



Helping Life Happen

Behaviour Requirements for Pawsable Affiliate dogs

When we assess your dog we do not expect all these behaviours to be in place but we must feel that they would be achievable with work and support within 12 months

The dog must accept a friendly stranger – this test shows that the dog is willing to allow an individual to come near and talk with the handler in a normal everyday situation. The stranger and the handler chat briefly as would be expected at an initial meeting. The dog is required to express no resentfulness or shy behaviour and must not move away from nor approach the stranger.

The dog must sit politely for petting – this test shows that the dog is willing to let the unknown individual physically interact with it. The dog must sit patiently beside the handler while the stranger walks over and starts petting the dogs head and body.

The dog must be comfortable being groomed and examined by an unknown individual, the dog will be groomed gently and then have its teeth, ears and front feet examined

The dog will sit comfortably whilst the handler and stranger give the dog a hug, showing its tolerance to this situation. The dog should not pull away nor look fearful or resentful to this occurring

The dog must walk on a loose lead to heel showing the handler has full control. The dog is required to sit when the handler halts.

The dog must be able to walk politely through a crowd, remaining under control on a loose lead, the dog can show interest in the other people however must not be fearful, shy or over – exuberant

The dog must be able to “sit” and “down” to command

The dog must be able to stay in both sit and down commands whilst the handler walks a distance of at least 6 meters. The dog must not move from position but is allowed to alter its position for comfort

The dog should come when called from a sit and down position – Having walked three metres from the dog the handler must then turn towards it and give the command to come. The dog must come and go in to the sit and down position (whichever it started off as) in front of the handler.

The dog must remain calm and polite when in the company of other dogs. Two handlers will bring their dogs together from about nine meters apart. They will then stop greet each other and walk on again for a further four meters. The dogs should express nothing more than a mild polite interest in each other.

Reacting to distractions – this test shows that the dog is confident when distractions occur such as loud bangs, somebody running past them, the sound of children shouting, a school bell. The dog may express curiosity or

surprise but must not be panicked, run off or show any aggression. Due to the nature of some of the schools the dog will be required to work in the dog may witness physical violence between children, the dog is not to react to or become stressed at this.

Respond to leave it – with the dog on a loose lead the handler walks by some food on the floor less than one meter away. If the dog attempts to get the food the handler must use the leave it commands. The appropriate response from the dog is that it will leave the food.

Accepting differences – this dog shows that the dog is confident around individuals that have unusual or distinct characteristics such as distorted movements, tics or other infirmities that might be encountered

The dogs required to work in all kinds of populations. Any negative behaviour and signs of stress from the dog will result in an automatic failure of the test.

effectiveness.

The safety of the young people we work with along with the welfare of the dog is paramount; it is for these reasons that the dog must not show any signs of stress throughout the test. This is not a bad reflection on your dog but we must stress that stressed dogs can easily become aggressive dogs. Any signs of stress or aggression will result in an instant failure.

On completion and passing of the tests the owner must show up to date vaccination certificates, a copy to be shown to Pawsable annually; the dog must be regularly wormed.

There will be annual assessments of all Pawsable affiliate dogs to ensure good practice.

Assessment date.....

Assessor.....

Handler.....

Notes