



Rules – Video Obedience

Effective 7/1/2020

ELIGIBILITY

- All dogs at least 6 months old at the date of the trial are eligible to compete in C-WAGS obedience.
- All dogs must be handled by the registered handler or an immediate family member.
- Female dogs in season may compete.
- Disabled dogs are allowed and encouraged to compete as long as they do not show signs of pain or discomfort.
- Disabled handlers are allowed and encouraged to compete. Reasonable exercise modifications may be requested from your assigned judge. The judge will review, and has the sole authority to approve or deny, all requests for the personal trial.
- Collars: The dog must wear a buckle, snap, or properly fitting martingale collar and/or body harness in the ring. Collars or harnesses with tags may be worn in the ring. Electronic training collars are not allowed.

VIDEO

- Maximum video length: Level 1 is 5 minutes; Level 2 is 6 minutes.
- Be sure the area is well lit, **with as little background noise as possible** so your cues can be heard or seen in the entire filming area. Please do not have music playing or added afterward.
- Your submission must be one single UNEDITED video. Cheating on this only affects you. You know, and it is your integrity at stake. You may crop the beginning and end to remove excess footage. The video must show the setup of getting into the first position. You may treat after the set up. Cookies may not be in hand, they must be in a pocket until given. See Obedience rules for complete guidelines.
- Film in “landscape” mode so the view is wider than tall.
- A stationary camera may be used, or a person may operate the camera.
- REVIEW the video to be sure all parts can be seen and heard, that no exercises are hidden in shadows; cues can be heard; dog and handler are in sight during the complete performance, and PAUSES ARE AT LEAST ONE FULL SECOND.
- If submitting more than one Personal Trial video at a time, each must have separate submission form with links to video. Two or more trial “entries” cannot be on a single video link.

- BE SURE the video is able to be viewed by others. In YouTube, it would need to be posted as Public or Unlisted.
- If the judge is unable to see or hear a necessary component of one exercise to adequately judge the performance, but they can see enough to know that it was not an NQ, AND the balance of the exercises were all passed, the performance will not be given a score, but marked only as PASSED.
- If the video does not provide a clear view so the judge can determine whether the exercise is passing or not, the entire performance will be scored as “Undetermined” and no credit will be given.
- Video must be submitted within 60 days of requesting a Personal Trial.
- Submitting video grants Canine – Work And Games LLC the right to use or publish video.

SOME VIDEO TIPS

1. Know the rules. The details such as distance you need to be from your dog (4 feet in find-front and find-heel elements) and pauses you must include will be assessed and there won't be a judge there to remind you.
2. Make a reference list that is easy to read from a distance. It is much easier to stay connected to your dog if you can glance at a sign and know what to do next. Signs may be placed in the location for each exercise.
3. Video the run without your dog at least once. Doing this will give you the chance to make and correct handler errors without your dog. When you bring your dog in and record, you will feel more confident and your run will be much smoother. Your dog will thank you for it!
4. Watch at least one of those runs without your dog to make sure your whole body stays in the camera frame along with where your dog will be.
5. Have your ring boundaries marked in some way so you know you are staying in range.
6. Check your video device (phone, tablet, or camera) to make sure there is plenty of space available for a video. Delete anything you don't need that is taking up storage space (including your run without your dog after you looked at it). It is extremely disappointing to finish a nice run and find out the whole thing wasn't recorded because your camera ran out of space.
7. Check to make sure your battery is fully charged. Like Tip #6, it is a real bummer to finish a nice run and find out your battery died halfway through.
8. If something went wrong, celebrate with your dog and try again another day!

The **General Judging Guidelines and Definitions** as written in the C-WAGS Obedience rules apply unless specifically different in this document. Be sure to read the full judging rules before filming. Any questions, you may contact your assigned judge. Minimum ring sizes do not apply. You must have enough room to complete the heeling exercise.

PAUSES are in place of a judge giving you the directions for each part of the exercise. Pauses must be at least one (1) full second and preferably more—other than as noted in the Stay exercise. An example of a legal pause is one in which the handler: takes at least one deep breath in and out that lasts **at least** one full second; counts slowly “one-one thousand.” Any pause (**the time the dog and handler are still and silent**) that is shorter than the time it takes the judge to say “one-one thousand” will be considered a short pause and will receive a 3-point deduction that will be taken from the total performance score.

So be sure to BE STILL AND BE SILENT and get your pauses in. To avoid a short or missing pause, we suggest exhibitors aim for pauses longer than one second. Best practice is to count up to “three-one-thousand.”

A RELEASE ends most exercises. The release you use may be visual and/or verbal but should be readily apparent to the judge.

