



*General Video Rules on Level 1 & Level 2 apply*

*(beginning 9/1/2023)*

## **Obedience Level 3 Video Class**

The Level 3 class is performed off leash. A qualifying score is 70 points or better 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 3 in-person class and / or Level 3 Video submissions the team will be awarded the C-WAGS Video Obedience Level 3 title of CW-v-Ob3.

Once the title is earned and you earn 10 additional qualifying scores from the Level 3 in-person class and / or Level 3 Video submissions the team will be awarded the C-WAGS Video Obedience Level 3 ACE title of CW-v-OAL3.

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|----|--------|--------------------------|
| 1) | 25 pts | Heeling                  |
| 2) | 10 pts | Drop on Recall           |
| 3) | 15 pts | Directed jump            |
| 4) | 15 pts | Go out – Sit             |
| 5) | 10 pts | Find Front               |
| 6) | 15 pts | Retrieve over Broad Jump |
| 7) | 10 pts | Signal exercise          |

Your Judge will select the order that the exercises will be performed. In this advanced class, the expectation is that heel and positions on moving and stationary exercises will be more consistent. Heeling will be scored as part of the exercise where it is included.

### **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.*

The heeling exercise may be divided into two sections by your judge with any number of the remaining exercises between them. One or both sections of heeling may be combined with one other exercise where the "Exercise Finished" would not be given until the end of the combined heeling and exercise. It should consist of 120 to 160 feet total heeling. The heeling pattern must end with a Halt with the dog sitting, when scoring ends.

Heeling should include a minimum of one each, right turn, left turn, about turn, slow, fast, and halt. At least one of the following must be included: circle (left or right), Figure 8, or 270° turn (left or right). Slow and Fast will be followed normal pace or "Exercise Finished." A halt does not have to end a heeling section. Your judge will provide the instructions for your heeling exercise.

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) Drop on Recall**

*Exercise set-up: Begin with the dog in heel position with back to the camera.*

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

Handler will Leave Dog. Handler will walk to the other side of the ring (suggested minimum 25 ft), turn and face the dog. The Handler will PAUSE BEFORE cueing the dog to come. The handler will cue the dog to down/drop mid-way to Front. After the dog is completely down the handler will cue the dog to come Front with a Sit. *Exercise ends when the dog completes the sit.*

Dog must come briskly during all sections of the recall. Dog dropping prior to handler's cue, failure of the dog to come or drop on the first cue will result in a Non-Qualifying score. A Minor to Major deduction will be made for a dog that does not drop promptly following the cue. A Major deduction will be made for a dog that does not come directly to handler, comes slowly, or changes position without moving forward before being cued to come

## **3) Directed Jump**

*Exercise set-up: Begins with the dog in heel position at a spot at least 15 feet beyond the jump and approximately 6 feet to the side of the jump.*

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

Handler will walk straight forward to a spot at least 15 feet on the other side of the jump and staying approximately 6 feet to the side of the jump and turn and face the dog. Handler will PAUSE before cueing the dog to take the jump. Handler must remain facing straight ahead when giving the cue and until the dog jumps. When the dog is in midair, the handler may turn to face the dog as he returns to front position. When the dog is in front position the handler must PAUSE. The handler will cue the dog to return to heel position and Sit. *Exercise ends when the dog sits in heel position.*

A broad jump may not be used for this exercise. Failure to take the jump will receive a Non-Qualifying score.

## **4) Go Out**

*Exercise set-up: Begins with the dog in heel position.*

*Scoring begins: When the handler cues the dog out*

Handler will cue the dog to go approximately 20 feet straight out and sit. Once the dog sits the handler will PAUSE before going to the dog and standing in heel position. Handler will PAUSE in heel position. *Exercise ends after the Pause with handler in heel position.*

Handler does not have to walk behind the dog. (If the dog's position against the gating does not allow the handler to return to heel position, they should return as close to heel position as possible).

