

All exercises on lead

HEEL - loose lead, held in both hands.
RIGHT ABOUT TURN
SIT - verbal and placement.
DROP from sit - verbal and placement.
RECALL on lead from heeling.
COMMANDS, PRAISE, REPRIMAND

All exercises on lead

HEEL - loose lead, held in both hands:
RIGHT TURN
RIGHT ABOUT TURN
SIT - verbal and placement.
STAND - verbal and placement.
DROP - verbal and placement.
SIT STAY on lead.
STAND STAY alongside handler.
Introduction to stand for examination.
RECALL on lead from heeling. Dog to sit in front of handler. No return or finish.
Use of commands, praise, and reprimand.

BEGINNERS CLASS

CLASS ONE

Training to a higher standard than Class One

All exercises on lead

HEEL - loose lead, held in both hands:
RIGHT TURN
RIGHT ABOUT TURN
LEFT TURN
LEFT ABOUT TURN
SIT - verbal (placement if required) progressing to automatic sitting.
STAND - verbal (placement if required), introduce **stand** hand signal.
DROP - verbal (placement if required), introduce **drop** hand signal.
SIT, STAND & DOWN STAY - Handler one pace in front of the dog. Return around dog.
STAND FOR EXAMINATION - on loose lead. Handler to return around dog.
RECALL - on lead. Dog to sit in front of Handler. No return or finish.
Use of commands, praise, and reprimand.

Training to VCA CCD standard

Exercises on lead except where indicated

HEEL - loose lead in left hand only:
URNS - all
SIT - automatic.
STAND - with hand signal.
DROP - with hand signal.
Introduction to **FAST & SLOW PACE**
FIGURE EIGHT
STAND FOR EXAMINATION - on lead.
RECALL - off lead. No return or finish.
Introduction to **FINISH**
SIT STAY - one minute, off lead. Handler 10 metres from dog.
DOWN STAY - Two minute, off lead. Handler 10 metres from dog.
Use of commands, praise, and reprimand.

CLASS TWO

CLASS THREE

Training to VCA CCD standard, progressing to VCA Novice standard

Exercises on lead except where indicated

HEEL - lead in left hand only. Introduction to off-lead heeling (short periods only):

TURNS - all

SIT - automatic.

STAND - with hand signal.

DROP - with hand signal.

FAST & SLOW PACE

FIGURE EIGHT

STAND FOR EXAMINATION - off lead.

RECALL - off lead with return (no finish).

FINISH (Not with recall).

Introduction to **CHANGE OF POSITION**

Introduction to **RETRIEVE DUMB-BELL** on flat.

SIT STAY - one minute, off-lead. Handler 12 metres from dog.

DOWN STAY - three minute, off lead. Handler 12 metres from dog.

Training to VCA Novice standard, progressing to VCA Open standard

Exercises on lead except where indicated

HEEL - on & off-lead:

TURNS - all

SIT - automatic.

STAND - with hand signal.

DROP - with hand signal.

FAST & SLOW PACE

FIGURE EIGHT

STAND FOR EXAMINATION - off lead.

RECALL off lead (no drop).

Introduction to **DROP ON RECALL**

Introduction to **DISTANCE CONTROL**

Introduction to **RETRIEVE DUMB-BELL** over solid jump.

Introduction to **BROAD JUMP**

SIT STAY - One minute, progressing to Handler out of sight.

DOWN STAY - Three minute, progressing to Handler out of sight.

CLASS FOUR

CLASS FIVE

Training to VCA Open Standard.
For dogs with a VCA Open Obedience Trial Pass

All exercises off lead

Heel Free

Turns - all

Sit - automatic

Stand

Drop

Fast & slow pace

Figure eight

Stand for examination

Drop on recall

Retrieve dumb-bell on flat

Retrieve dumb-bell over solid jump

Broad jump

Distance control

Sit stay - three minute (Handler out of sight)

Down stay - five minute (Handler out of sight)

Instructors at this level must be familiar with the current VCA rulebook

CLASS SIX

INSTRUCTORS QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE



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