On exercises with the judge’s choice of a sit or down, failure to complete the given position will receive a non-qualifying score.

Because this is an on-leash class, dropping your leash will result in a Slight handler error deduction.

OBEDIENCE LEVEL 1 VIDEO CLASS

The Level 1 Class is performed on a 4- to 6-foot leash. A qualifying score is 70 points or higher with at least 50% of the possible points earned from each exercise.

A well-balanced dog has four legs and as such after four qualifying scores from at least two different judges in the Level 1 in-person class and/or Level 1 Video submissions the team will be awarded the C-Wags Obedience Level 1 title of CW-Ob1qv.

Once the title is earned and you earn 10 additional qualifying scores from the Level 1 in-person class and/or Level 1 Video submissions the team will be awarded the C-WAGS Obedience Level 1 ACE title of CW-OAL1qv.

The exercises include:

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| 1) | 40 pts | Heeling |
| 2) | 20 pts | Find Front, Forward |
| 3) | 10 pts | Sit or Down Walk-Around |
| 4) | 10 pts | Position Change |
| 5) | 10 pts | Call to Heel |
| 6) | 10 pts | Stay |

The assigned judge will notify you of the order the exercises must be performed.

1) **Heeling.**

Exercise set-up: Begin with the dog in heel position (standing, sitting, or down).

Scoring begins: When the handler cues the dog to begin moving.

Heeling should have a total distance of 60 to 90 feet. The heeling must include a minimum of one each element: right turn, left turn, about turn, slow, and fast. The heeling pattern must end with a Halt with the dog sitting, when scoring ends.

Hand and/or arm cues may be used during the heeling exercises only when cuing the halt-sit or forward. Each additional hand/arm cue will result in a 3-point deduction.

2) **Find Front - Forward.**

Exercise set-up: Handler should start with the dog's back to the camera, with the dog sitting in heel position.

Scoring begins: When the handler cues the dog to stay.

Handler will leave the dog, go about 4 feet, and turn and face the dog. Handler will PAUSE and then call dog to a front position. Dog should sit in a "front" position. The handler will PAUSE and then cue the dog to finish (left or right). As

dog is moving into heel position, handler will begin moving forward. The dog does not sit on the “finish.” Dog and handler will heel a distance of approximately 8 feet, after which the team will halt with the dog sitting and scoring ends.

3) **Walk-Around.**

Exercise set-up: The dog in heel position (standing, sitting, or down) facing the camera.

Scoring begins: When the handler cues the dog to begin moving.

The handler and dog will heel forward approximately 8 feet, at which point the handler will stop and may cue the dog for either the “Sit” OR the “Down.” (The position in which the dog is left in this exercise will be determined by your judge and will be either a sit or a down.) Once the team is in position, handler will PAUSE and then walk around the dog and return to heel position and again PAUSE before releasing dog. (Handler is to walk to the left around the dog and return to heel position.) The Release ends the exercise.

Minor sideways movement by the dog during the walk-around will receive a Minor deduction. A dog that changes position or turns 90° or more once the handler has begun the walk-around will receive a Non-Qualifying score for this exercise.

4) **Position Change.**

Exercise Set-up: The dog sitting in heel position, facing the camera.

Scoring begins: When the dog sits in heel position.

The handler will PAUSE and then cue their dog to down; PAUSE; then cue their dog to sit. Then PAUSE followed by a release. The Release ends the exercise.

Anticipation by the dog will result in Non-Qualifying score for this exercise.

5) **Call to Heel.**

Exercise set-up: The dog sitting in heel position, with back to the camera.

Scoring begins: When the dog sits in heel position.

The handler will PAUSE and then proceed ahead approximately 4 feet and halt and PAUSE. While facing away from the dog the handler will call the dog to heel position. The dog should come briskly and sit in heel position. The handler must PAUSE before releasing the dog. The Release ends the exercise.

Handler may turn head and shoulders slightly to the side while calling the dog. Anticipation by the dog will result in a Non-Qualifying score for this exercise.

6) Stay.

Pre-exercise set-up: Before beginning the exercise, handler will pick up either a toy or a dish as a distraction item from a convenient location while staying on camera and still holding the leash. If using a dish, a treat may be pre-loaded into it, or you may remove a treat from your pocket and place into the dish at this time. And then carrying the item move to the location your heeling portion will begin. The handler has the option of carrying their distraction item concealed in a pocket during previous exercises.

Exercise set-up: This exercise begins with the dog in heel position (standing, sitting or down), facing the camera, or may have side to camera as long as the dog is between handler and camera.

Scoring begins: When the handler cues the dog to begin moving forward for the heel portion.