The target spot should be an area approximately 5 ft by 5 ft directly in front of the ring gating or wall. Sitting outside of this area but within 2 feet of this target area will result in a major deduction. Distances farther than that will receive a Non-Qualifying score. The target area should have subtle visual markers so the judge is able to determine the dog's location in relationship to the target area. A small cone may mark corners, tape on wall for width, etc. Be sure to take some prior photos or videos of your dog in the spot with the markers and review to know that the judge watching the video will have an appropriate view. You may

need to try different marking techniques before finding what works in your location and camera angle.

### **5) Find Front**

*Exercise set-up: Begins with the side of the team toward the camera, dog in heel position.*

*Scoring begins: When handler steps forward to heel.*

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 Stand (judge's choice). Handler will proceed straight forward to a spot approximately 6 feet in front of the dog at which point the handler will turn 90 degrees left or right to face the camera. This will place the dog facing the side of the handler. The handler will cue the dog to come to front. Dog should sit in the front position. *Exercise ends when the dog sits in front.*

Failure of the dog to move toward the handler on the first cue; dog returning to "heel" position without sitting in "front"; or dog that sits 90° or more from a "front" position will receive a Non-Qualifying score.

### **6) Retrieve over Broad Jump**

*Exercise set-up: Begins with the dog in heel position centered at least 8 feet behind the broad jump.*

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

Handler will leave the dog and walk around the broad jump, and place their retrieve article at least 6 feet beyond the center of the broad jump. Handler returns to the side of the jump approximately 2 feet away from, and facing the broad jump. Handler will cue the dog to jump and retrieve the placed article. As the dog jumps, the handler pivots 90° to face the dog. Dog should pick up the article and bring it to "front". The handler will PAUSE before taking the article. Handler will then cue the dog to move to heel position. *Exercise ends when the dog sits in heel position.*

Retrieve article may be any object the dog can pick up and carry safely. Failure of the dog to bring the article to within reach of the handler or failure to take the jump will receive a Non-Qualifying score. Slight to Minor deductions will be made for dropping of the article or not releasing article on cue.

### **7) Signals**

*Exercise set-up: Begins with the dog in heel position.*

*Scoring begins: When handler steps forward to heel.*

The handler and dog will heel forward approximately 8 feet. Handler will stop and cue the dog to remain standing. The handler will PAUSE BEFORE leaving the dog. The handler may cue the dog to stay, and will go approximately 8 feet, turn and face the dog. After turning handler will PAUSE - then will cue the dog to "down" PAUSE- "sit" PAUSE- "come" in that order. The dog should come at a steady and quick pace and sit in the "front" position. *Exercise ends when the dog sits in front position.*

Handler may use both voice and hand cues for this exercise. Failure of the dog to down, sit or come on the first cue will result in a Non-Qualifying score.

## Obedience Level 4 Class

A Level 3 title is required to enter this class (other than as FEO). The Level 4 class is performed off leash. A qualifying score is 70 points or better 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 2 different judges in-person class and / or Level 4 Video submissions in the Level 4 Class the team will be awarded the C-Wags Obedience Level 4 title of CW-v-Ob4.

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| 1) | 15 pts | Signal Exercise                 |
| 2) | 10 pts | Moving Down – Call to Heel      |
| 3) | 15 pts | Moving Stand for Exam           |
| 4) | 15 pts | Double Recall                   |
| 5) | 15 pts | Directed Glove Retrieve         |
| 6) | 30 pts | Go Out – Directed Jump / Tunnel |

Judge will select the order that the exercises will be performed.

Sections of heeling will be used with exercises #1, #2, and #3. The heeling may include about turns, left and right turns, left or right circles, left or right 270° turns and halts. Heeling will be scored as part of the exercise where it is included.

### 1) Signal Exercise

*Exercise set-up: Begins with the dog in heel position.*

*Scoring begins: When handler steps forward to heel.*

Your judge's instructions will include the heeling distance and pattern as appropriate. At the exercise location the handler halts and SIGNALS the dog to remain standing. The handler will PAUSE before leaving the dog. The handler may SIGNAL the dog to stay, and will go approximately 15 to 20 feet, turn and face the dog. After turning handler will PAUSE - then will cue the dog to "down" PAUSE– "sit" PAUSE– "come" in that order.

