



*'Together We Can Achieve'*

**'Gold Certificate in Pet Dog  
Obedience'**

**'Class Assessment'**

**Superior Gold Obedience**



*'More than just a Dog Trainer'*

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# Gold Certificate in Pet Dog Obedience

## Gold Assessment

It takes time and patience to train your dog to this level and we are here every step of the way.

Essential Canine Life Skills 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 with you if the standard is not met to improve until it is. Assuring you of our best possible practices and customer service.

Our gold assessment covers the more technical work in obedience training and your dog should always be able to work in any class as a demo dog on or off lead and you will always be in total control.

If behaviour starts to lapse at home always revisit the basics

### Have Fun!

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 and recall at any given time even away from distraction in any situation – 100% success rate required.

Wearing ID disc, suitable collar, and lead with microchip papers available for inspection. Owners should also be carrying a poo bag and arrive at training on time.

Owners should be able to explain to new dog owners the importance of training their dog in a balanced positive way.

All dogs should be a minimum of a year old before passing their gold level obedience.

We are looking for all amazing round dogs that make good family pets at home. Owners should be demonstrating best practice and allow their dogs down time to be relaxed around other dogs.

All dogs should have a good response to the following verbal cues. They should also be able to respond to the hand signal also.

- 1) Sit
- 2) Down 3) Up Sit
- 4) Heel
- 5) Present
- 6) Watch
- 7) Wait
- 8) Stay
- 9) Settle
- 10) Mat Send Away

Gold Level Dogs should also be able to perform the above using verbal cues only from a minimum of 2 metres away.

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Owner should be able to show best practice at all times and show good handling of their dogs on and off lead and be able to tell their dogs what they want their dog to do by using a verbal cue.

To be able to hold the “watch” command with distraction – no treats can be used

Dogs should be able to perform a 10 minute down stay.

Dogs and owners should be able to carry out focused heel work for one minute and should include circles in both directions and on a straight line. This should be performed off lead.

Dogs to be able to work off lead for the duration of the lesson without “running in” to another dog/person.

Dogs should be able to drop into an immediate down at any time during the lesson off lead and without preparation.

To hold a sit and stand stay position for 1 minute with the owner being able to move around, talk to others and return to the dog and walk away without treating. The assessment will also include the owners being out of sight for 20 seconds.

Relaxed settle on their boundary position whilst the owner walks away and carries out a separate task with another owner/dog.

In a meet and greet situation with new people and dogs, gold level dogs should be able to take a position asked by their owner and stay in the position – treats may not be used during the assessment.

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Dogs should be able to perform the following tricks on verbal cues only and with confidence.

- 1) Leg Weaves
- 2) Middle Position (ending in a down)
- 3) Go Round A prop
- 4) Beg

In addition to this Gold Level dogs should be able to search for food/toy in a staged situation and timed (to be set by assessor on the day).

Dogs should be able to recall into a formal recall position through temptation alley including a dog and owner (with the dog focused on the owner)

Dog owners should be able to name all signs of a sick dog

Dog owners should be able to list best practice feeding.

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.

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Well done!

Keep going, you're doing  
great!

