

Changes to the CGC Manual for 2019

Foundation

Exercise 1c

- Change the wording “inside the mouth” to “mouth and teeth by pulling back the lips”
- Remove the item “teeth”

Exercise 1d

- Change the item “mouth” to “mouth by pulling back the lips to expose the teeth”
- Remove the item “teeth”

Bronze

Exercise 17b

- Change the point “The vehicle door to the dog’s area is opened. Handler to remove physical restraint (e.g., car harness) or the confined area is made free (e.g., cage door opened).” to “The vehicle door to the dog’s area is opened. Handler to remove physical restraint (e.g., car harness) or the confined area is made free (e.g., cage door opened) and a leash attached.”
- Change the point “Dog is to remain in the vehicle for a time lapse of no less than 20 seconds.” to “Dog is to remain in the vehicle for a time lapse of no less than 20 seconds. Verbal commands are allowed but leash must remain loose and not be used to keep the dog in the vehicle.”
- Change the point “Upon request so to do, the handler will attach a leash and take the dog out of the vehicle.” to “Upon request so to do, the handler will take the dog out of the vehicle.”

Exercise 18 – Points to Note

- Add a new point between existing points 2 and 3: “Should the assessor feel the exercise will not be sufficiently tested due to a short set of steps, the exercise may be set such that the steps must be negotiated twice in immediate succession.”

Silver

Exercise 21

- Change the wording “inside the mouth” to “mouth and teeth by pulling back the lips”
- Remove the item “teeth”

Exercise 24

- Change the wording of the point “Upon instruction from the assessor, the handler will command their dog to stop and be still (any position allowed - stand/down/sit). The dog must be seen to comply promptly with the command to stop.” To “Upon instruction from the assessor, the handler will command their dog to stop and be still (any position allowed - stand/down/sit). The dog must be seen to respond promptly to the command to stop.”

Gold

Exercise 34 - Conditions

- Change the wording “Exercise 34 for Canine Good Citizen Gold will be conducted in a quiet public area. The preferred area would be a large grassed area, such as a local park or sports grounds not normally used by the hosting club. This exercise must be conducted at a safe distance from any vehicle traffic.” to “Exercise 34 for Canine Good Citizen Gold would ideally be conducted in a quiet public area. The preferred area is a large grassed area, such as a local park or sports grounds not normally used by the hosting club. This exercise must be conducted at a safe distance from any vehicle traffic. <Paragraph Break> Should no suitable venue exist locally, the host club may make application to the CGC Committee to undertake this exercise on their own grounds or on grounds they normally use for training purposes. Such application must cite the reasons why no other venue may be used, for example local bylaws, safety concerns etc.”

Exercise 34

- Change the point “Should the dog voluntarily remain close to the handler, another person may come and quietly hold the dog, to allow the handler to remove themselves at a minimum distance of 15 metres. The dog is then released. Whilst the dog is on the move and more than 10 metres away handler is to command the dog to stop in any position. The dog must be seen to comply immediately with the stop command(s).” to “For this exercise the handler must be able to send the dog more than 10 metres away using whichever methods are chosen. This may include a helper to call the dog, if this method is used the assessor must be advised at the beginning of the assessment.”
- Add a point directly after as follows “Whilst the dog is moving away from the handler and more than 10 metres away handler is to command the dog to stop in any position. The dog must be seen to respond immediately to the stop command(s).”

Exercise 34 – Not acceptable

- Add the following point: “Dog fails to leave handler’s side for a distance of more than 10 metres”

Exercise 35 – Note

- Change the first sentence from “The dog will not be left attended.” to “The dog will not be left unattended.”