

QDDTC Training Syllabus Progression (Beginners to Trialling classes)

CLASS LEVEL	HEEL WORK EXERCISES						EXAM	RECALL	RETRIEVE ON FLAT	CHANGE POSITION	SIT STAY	DOWN STAY
	Lead & Pace	Sit	Down	Stand	LT/RT	RAT/LAT						
Beginners Class (Weeks 1-8)	All class work is done <u>on lead</u> in slow and normal paces. <i>*Fast pace may be introduced but only as a training aid.</i>	Dog either sits automatically or when told. <i>*Handler may give some minor physical and verbal assistance to get their dog to sit.</i>	Dog drops from either a static or moving position. <i>*Down is not part of the normal heeling routine. Handler may give physical or verbal assistance to get their dog to drop.</i>	Dog stands from either a static or moving position. <i>*Stand is not part of the normal heeling routine. Handler may give physical or verbal assistance to get the dog to stand.</i>	Left and Right turns to be 90° changes in direction. <i>*Turns should flow and not militaristic. Dog not pulled or overly coerced to make turns.</i>	Only Right-about turn is taught in this class. Turn is to be an 180° direction change to the right. <i>*Left-about turns are <u>not</u> introduced in this class.</i>	Dog <u>on lead</u> in sit position with handler standing by its side. <i>*Dog's head & back are given a cursory pat/ touch.</i>	Handler moves backwards & calls dog to come. <i>*Dog does not have to sit in front and additional assistance is permitted to get the dog to come.</i>	Introduced as a fun exercise. <i>*Retrieve is <u>not</u> tested at this level. The article is to be something the dog likes. Dog taught to respond to 'Take, Hold & Give'.</i>	<i>*Not introduced during this level of training.</i>	Group of dogs <u>on lead</u> to stay in the <u>sit</u> position for up to 30 seconds; handlers stand in front and return directly to their dog's side.	<i>*Not taught as a formal group stay exercise at this level.</i>
Intermediate Class (Weeks 9-16)	All class work is done <u>on lead</u> in slow, normal & fast paces. <i>*Higher standard to Beginners.</i>	Dog should be automatically sitting without too much extra assistance. <i>*Handler may give some assistance but only if necessary.</i>	Introduced as part of the heel work routine. <i>*Handler may give limited physical and/ or verbal assistance to get dog to drop on the move.</i>	Introduced as part of the heel work routine. <i>*Handler may give limited physical and/ or verbal assistance to get dog to stand on the move.</i>	Both turns done with limited use of body language <i>*Turns should be done in a flowing movement and not be seen to be too militaristic.</i>	Left-about turn is introduced as part of the heel work routine. <i>*Both 'U' & Pivot LAT methods are taught. About turns to be 180°, no stops.</i>	Dog <u>on lead</u> in sit position handler at end of lead. <i>*Dog's head, back & hindquarter only are to be touched.</i>	Dog left in sit on lead; comes when called; and sits in front of handler. <i>*Handler can move backwards and give additional assistance to sit if required.</i>	<i>*Preliminary stages of distance control are introduced by doing static work to sharpen up drops and sits from either beside or directly in front of the dog.</i>	Group stay exercise; dogs <u>sit</u> off lead for 1 minute; handlers' stand 6 ^m in front & return to their dogs. <i>*Handler may give an extra command to stay.</i>	Distances and times are as for Sit Stay exercise but with dogs in the down position. <i>*Handlers may give extra commands to stay if needed.</i>	
Advanced Class (Week 17-25)	All class work is done <u>on lead</u> in slow, normal & fast paces. <i>*Higher standard to Intermediate.</i>	Dog to be sitting automatically when the handler stops walking. <i>*Handler no longer giving additional assistance to the dog.</i>	Dog responds to handler's <u>drop</u> command (signal or verbal). <i>*Extra assistance is not to be given to get the dog to drop.</i>	Dog responds to handler's <u>stand</u> command (signal or verbal). <i>*Minor assistance may be given to get the dog to stand.</i>	Dog to remain beside handler in heeling position on all turns. <i>*Stopping or giving additional assistance to be phased out.</i>	Dog to remain beside handler in heeling position on all turns. <i>*Stopping or giving additional assistance to be phased out.</i>	Dog examined in <u>stand</u> position with handler at end of lead. <i>*Only dog's head, back & hindquarter are to be touched.</i>	Dog left approx 6 ^m off lead in sit position; comes when called; sits in front; handler returns to dog. <i><u>No Finish!</u></i>	<i>Informally taught. Introduced with dog dropping from both Sit & Stand position with the handler in front holding the lead</i>	Group stay exercise; dogs <u>sit</u> off-lead for 1 minute; handlers' stand 6 ^m in front & return to their dogs. <i>* Handlers return to heel around back of dog.</i>	Distances as for Sit Stay but with dogs in <u>down</u> position for <u>2 minutes</u> . <i>* Handlers return to heel position around back of dog.</i>	
