



'Together We Can Achieve'

**'Bronze Certificate in Pet Dog
Obedience'**

'Class Assessment'

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'More than just a Dog Trainer'

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Bronze Assessment

Our initial assessment covers the very basics in obedience training.

We work on helping you to motivate your dog to focus on you and wanting to engage with you.

Without focus it is very difficult to train your dog. The bronze assessment is the entire foundation of all your training.

When you and your dog are outside in different environments, this could be so much more stimulating for your dog so you will need to work extra hard on being the person your dog wants to hang out with.

You will notice most of what we work on at this stage is encouraging good manners, so your dogs will make good choices by themselves. This encourages excellent Essential Canine Life Skills.

Essential Canine Life Skills (Essex brand – Essex Dog Training) is committed to improve the standard of dogs' behaviour in the community. From time to time, we will re-evaluate these assessments.

Your trainer will work through this booklet with you. Our trainers are valued, please ensure you always treat them with the utmost respect, as they will do for you also.

Assessments will be carried out from time to time with your trainer, and they will work hard with you to achieve the level required.

always Assuring you of our best possible practices and customer service.

Have Fun!

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Clients Name

Dogs Name

Age

Trainer

Class Time

Venue

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On COMPLETION of the assessment dogs should be able to demonstrate the following: -

A good focus and attention on their owner when requested with an excellent positive response to the use of their name.

Dogs should wear ID disc, suitable collar, lead, always, and microchip papers produced for the assessment.

Leads should be used gently and correctly; lead corrections do not have a place in modern day training.

Owners should also be carrying a poo bag and arrive at training on time.

Dogs should have a good response to a hand signal and verbal cue for the following.

- a) sit
- b) down
- c) watch/look
- d) heel/close position

Dogs should be able to hold this position until released with a word not movement. (Minimum hold of 30 seconds)

Dogs to demonstrate a good “stop and wait” cue until approached and lead put on.

Dog to be able to stay in one position while owners sit down or stand up and whilst taking the dogs lead on and off, open, and close doors and take a treat out of a bag from the floor or in the owner’s hand. Owner should be able to walk through a door under control until released.

These exercises all encourage good manners for your dog, make sure you use this practice at home. If you are struggling with any situations, then you can “train” the situation in any place or situation you have the problem. Discuss this with your trainer. If you are struggling at home, do not struggle alone – all are trainers are assessed and can support you at home also.

To have a good response to the watch command and be able to hold eye contact. This is a great skill to have whilst out and about in the community. Remember to smile and praise your dog while holding the eye contact.

Solid informal “play” recall to owner with small distraction.

Gain attention from distraction using any one of their taught skills.

A good positive response to “leave” no matter what it is (not just food) and a good response to “drop”. These are different commands – using leave your dog should come away from what that have.

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A one-minute stay or wait in a down position and a 30 second stay or wait in a sit position. There is a difference, and this is explained at the back.

Walk on loose lead when requested to do so and if failure occurs have a great response to “come back to my side”.

This should be demonstrated on collar and lead and dog's usual walking system.

Dog not to break position while lead is taken on and off.

In a meet and greet situation with new people, bronze level dogs should be able to take a position asked by their owner and stay in the position using focus on the owner.

Dog to have a good response to the following tricks with hand signals and verbal cue.

1. Twist and Spin
2. Paw to hand
3. Foot to hand (opposite leg)
4. Hand Touch

Prolonged settle on a mat around others (minimum 1 minute without treating, smiles and praise are allowed).

Dogs to be waiting for permission when offered a toy for play.

Owners to be able to demonstrate that “over training” is as detrimental to our dogs as “no training”.

Dogs should be of good balanced nature and owners should now be able to explain their individual dogs' personalities. Dog needs to be confident around other dogs and people.

Dogs should be able to be examined and brushed by their owners without biting and mouthing.

Assessors Signature / Date / Comments: -

Final Words

Congratulations for training your dog, even if you have not reached the required level to pass this assessment you have done more than the person that didn't attend class – so you need congratulating. Speak with your trainer and decide what you can work on and how to improve. Training is a journey you do with your dog.

Well done!

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Keep going, you're doing
great!



