

Basic Class Evaluation

The entire class may perform all commands followed by the word “group” at once. Those commands not designated as “group” will be tested individually. Puppies that are not being tested should be crated, kenneled or put on a tie downs.

There are some categories in **bold** that the puppy raiser **MUST** do in order to be successful with that command. For example, “walks on a loose lead” and “does not fight gentle leader” must be checked in order for the section testing “GENTLE LEADER/LET’S GO” to be marked “completed”. The descriptions for each command below indicate which actions the puppy raiser must perform in order to have a command marked “completed”.

Puppy raisers are expected to perform all commands. The evaluator should look for overall handling skills and make allowances for occasional mistakes on the part of the pup or the puppy raiser.

Puppy Raiser (PR) name: _____

CCI puppy Name: _____

Evaluator: _____

Testing for the following commands will take place in a mildly distracting environment:

SAFE UNLOADING

The PR will unload the pup and any necessary equipment out of the vehicle. The pup must wait until released before coming out of the vehicle. Once outside, it must wait quietly unless otherwise instructed by the PR. The pup may not run around, be off lead, or ignore commands given by the PR. Once the team is out of the vehicle and settled, the assistant should walk past another pup. They should walk within six (6) feet of the team. The pup must remain calm and under control, not pulling or trying to get to the other pup.

YES NO The pup waited in the vehicle until released.

YES NO The pup waited outside the vehicle under control.

YES NO The pup remained under control while another pup was walked past.

CONTROLLED ENTRY THROUGH A DOORWAY:

Once at the doors of the building, the PR must enter before the pup. Entrance at all 3 doorways is to be evaluated. Upon entering the building, the pup may not wander off or solicit attention from the public. The pup must not pull or strain against the lead or try to push its way past the PR but must wait patiently while entry is completed.

YES NO The pup waited quietly at the door until commanded to enter.

Most of the following commands are rated on this scale:

- A= Always
- M= Mostly
- S= Sometimes
- N= Never

GENTLE LEADER/LET’S GO (left or right side)

Puppy can walk on a loose leash with a gentle leader; fighting the gentle leader (GL) or rubbing on the handler’s leg equals Additional Instruction Required (AIR); appropriate corrections and praise are acceptable.

	AMSN	AIR	COMMENTS
1) Walks on loose leash			
2) Does not fight or scratch GL			
3) Maintains position			
Praise			
COMPLETED			

DOWNSTAY (group)

Puppy can hold a 5 minute Down Stay with name and leash proofing.

	AMSN	AIR	COMMENTS
1) Maintained position (yes/no)			
PR issues single command			
Praise			
Release command			
COMPLETED			

ROLL (group)

Puppy rolls on one verbal command; body cues (e.g. handler moves over pup’s head to get pup into a roll) are acceptable but not preferred; puppy must roll onto its back (not its side) and maintain position for 30 seconds; the PR may rub the puppy’s belly but “hands off” is preferred.

	AMSN	AIR	COMMENTS
1) Pup completed ROLL (yes/no)			
PR issues single command.			
Praise			
Release command			
COMPLETED			

LET'S GO on the left side (high distraction)

Puppy can walk on a loose leash while distractions are placed around the room; the puppy raiser should use appropriate methods to keep the puppy's attention including praise, effective corrections, left and right about turns; a flat collar is preferred but a GL is acceptable.

	AMSN	AIR	COMMENTS
1) Walks on loose leash			
2) Does not fight or scratch GL (if used)			
3) Maintains position			
Praise			
COMPLETED			

AUTOMATIC SIT

Puppy automatically sits when the handler stops walking (PR should not have to give command); the puppy should not sit past the handler's toes; puppy should be parallel with the handler; appropriate corrections should be given when necessary.

	AMSN	AIR	COMMENTS
1) Maintained position (both left & right side)			
2) PR gave SIT command. (yes/no)			
Praise			
Release command			
COMPLETED			

SHAKE

The puppy offers its paw on command; body cues (e.g.; handler lifts his paw) are not acceptable; the puppy should not lift its paw before a command is given; a verbal shake would be best but a hand target is okay.

	AMSN	AIR	COMMENTS
1) PR gives single command			
2) Pup offers paw			
Praise			
COMPLETED			

STAND

Puppy stands on command; corrections are acceptable.