Recreational Class (Week 26+)	This special class is open to dogs that have achieved the Advanced Class level and the handler wants to continue training their dog but does not want to participate in the trialling (<i>competitive</i>) class. As there is no laid down training syllabus for this class, the week by week training structure is left entirely up to the Class Instructor. It's considered that the class would continue to do heelwork, recalls, examination, stays, retrieving and distance control exercises as well some other dog related exercises such as Rally-O, agility & even flyball training. This means that there would be <u>no</u> further need for any future assessments to be carried out for dogs participating in this class.											
Trialling Class (CCD) (Week 26+)	Class work is to be based on the standard required to participate in an ANKC trial at CCD level	Sits automatically when handler stops. <i>*No verbal or physical assistance to be given by handler.</i>	Dog responds to command/signal to <u>drop</u> given during all 3 paces. <i>*No additional command to be given</i>	Dog responds to command/signal to <u>stand</u> given during all 3 paces <i>* No additional command to be given</i>	Dog remains in heel position on left & right turns <i>*No stopping when turning or giving physical assistance.</i>	Dog remains in heel position on all about-turns. <i>*No stopping when turning or giving physical assistance.</i>	Dog is examined in <u>stand</u> position with handler at end of the lead. <i>*Handler returns around back of dog.</i>	Dog left approx 10 ^m off lead in sit position; comes when called; sits in front; handler returns to dog.	Not tested at CCD level. <i>*Continues to be taught for CD & CDX levels.</i>	Not tested at CCD level. <i>*Continues to be taught for CD & CDX levels.</i>	Group stay exercise; dogs <u>sit</u> off-lead for 1 minute; handlers' stand 6 ^m in front & return around back of dog.	Distances as for Sit Stay but with dogs remaining in <u>down</u> position for up to <u>3 minutes</u> .
Trialling Class (CD) (Week 26+)	Class work is to be based on the standard required to participate in an ANKC trial at CD (Novice) level	As for CCD class but with dog working off lead. <i>* <u>No hand signals or verbal commands are to be given to sit the dog.</u></i>	As for CCD class but with dog working off lead. <i>*<u>Improve hand signals & verbal commands to drop the dog.</u></i>	As for CCD class but with dog working off lead. <i>*<u>Improve hand signals & verbal commands to stand the dog.</u></i>	As for CCD class but with dog working off lead. <i>* <u>No stopping or giving any hand signals or verbal commands when turning left or right.</u></i>	As for CCD class but with dog working off lead. <i>* <u>No stopping or giving any hand signals or verbal commands doing an about turn.</u></i>	Dog is examined off-lead in <u>stand</u> position; handler stands approx 2 ^m in front. <i>*Only dog's head, back and hind-quarters touched.</i>	Dog left off lead approx 12 ^m in sit position; comes when called; sits in front; dog returns to handler. <i>* Dog is taught the Finish.</i>	Optional exercise; Handler throws dumbbell at least 4 ^m ; Dog retrieves dumbbell & holds it until told to give <i>*No finish. Handler returns to dog.</i>	Optional exercise; dog in stand with handler approx 3 ^m in front; dog drop on command; handler returns <i>*No finish. Handler returns to dog.</i>	Group stay exercise; dogs <u>sit</u> off-lead for 1 minute; handlers' stand 12 ^m in front & return to their dogs. <i>*No extra signals or commands given to stay in sit position.</i>	Distances as for Sit Stay but with dogs remaining in <u>down</u> position for up to <u>3 minutes</u> . <i>*No extra signals or commands given to stay in down position.</i>

** Italics in the above Table signify information relating to the particular subject being taught in that class.*