



## Dog A.I.D. Covid Update 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### England

Following confirmation over the Bank Holiday weekend, that England will move to stage 2 of the roadmap for easing covid-19 restrictions, Dog A.I.D. are pleased to announce that face to face **assessments** will be able to resume in **England** from the **12<sup>th</sup> of April** so long as the following conditions are met:

- Assessments may take place with up to 6 people attending, in any public place **outdoors**. Time in the home should be limited and avoided where possible. If taking place in the home, the client should ensure a window is opened and the room is ventilated both before and during the assessment.
- Both client and assessor are comfortable, willing and able to attend the assessment.
- Assessor and client should wear face coverings (unless exempt) and maintain social distance throughout the assessment. Assessors will have covid-19 guidance notes on their pre-printed assessment forms to help with this.
- Assessments need to be pre-planned and those attending must not have been advised to self-isolate or be showing any covid-19 symptoms when attending.

### Wales

Covid restrictions in Wales advise that from the 12<sup>th</sup> of April, “if public health conditions permit, the following relaxations can go ahead:

- travel restrictions within the UK and Common Travel Area will be lifted
- full return to schools and further education settings
- university campus’ can open for blended face-to-face and online learning for all students
- all shops and close contact services can open”

Therefore face to face assessments can resume from the 12<sup>th</sup> of April so long as the Welsh government advises they are continuing with their relaxations of covid restrictions.

Guidance for assessments is as follows:

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### **Scotland**

From Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> of April the Stay Local requirements replaced the Stay at Home rule in Scotland.

Face to face Dog A.I.D. Training can resume so long as the following conditions are met:

- Both client and trainer are comfortable, willing and able to attend the session.
- Trainer and client should wear face coverings (unless exempt) and maintain social distance throughout the session.
- Sessions should take place outdoors.
- Sessions need to be pre-planned and be by appointment. The date, time and location of the session should be recorded in Trainer and Client Monthly reports. These are to be submitted by the end of each month on the relevant Survey Monkey link.

Assessments will remain on hold until further easing of non-essential retail is confirmed.

### **Northern Ireland**

Face to face training can resume with immediate effect so long as the following conditions are met:

- Face to face training can occur in the private gardens of clients but these must be limited to 6 people from no more than 2 households.
- Both client and trainer are comfortable, willing and able to attend the session.
- Trainer and client should wear face coverings (unless exempt) and maintain social distance throughout the session.
- Sessions need to be pre-planned and be by appointment. The date, time and location of the session should be recorded in Trainer and Client Monthly reports. These are to be submitted by the end of each month on the relevant Survey Monkey link.



If you have any questions please contact [admin@dogaid.org.uk](mailto:admin@dogaid.org.uk)

This information supersedes any previous Covid-19 guidance from the Dog A.I.D. office for clients, trainers and assessors and is accurate on date of publish: 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Dog A.I.D. will continue to monitor and review the situation and will provide updates when required.

**End of Statement**