

4-H Dog Score Sheets - Revisions and Explanations

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- **Cones, not people, should be used for all “posts.”**

Pre-Novice Open to 4-H members who have not advanced to Novice with the dog they are showing.

Exercise Points

- Heel on Leash 50
- Figure 8 (on leash) 30
- **Sit for Examination (on leash)** 30
- Recall (on leash) 30
- Long Sit (1 minute on leash) 30
- Long Down (1 minutes on leash) 30
- Total Points 200

Sit For Exam. The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog sits in position before and during the examination without displaying resentment. Orders are: “Sit your dog and leave when you are ready,” “Back to your dog” and “Exercise finished.” This exercise is to be performed with the dog on a 6 foot leash. On the judge’s order, the handler will command the dog to sit. The handler will then stand with the dog sitting in the heel position, give the command and/or signal to stay, walk straight forward about 6 feet to the end of the leash, turn and face the dog. The judge will approach the dog from the front. Using the fingers and palm of one hand, the judge will touch only the dog’s head. On the order “Back to your dog,” the handler will walk around behind the dog and return to the heel position. The handler may gather the leash at any time while returning to the dog. The dog must remain sitting until the judge has said, “Exercise finished.”

Beginner Novice Exercises and Scores. (No changes; one of the newer classes)

- The exercises and maximum scores in the Beginner Novice classes:
- Heel on Leash 40 points
- Figure Eight 40 points
- Sit for Exam 40 points
- Sit Stay (Sit Stay – Handler Walk Around the Ring.) 40 points .
- Recall 40 points
- Maximum Total Score 200 points
- One extra command and one word of praise is allowed for every exercise.

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Sit Stay – Handler Walk Around the Ring. The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog remains in the sit position. Orders for this exercise are: “Sit your dog,” “Leave your dog,” and “Exercise finished.”

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position. Prior to starting the exercise, the judge will ask if the handler is ready. The leash remains attached to the dog's collar and will be dropped/placed on the ground between the dog and the handler. When the judge gives the order "Sit your dog," the handler will command and/or signal the dog to sit, if they are not already sitting. The judge will order "Leave your dog," and the handler will give a command and/or signal to stay and immediately proceed to walk around the inside perimeter of the ring in a direction as indicated by the judge. Upon completing a full perimeter walk around the ring, the handler will approach the dog from the front, and proceed to walk around and in back of the dog to the heel position. Once the handler has returned to heel position, the judge will give the order "Exercise finished."

Heel on leash is with signs - right turn, left turn, about turn, slow, normal, fast, and halt/sit -- not with the judge calling out directions as in all the other classes;

Recall is done off leash, the youth takes the leash with him/her when told to leave dog, and no finish is required, just the dog coming to front.

Novice Open to 4-H members who have passed Pre-Novice and have not advanced to Graduate Novice with the dog they are showing.

- Exercises Points Heel on Leash 30
- Figure 8 (on leash) 20
- Stand for Examination (off leash) 30
- Heel Free (off leash) 30
- Recall (off leash) 30
- Long Sit (3 minute **ON** leash) 30
- Long Down (3 minutes **ON** leash) 30
- Total Points 200

For safety, the group stay exercises are done on leash. This exercise must be performed with the dog on a 6-foot leash. The leash will remain clipped to the dog's collar and the handler will hold on to the leash throughout the entire exercise. The armband will remain on the handler's left arm. The leash must remain loose with slack throughout the entire exercise. The exercise can be done with dogs back-to-back and requires dogs to be 6 feet apart.

Graduate Novice Open to 4-H members who have passed Novice and have not advanced to Advanced Graduate Novice with the dog they are showing.

- Heel on Leash 30
- Stand for Examination (off leash) 30
- Heel Free (off leash) 30
- Figure 8 20
- Drop on Recall (off leash) 30
- Down Stay - Handler walk around the ring 30
- Sit Stay -Get your leash 30
- Total Points 200

Down Stay – Handler Walk Around the Ring. The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog remains in the down position. Orders for this exercise are: "Down your dog," "Leave your dog," and "Exercise finished." The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position. Prior to starting the exercise, the judge will ask if the handler is ready. The leash remains attached to the dog's collar and will be

dropped/placed on the ground between the dog and the handler. When the judge gives the order "Down your dog," the handler will command and/or signal the dog to down. The judge will order "Leave your dog," and the handler will give a command and/or signal to stay and immediately proceed to walk around the inside perimeter of the ring in a direction as indicated by the judge. Upon completing a full perimeter walk around the ring, the handler will approach the dog from the front, and proceed to walk around and in back of the dog to the heel position. Once the handler has returned to heel position, the judge will give the order "Exercise finished."