The handler will hold the distraction item on their right side while heeling approximately 8 feet, at which point the handler will then stop and may cue the dog for either the "Sit" OR the "Down". (The Stay position in this exercise will be determined by your judge and will be either a sit or a down.) Once the dog is in position, the distraction may be held in either hand and handler may cue the dog to stay and without dropping the leash, move to place the distraction item 4 to 6 feet in front of the dog. Handler returns to heel (by either going around the dog or straight back to heel position). Handler must PAUSE at least 8 additional seconds once back into heel position and then release the dog. The Release ends the exercise.

Handler may talk to the dog during the 8 seconds of the Stay. Dog must maintain position until the release is given. Position change by the dog before handler release or Pauses less than 8 seconds will result in Non-Qualifying score for this exercise.

OBEDIENCE LEVEL 2 VIDEO CLASS beginning 8/1/2020

The Level 2 class is to be performed off-leash, other than a leash is optional on the Heeling exercise and is required for the last exercise- Leave Dog for Leash. A qualifying score is 70 points or higher with at least 50% of possible points earned from each exercise.

A well-balanced dog has four legs and as such after four qualifying scores from at least two different judges in the Level 2 in-person class and / or Level 2 Video submissions the team will be awarded the C-WAGS Obedience Level 2 title of CW-Ob2qv.

Once the title is earned and you earn 10 additional qualifying scores from the Level 2 in-person class and / or Level 2 Video submissions the team will be awarded the C-WAGS Obedience Level 2 ACE title of CW-OAL2qv.

The exercises include:

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| 1a) | 25 pts | Heeling |
| 1b) | 15 pts | Figure 8 |
| 2) | 15 pts | Recall over jump |
| 3a) | 10 pts | Call to Heel |
| 3b) | 10 pts | Position change |
| 4) | 15 pts | Stand Stay Handler Exam |
| 5) | Pass/Fail | Stay |
| 6) | 10 pts | Leave dog for Leash |

The Heeling and Figure 8 exercises will be first. Exercises 2 through 4 may be assigned by the judge in any order. Stay (#5) and Leave Dog for Leash (#6) will be the last two exercises.

1a) Heeling.

Pre-exercise set-up: A distraction toy or a food bowl with a treat must be placed within 10 feet of the heeling path. The distraction must be elevated 6 to 12 inches and clearly visible on camera.

Exercise set-up: Begin with the dog in heel position (standing, sitting, or down). Leash is optional.

Scoring begins: When the handler cues the dog to begin moving.

It should consist of 100 to 130 feet of heeling plus the Figure 8. The Figure 8 may be at the end of the heeling pattern, or at a location within the heeling pattern. The heeling must include a minimum of one each; right turn, left turn, about turn, slow, fast, halt, and one right circle or left circle.

1b) Figure 8.

Exercise set-up: Will consist of two “posts” (the posts may be cones, chairs, jump uprights, or other similar object at least 18 inches tall, about 8 feet apart. One post will have a piece of clothing such as a shirt, or jacket hung or draped over the “post.”

Scoring begins: Continues from the heeling exercise.

The team may proceed in either direction, around the posts in a figure-8 pattern twice. The team will halt at least once during the pattern and may halt before beginning the Figure 8.

A halt must be used at the end of the combined Heeling – Figure 8 exercise. Exercise ends when the dog completes the final sit (at which time handler may reward the dog.)

Hand and/or arm cues may be used during the Heeling and Figure 8 exercises only when cuing the halt-sit or forward. Each additional hand/arm cue will result in a 3-point deduction.

2) Recall Over the Jump.

Exercise set-up: Begin with the dog in heel position set-up at a spot at least 8 feet back from the center of the jump. Off-leash with back to the camera.

Scoring begins: When the handler steps away from the dog.

The handler will leave the dog and proceed to a spot at least 8 feet on the opposite side of the jump and turn and face the dog. The handler must PAUSE before cueing the dog to come. The dog must come briskly on the first cue. The dog should sit in the front position. Once the dog sits the handler must PAUSE before cueing the dog to return to heel position and sit. Exercise ends when the dog completes the sit.

Failure of the dog to come on the first cue will result in a Non-Qualifying score for this exercise.

3a) Call to Heel.

Exercise set-up: The dog off-leash in heel position (standing, sitting, or down) with back to the camera.

Scoring begins: When the handler steps away from the dog.

The handler will leave the dog and proceed forward approximately 8 feet and halt. The handler must PAUSE. While facing away from the dog the handler will then call the dog to heel position. The dog should come briskly and sit in heel

position. Which is the beginning of 3b) *Position Change*. (Treat may NOT be given here as it is not the end of the exercise)

3b) Position Change.

