

COLORADO PUPPY CLASS EVALUATION FORM

A puppy entered in this class will be those who are not ready for regular obedience classes. The purpose of this class will be to introduce obedience commands to a puppy without the stress of perfection seen in regular obedience classes. This class will introduce the puppy to dog shows in a positive manner. This will be an evaluation class and not a judged class. Participation ribbons will be given.

| EXERCISE | EXCELLENT | GOOD | NEEDS IMPROVEMENT |
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| <p><u>Loose Lead Walking</u> – This exercise is used to encourage the puppy to feel comfortable and happy on lead while maintaining a distance of no more than two feet from the handler’s left side. This does not need to be heel position. Handlers may use bait and toys to keep the puppy in the correct position, and may tell the puppy to sit after a “Halt.” Things to be considered in judging include the enjoyment of the puppy, the bond between the puppy and the handler, and the handler’s ability to get the puppy’s attention back after a distraction.</p> | | | |
| <p><u>Sit for Exam</u> – In this exercise the puppy is commanded to a sit position. The judge will approach the puppy and examine it. The judge is required to handle the puppy’s ears, mouth, and one front foot during the exam, although petting and scratching are encouraged. The purpose of this exercise is to teach the puppy to accept handling from a friendly stranger.</p> | | | |
| <p><u>Recall</u> – The handler will command the puppy to stay in a sit position and will step just in front of the puppy with his or her toes no more than six inches from the puppy’s front feet. When the judge says “Call your dog,” the handler will proceed to walk backward no more than six feet while calling the puppy. The puppy should get up and follow the handler in a happy manner. After the six feet has been reached, the handler will command the puppy to sit.</p> | | | |
| <p><u>Down Stay</u> – The handler will put the puppy in a down. When the judge says “Leave your puppy,” the handler will tell the puppy to stay. The handler will walk to the end of the lead, pause, and then immediately walk behind the puppy and back to heel position.</p> | | | |
| <p><u>Serpentine Walking</u> – The puppy and handler will walk on a loose lead through a serpentine of three people in positioned in a straight line. The expectations are the same as for Loose Lead Walking, with the addition of the distraction of the three “posts.”</p> | | | |