	AMSN	AIR	COMMENTS
1) Maintained position			
2) Correction needed			
PR issues single command			
Praise			
Release command			
COMPLETED			

STANDSTAY (group)

Puppy Stand stays for 30 seconds; handler walks to front and side of puppy; walking around puppy is preferred.

	AMSN	AIR	COMMENTS
1) Maintained position (yes/no)			
PR issues single command			
Praise			
Release command			
COMPLETED			

SIT (group)

Puppy can hold a 3-minute SIT with name and leash proofing.

	AMSN	AIR	COMMENTS
1) Maintained position (yes/no)			
PR issues single command			
Praise			
Release command			
COMPLETED			

If team is evaluated a “completed” above, please evaluate the following commands:

The team will be asked to demonstrate the PR’s ability to have the pup sit three different times. The pup must respond promptly each time.

The **first sit** will be next to a plate of food upon the ground. The pup must not attempt to eat or sniff the food. The PR may correct the p8p verbally or physically away from the food, but then the pup must maintain a sit while ignoring to food. The pup should not be taunted ro teased with the food. This situation should be made as realistic as possible.

 YES **NO** The pup remained under control around food-- not trying to get food and not needing repeated corrections.

The **second sit** will be executed, and an assistant with a “wheel chair” will approach within three feet of the pup and continue past. The pup should maintain the sit and not show any fear of the wheel chair. If the pup starts to move, the PR may correct the pup to maintain the sit.

 YES **NO** the pup remained composed while the “wheel chair” passed—did not shy away, show signs of fear, etc. Wheel chair should be pushed normally and reasonable, not dramatically.

The **last sit** will be a sit with a stay as a person walks up behind the team, talks to the person and then pets the pup. The pup must hold position. The pup may not break the stay to solicit attention. The PR may use appropriate correction if needed.

 YES **NO** The pup maintained a sit-stay while being pet by a stranger.

HEEL

Puppy sits in front of puppy raiser and moves into the heel position on command.

	AMSN	AIR	COMMENTS
1) PR gives single command			
2) Pup initiates movement			
3) PR maintains loose leash			
Rate position of HEEL 1-5 (5=best)			
Praise			
Release command			
COMPLETED			

UNDER

Puppy goes in on one verbal command; use CCI box or front desk.

	AMSN	AIR	COMMENTS
1) Pup completed command			
PR issues single command			
Praise			
Release command			
COMPLETED			

LET'S GO on the right side (high distraction)

Puppy raiser gives the Let's go command with pup on right side.

	AMSN	AIR	COMMENTS
1) Pup maintains position.			
PR issues single command			
Praise			
Release command			
COMPLETED			

SIDE

Puppy sits in front of puppy raiser; PR lures or encourages puppy into Side position; (lures, encouragement, corrections and movement are acceptable).

	AMSN	AIR	COMMENTS
1) PR gives single command			
2) Pup initiates movement			
3) PR maintains loose leash			
Rate position of SIDE 1-5 (5=best)			

SPEAK

Puppy speaks on command; the ideal is to speak several times but one time is acceptable; PR may use lure but it is best without.

	AMSN	AIR	COMMENTS
Puppy speaks			

CONTROLLED EXIT: The team will leave the building in a similar manner to entering, with safety and control being of prime importance. The team will proceed across the parking lot and back to the vehicle. The pup must be in appropriate let's go position and not display any fear of vehicle or traffic sounds.

A M S N The pup stayed in Let's go position.

YES NO The pup was calm around traffic.

A M S N The pup sat when the individual came to a halt.

CONTROLLED LOAD into VEHICLE: The individual will load the pup into the vehicle. The pup must not wander around the parking lot but must wait patiently for instructions. Emphasis is on safety and control.

YES NO The pup waited until commanded to enter the vehicle.

YES NO The pup readily entered the vehicle upon command.

TEAM RELATIONSHIP

A M S N When the pup did well, the PR praised the pup.

A M S N The pup is relaxed, confident, and friendly.

A M S N The PR kept the pup under control.

OVERALL EVALUATION COMMENTS:

Please ask the PR if they would like to have comments about their specific handling style or skills from the CCI Contract Trainers.

Follow up handling evaluation: Yes _____ No _____