The dog should come at a steady and quick pace and sit in the "front" position. Exercise ends when the dog sits in front.

Verbal cues and communication may not be used at the Halt – Stand. From that point, the handler may use signal cues only.

Failure of the dog to down, sit or come on the first cue, or verbal cues by the handler where not permitted will result in a Non-Qualifying score. A minor to a non-qualifying deduction will be made for a dog that walks forward more than one step on the stand, down, or sit.

### 2) Moving Down – Call to Heel

*Exercise set-up: Begins with the dog in heel position.*

*Scoring begins: When handler steps forward to heel.*

Your judge's instructions will include the heeling distance and pattern as appropriate. At the exercise location (which should be with the dog's side to the camera) the handler will continue forward while cueing the dog to down. Handler continues forward approximately 6 steps and halts. Handler may turn head and shoulders slightly toward dog while calling dog to heel then immediately begins heeling forward at least 6 steps at which point exercise ends and handler will release the dog. Dog should move briskly and directly to return to heel position by the time the handler is on the 4th step. *Exercise ends at the handler's sixth step.*

A Non-Qualifying score will be given to a dog that does not down on the first cue, or anticipates the call. Additional cue to come up to heel will receive a Major deduction.

### **3) Moving Stand for Exam**

*Exercise set-up: Begins with the dog in heel position. This exercise requires a person to complete the exam on the dog.*

*Scoring begins: When handler steps forward to heel.*

Your judge's instructions will include the heeling distance and pattern as appropriate. At the exercise location the handler will cue the dog to remain standing and without pausing continue forward approximately 10 feet, turn and face the dog. The "judge" will then approach the dog from the front and conduct an examination, running both hands down the sides and along the body. When the exam is completed the judge will leave the area and the handler will cue the dog to return directly to heel position without sitting in the front position. *Exercise ends when the dog sits at heel.*

Depending on the extent of hesitation, minor to major deduction will be made for the handler that hesitates or pauses while giving the stand / stay cue or a dog that continues to move forward by not responding promptly to the "stand" cue. A Major deduction will be given for a dog that returns to a front position. A Non-Qualifying score will be given if the dog sits or downs, moves away from the "judge" during the exam, or fails to return to the handler.

### **4) Double Recall.**

*Exercise set-up: Begins with the dog in heel position, handler's back toward camera.*

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

Handler will Leave Dog. Handler will walk to the other side of the ring (suggested minimum 25 ft), turn and face the dog. The Handler will PAUSE BEFORE cueing the dog to come. The handler will cue the dog to down/drop mid-way to Front. After the dog is completely down the handler will cue the dog to come Front with a Sit. The handler then cues the dog to return to heel position. Handler will leave the dog and return across the ring to the location where the exercise started. Handler will PAUSE before cueing the dog to come front. *Exercise ends when the dog completes the sit in front.*

Dog must come briskly during all sections of the recall. The judge may choose to reverse the order of the Drop and the Straight Recall.

Dog dropping prior to handler's cue, failure of the dog to come or drop on the first cue will result in a Non-Qualifying score. A Minor to Major deduction will be made for a dog that does not drop promptly following the cue. A Major deduction will be made for a dog that does not come directly to handler, comes slowly, or changes position without moving forward before being cued to come.

### **5) Directed Glove Retrieve**

*Exercise set-up: This exercise requires 3 predominately white gloves. The judge will indicate which glove number the dog is to retrieve. The gloves will be designated as One, Two, or Three reading from left to right when the handler is facing the gloves.*

*Scoring begins: This exercise begins with the dog sitting in heel position mid-way in the ring with their back to the area the gloves will be placed.*

The handler will leave their dog on a stay while placing the gloves (or have another person place the gloves while the handler stays in heel with the dog). A glove will be placed about 3

feet in from each corner of the ring while the dog and handler are facing the opposite direction. The 3<sup>rd</sup> glove will be placed mid-way between the two gloves approximately 3 feet in from the edge of the ring. The handler will return to the dog and heel position – ( if they placed the gloves). The handler will pivot to face the correct glove. The dog must move with the handler and sit in heel position. The handler will cue the dog to retrieve the glove. The dog must go directly to the glove and return with it to Front position. Once the dog returns to Front, Handler will PAUSE and then take the glove from the dog. *Exercise ends when the handler takes the glove and stands upright.*

Handlers may bend their bodies and knees as far as needed to give the direction to the dog, but must then stand up in a natural position. Slight deduction for dog that drops the glove but picks it up again and brings to front. Minor deduction for: turns that are not pivots, a dog that does not sit after the pivot, or for a dog that does not go directly to the correct glove and back. Non-Qualifying score will be given for failure to bring the correct glove within reach of the handler.