Exercise set-up: Continues from the final Sit in Call to Heel exercise.

Scoring begins: When the handler cues the dog to Stand.

With the dog still sitting in heel position, the handler will cue the dog to stand. Handler may not physically stand the dog, but may take a step forward and/or turn inward when cuing the dog to stand. Handler will leave the dog and go forward approximately 4 feet and turn and face the dog. The handler will PAUSE then will cue the dog to down. The handler will PAUSE and cue the dog to sit. Once the dog is sitting, the handler returns to heel position by going around behind dog. The handler must stop in heel position and then may release the dog. Exercise ends when the handler stops in heel position.

Handler may turn head and shoulders slightly to the side while calling the dog to heel. Anticipation by the dog will result in a Non-Qualifying score for this exercise. Minor sideways movement by the dog during the walk-around portion of this exercise will receive Slight to Major deductions. A dog that turns 90° or more during the handler returning to heel will receive a Non-Qualifying score for that exercise.

4) Stand Stay - Owner Exam.

Exercise set-up: The dog off-leash in heel position (standing, sitting, or down) facing towards the camera, or may be on a diagonal up to full side to camera as long as the dog is between handler and camera during the exam. Handler must not block view of the dog while moving away or in the pause position.

Scoring begins: When the handler cues the dog to begin moving.

The handler and dog will heel forward approximately 8 feet, at which point the handler will stop and cue their dog to remain standing. A dog that sits will receive a Major deduction. The handler will then walk forward approximately 8 feet and turn and face the dog. The handler will PAUSE and then return to the dog and show the judge they can perform the following in this order:

- a) Run both hands down the dog's back from the head, down the neck to the shoulders ending at the rear of the dog.
- b) Pick up a front foot and gently touch the bottom pads
- c) Look at their dog's teeth by lifting the lips enough that the canines on both sides can be seen.

Once the handler has completed all 3 parts of the exam the handler will release the dog. The Release ends the exercise.

Handler does not have to return to heel position. The dog should stand and stay and allow the exam by the handler with no apparent resentment or resistance. During the handler's exam, minimal movement by the dog as would be normal for adjusting position because of handling is allowed. The handler may place one or both hands on the dog at any time during the exam, but may not "hold" the dog. More than minor movement will be scored accordingly. A dog that moves away from the handler or changes position during the exam will receive a Non-Qualifying score.

5) Stay.

Pre-exercise set-up: Before beginning the exercise, handler will pick up either a toy or a dish as a distraction item from a convenient location while staying on camera. The distraction item MUST be the opposite of what was used in the Heeling exercise. If using a dish, a treat may be pre-loaded into it, or you may remove a treat from your pocket and place into the dish at this time. And then carrying the item move to the location the Stay will begin. The handler has the option of carrying their distraction item concealed in a pocket during previous exercises.

Exercise set-up: This exercise begins with the dog off-leash in heel position (standing, sitting or down – handler's choice), with back to the camera, or may have side to camera as long as the dog is between handler and camera.

Scoring begins: When the handler turns to place item behind dog.

Handler will place the distraction item approximately 12 inches behind the dog. Handler will then leave the dog and walk forward approximately 12 feet while keeping their back to the dog. The handler must PAUSE keeping their back to the dog at least 15 seconds before turning and going back to the dog and heel position by walking around and behind the dog. The handler must stop in heel position and then may release the dog. Exercise ends when the handler stops in heel position.

A dog that: changes position once the scoring begins; moves forward; or turns 90° or more; handler Pause of less than 15 seconds; will receive a FAIL for this exercise.

6) Leave Dog for Leash.

Exercise set-up: The dog off-leash in heel position (standing, sitting, or down) facing towards the camera, or may be on a diagonal up to full side to camera as long as the dog is between handler and camera. Handler must not block view of the dog while moving to the leash.

Scoring begins: When the handler cues the dog to begin moving.

The handler and dog will heel forward approximately 8 feet, at which point the handler will stop and may cue the dog for either the "Sit" OR the "Down." (The position in which the dog is left in this exercise will be determined by your judge and will be either a sit or a down.) Once the team is in position, the handler will walk at least 12 feet, pick up their leash, return to the dog and heel position by walking around and behind the dog, then attach the leash to the collar or harness. After attaching the leash, the handler must return to an upright position and PAUSE. Following the pause the handler will release the dog. The Release ends the exercise.

Handler may cue the dog to a sit from a down position before attaching the leash. Dog should not stand. Minor sideways movement by the dog will receive a Slight to Major deduction. A dog that changes position prior to a cue, moves forward, or turns 90° or more will receive a Non-Qualifying score for this exercise.