3-page checklist to assist you in determining if you and your dog are ready for the B.A. Evaluation.

OVERVIEW

Are you familiar with the rules for when you can use food treats, petting, and toys/games during an evaluation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you familiar with the rules of What is NOT Acceptable during an evaluation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you understand the difference between a cue and praise?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
What is your release word or gesture?	
Can your dog respond reliably if you are not holding a treat or wearing a treat pouch?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
How do you use your voice to reward your dog for performing a behavior you cued?	
Are you in the habit of providing verbal rewards (praise) but not treats, toys, or touch until the test item is complete?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you have a plan if your dog has trouble focusing at any point?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you seen a C.L.A.S.S. Evaluation performed, either live or by demonstration video?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

1. WAIT AT THE DOOR

What cue(s) do you use for this behavior?	
Can your dog wait without getting out of position while you open a door?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you practiced successfully with doors at different locations, and not just doors at home?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does your dog wait on one cue, without depending on your body or hand gesture hovering or blocking him/her from moving out of position?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you understand when to release your dog from the wait?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

WARM-UP TIME

How will you use the warm up time to your dog's benefit?	
Do you have a way to differentiate to your dog when it's ok to absorb the environment and when it's time to attend to you?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you practiced exploring unfamiliar places?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you trained your dog not to eliminate?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

2. COME AND LEASHING UP MANNERS

What cue(s) do you use for these behaviors?	
Have you practiced having your dog come while attached to an unfamiliar long line?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does your dog come right away after one cue, including in unfamiliar environments?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you practiced attaching your leash before removing the long line?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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3. LOOSE LEASH WALKING AND ATTENTION

What cue(s) do you use for these behaviors?	
What words and gestures do you use to reward your dog for loose leash walking?	
Have you practiced successfully in unfamiliar environments, especially where unfamiliar dogs may have been walking just before you?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you practiced with cones and other unfamiliar objects so these will not distract you or your dog?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you trained your dog to keep the leash loose when you're moving together or making 180 degree turns?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Will you perform the eye contact/attention exercise before, during, or after the loose leash walking?	

4. MEET AND GREET

What cue(s) do you use for these behaviors?	
Has your dog had lots of positive associations with politely meeting a variety of strangers in a variety of locations?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you practiced with people who move tentatively, make direct eye contact with your dog, or speak to your dog?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
How will you decided whether to grant permission to the stranger to pet and/or to give a treat?	
Is your dog most likely to be at ease and successful in a sit, down, or a stand?	

5. LEAVE IT

What cue(s) do you use for this behavior?	
Have you practiced after your dog watches someone else place the Leave It items?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you practiced with different kinds of crumpled paper, plush toys, and chews?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you practiced with objects your dog has never seen before or have unfamiliar scents?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Can your dog successfully respond to "Leave It" even when he's encountering an object "cold" as opposed to having warmed up with it?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Can your dog Leave It without the leash ever tightening?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
How will you handle it if your dog is already focusing on one of the objects just before you begin the test item?	
At what point in walking past the objects will you cue your dog to leave it?	

6. WAIT FOR THE FOOD BOWL

What cue(s) do you use for this behavior?	
Can your dog maintain position without you blocking him/her with a hand signal or your leg, hovering with your body or hand signal, or reminding him to stay in position by hesitating or stopping while lowering the bowl?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Can your dog to wait without leaving position when the bowl touches, until you release him?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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7. STAY

What cue(s) do you use for this behavior?	
How will you decide whether to have your dog do a sit or a down?	
Have you practiced in unfamiliar locations and surfaces?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you practiced with someone standing near you and talking with you?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Can your dog stay for 1 minute without needing multiple verbal reminders or hand signals?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
How will you use praise during this test item?	
Do you understand when to release your dog from the stay?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

8. SETTLE

What cue(s) do you use for this behavior?	
Have you taught your dog to truly relax on a mat or in the crate, or does he/she show signs of tension or stress?	
Have you practiced sitting in a chair beside your dog, and in unfamiliar locations where there might be smells of other dogs?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Can your dog settle without your physical touch?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you understand when to release your dog from the settle?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

9. GIVE AND TAKE

What cue(s) do you use for this behavior?	
Do you reward your dog, more often than not, when you take something away?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Can your dog Give It without first seeing a treat in your hand?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
How will you decide which chew object you will use?	
Have you practiced with a high-value object so your dog will engage with it for 10 seconds?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you have a plan for how you will take the object after cuing Give It (e.g. have the dog deliver it to your hand, take it from his mouth, or have him drop it on the floor)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you practiced in different locations where there may be scents of other dogs and another person nearby?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

BONUSES

What trick will you choose for Bonus 1 (rollover, spin, fetch, speak, or paw)?	
What cue(s) do you use for Bonus 1?	
What trick will you choose for Bonus 2?	
What cue(s) do you use for Bonus 2?	
Have you faded any lures (as well as pretending to hold a treat) so your dog does the tricks on a clear verbal or hand signal?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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