### **6) Go Out – Directed Jump or Tunnel Exercise**

*Exercise set-up: . A jump and agility-style tunnel (6–15 ft) will be used for this exercise. The jump will be placed midway in the ring at a right angle to the side of the ring. The mid-point of the tunnel will be approximately 17 to 25 feet to the side of the jump. The tunnel may be slightly curved but each opening should face toward opposite ends of the ring. This exercise begins with the dog sitting in heel position (with back or front toward camera) at the midpoint between, and approximately 17 to 20 ft in front of the jump / tunnel\*.*

*Scoring begins: When the handler cues the dog to move forward away from the handler.*

The handler will cue the dog to move forward, away from the handler, at a brisk pace to a midpoint about 17-20 feet past the jump / tunnel – passing between the jump and the tunnel. When the dog reaches this point, the handler will cue the dog to Sit. The dog must stop moving, turn and sit. The dog does not have to sit squarely. The judge will have provided information on which obstacle to complete first - **either**:

- a. **“Jump”** The handler will cue the dog to take the jump. As the dog is coming over the jump, the handler will turn to face the dog as the dog returns. The dog must sit in front of the handler. The handler will cue the dog to return to heel position. Once the dog is in heel position the handler may release the dog (and treat if desired)

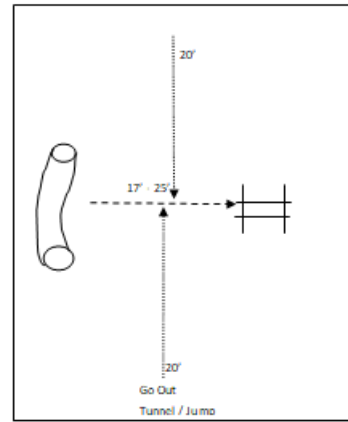
**or**

- b. **“Tunnel”** The handler will cue the dog to take the tunnel. As the dog is coming through the tunnel, the handler will turn to face the dog as the dog returns. The dog must sit in front of the handler. Once the dog is in front position the handler may release the dog (and treat if desired)

Once the team completes the first obstacle, the team will then re-set up facing the center of the ring with the dog sitting in heel position. The pattern will repeat for the second obstacle. *Exercise ends when both obstacles have been completed.*

Slight to minor deductions for dog: that sits more than 4 feet from the mid-line of the ring, slowness in going out, excessive body movements by the handler in directing the jump/tunnel. Major deduction will be made for a dog that does not sit after going out, takes the jump or tunnel going out. A Slight to Major deduction for a dog that anticipates the "sit" cue. A Non-qualifying score will be given if the correct obstacle is not taken, dog does not go at least 10 feet beyond the jump/tunnel on the go out portion, anticipates going out or taking an obstacle before cued.

\*Note: In reference to the distance beyond the jump/tunnel, picture an imaginary "line" from the jump to the middle of the tunnel. The dog and handler will start at a point midway between the jump and tunnel, with the jump and tunnel 17-20 feet in front of the dog and handler.



## Obedience Level 5: Obedience Champion

A Level 4 title is required to enter this class (other than as FEO). The Level 5 class is performed off leash. This is a combined Level 3 & Level 4 class with modifications below. 150 total possible points. A qualifying score is 120 points or better with at least 50% of possible points earned from each exercise. After 4 qualifying scores from at least 2 different judges in the Level 5 in-person or Video Class the team will be awarded the C-WAGS Obedience Champion title of CW-OC. Multiple CW-OC titles can be earned and will be designated at CW-OC2, CW-OC3, etc.