Sit Stay – Get Your Leash – The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog sits and stays in position while the handler gets the dog's leash. The judge direct the dog and handler to a place at least 30 feet from the leash, which is placed inside the ring but near the entrance to the ring. The judge will order to "sit your dog," then "leave your dog and get your leash." Upon picking up the leash, the handler turns to the dog and waits until the judge says "return to your dog," and then returns to heel position walking around the back of the dog. The dog must not move until the judge says "exercise finished." This exercise is to demonstrate that the dog will remain in the sit position, while the handler goes to get the dog's leash.

Advanced Graduate Novice

- Heel Free and Figure 8 50 (30/20)
 - Drop on Recall 30
 - Dumbbell Recall 30
 - Dumbbell Recall over High Jump 30
 - Recall over Broad Jump 30
 - **Stand Stay and Get your Leash 30**
- Total 200

Stand Stay – Get Your Leash. The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog stand and stay in position until the handler has returned to heel position. The orders are: "Stand your dog," "Leave your dog to get your leash," and "Back to your dog." The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge, approximately 15 feet from the ring gate. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to stand without touching the dog or the dog's collar. The dog must stand but need not stand in heel position. On further order to "Leave your dog to get your leash," the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward directly to the place outside the ring gate designated by the judge for the leash. The handler will pick up the leash, re-enter the ring, stop and wait for the judge's order "Back to your dog." The handler must return directly, walking around and in back of the dog to heel position. The dog must remain standing until the judge has said "Exercise finished." The judge will tell the handler "Attach your leash to the collar and maintain control of your dog." The handler is required to exit the ring gate with the dog under control and without jumping, pulling or tugging on the leash. (Washington State 4-H Obedience Guide)

A nonqualifying (NQ) score is required for a dog that does any of the following: Displays fear or resentment; moves from the place where it was left; sits or lies down before it is called; growls or snaps; repeatedly whines or barks; fails to heel, stand, stay, or accept the judge's examination; or fails to return to the handler. Depending on the circumstances, minor or substantial deductions will be made for a dog that moves its feet repeatedly while remaining in place or for a dog that returns to the handler as defined in the Novice Recall but not to heel position. Depending on the extent of hesitation, minor or substantial deductions will be made for the handler who hesitates or pauses while giving the stand command and/or signal. All appropriate penalties of the Novice Heel Free, Stand for Examination and Recall exercises will apply.

Open

- Heel Free and Figure 8 40
 - **Command Discrimination** 30
 - Drop on Recall 30
 - Retrieve on Flat 20
 - Retrieve over High Jump 30
 - Broad Jump 20
 - **Stand Stay – Get Your Leash** 30
- Total 200

Adapted from the Washington State 4-H Guide: **Command Discrimination.** The principal features of this exercise are the dog's correct response to the handler's commands and/or signals and that the dog stays until the handler returns to heel position. The orders are: "Leave your dog" and "Back to your dog." The judge must use signals for directing the handler to command and/or signal the dog to change position except for the first position and that order is: "Stand your dog". The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order to "Stand your dog". The handler will give a command and/or signal for the dog to change position. On further order to "Leave your dog," the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will immediately walk forward 15 feet, turn, and face the dog. On the judge's signal, the handler will give a command and/or signal for the dog to down. The judge will then order "Leave your dog." The handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will immediately turn around and walk forward an additional 15 feet, turn, and face the dog. On the judge's signal, the handler will give a command and/or signal for the dog to sit. The judge will then order "Back to your dog." The handler may give a command and/or signal to stay, and then must return directly, walking around and in back of the dog to heel position. The dog must stay in position without additional commands or signals until the handler has returned to heel position. The handler's hands and arms must hang naturally at the handler's side.

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Utility **NO CHANGES** Exercises and Scores. The exercises, maximum scores and order of judging in the Utility class:

- Signal Exercise 40 points
 - Scent Discrimination Article # 1 30 points
 - Scent Discrimination Article # 2 30 points
 - Directed Retrieve 30 points
 - Moving Stand and Examination 30 points
 - Directed Jumping 40 points
- Score 200 points