Exercises:

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|-----|--------|---------------------------------|
| 1)  | 25 pts | Heeling with Figure 8           |
| 2)  | 10 pts | Find Front                      |
| 3)  | 15 pts | Retrieve over Broad Jump        |
| 4)  | 10 pts | Seek Dropped Item               |
| 5)  | 15 pts | Signal Exercise                 |
| 6)  | 10 pts | Moving Down – Call to Heel      |
| 7)  | 15 pts | Moving Stand for Exam           |
| 8)  | 15 pts | Double Recall                   |
| 9)  | 20 pts | Go Out – Directed Jump / Tunnel |
| 10) | 15 pts | Scent Articles                  |

Performance and scoring of all exercises will be the same as written in the Level 3 and Level 4 descriptions with the following exceptions:

### 1) Heeling

The heeling pattern may be split into multiple sections as provided by your judge. Each section may be combined with one other exercise.. A figure 8 must be part of a heeling section.

### 2) Find Front

Handler will leave their dog and stand with their back to the dog approximately 6 feet in front of the dog.

### 4) Seek Dropped Item

*Exercise set-up: Requires a retrievable item size appropriate to the dog. Begins with the dog in heel position. Your Judge will provide directions on heeling section and where to drop a retrievable item.*

*Scoring begins: When handler steps forward to heel.*

Team heels forward with the item carried in the handler's right hand and dropped subtly to the ground next to the handler's path where instructed by the judge. Handler continues without pausing following judge's given directions. After the team has proceeded at least 25 feet from the dropped item the instructions will direct the handler to about turn and halt, facing the end of the ring in which the item was dropped. Handler will cue the dog to seek / retrieve. Dog should go directly to the item and return with the item to a front position. Handler will PAUSE before taking the item. *Exercise ends when the handler returns to an upright position.*

A slight to minor deduction will be given for a dog that plays with the item, dropping the item, not releasing the item on cue, goes out or returns slowly, or does not return directly. A Non-Qualifying score will be given for: anticipating the retrieve, failure to return the item to within reach of the handler, or refusal to give up the item.



## **5) Signal Exercise**

Handler distance from the dog will be 20 to 25 feet.

## **10) Scent Articles**

*Exercise set-up: Only one article will be retrieved in this exercise. The articles will be provided by the handler and will consist of five identical items. The articles may be everyday items or they may be dumbbell type articles. The size of the articles will be proportionate to the size of the dog. All articles must be numbered. The judge will designate which numbered article will be scented by the handler. A person (steward) to put out the articles is required.*

*Scoring begins: With the dog and handler in heel position facing the area the items will be placed.*

The “steward” will randomly arrange all the unscented articles on the floor or ground, approximately 6 inches away from each other. The closest article should be about 20 feet from the handler and dog.

The handler and dog will face toward the steward as the articles are arranged. The handler will keep the article to be scented. Once the articles have been arranged, the dog and handler will turn their back to the pile of articles while the handler scents the article. The steward will place the article in the pile per the judge’s directions. The steward should not physically touch the article directly. The use of tongs/placing on a clipboard, etc. may be used. Once the steward has placed the scented item they will move out of the area. The handler may give scent to the dog before pivoting. The handler will do an about turn to either the right or left. The dog may be sent by “Turn and Sit,” with the team halting and the dog sitting after the about turn. The handler then sending the dog to go to the pile of articles. OR sent by “Sent Directly,” the dog must not sit after the about turn but must turn with the handler and go directly to the pile of articles. Whatever the method the handler chooses to use, once cued, the dog should go directly to the pile of articles. The dog may take any reasonable time to select the correct article but must work continuously. When the dog returns to the handler with the article, The handler will PAUSE before taking the item. *Exercise ends when the handler returns to an upright position.*

Handler may not talk or give cues once the dog reaches the pile of articles. Giving a second “seek / find it” cue once the dog reaches the pile, or failure of the dog to bring the correct article to within reach of the handler will result in a Non-Qualifying score. Slight to minor deductions will be made for dropping of the article or not releasing article on cue.