



Examination requirements for **ADVANCED LEVEL** certificate of

RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

- Heel, Free and Stationary at Heel in 3 Positions.

Dog must walk off lead with handler and remain under control with about-turns when commanded. Handler must demonstrate a Sit, a Down and a Stand, leaving dog in those positions. For each, handler to walk to two paces ahead of dog's position, turn, and walk to two paces behind dog. Handler then to command and pick dog up and continue forward with a few more paces of heelwork.

- Retrieve.

The dog must wait whilst the handler throws a toy, or similar, away from their position. On the handlers command, dog must go to collect the item. Dog must return to handler with item and without deviating. The handler must retrieve the item from the dog without the dog struggling to retain.

- A-Recall

Handler to command and leave dog in a Wait, using either a sit or down position. Handler to walk four paces away from dog and stop. On examiners instruction, handler to resume walking and when instructed to do so, recall dog. Dog must go directly to the handler and walk at heel. (Either side is acceptable.) When examiner instructs, dog must be halted.

- Stop the Dog.

Handler commands dog to a Sit or Down position and walks at least ten paces away. Handler then recalls the dog and as dog moves towards them, commands dog to Stop- at least four paces away from handler. Dog must wait as handler then walks back to dog. Dog may Stop in any position.

- All Stays

Sit, Stand and Down will be tested. Sit Stay is 2 minutes. Stand Stay is 1 minute. Down Stay is 5 minutes.

Handler to command and position dog and then to walk at least six paces away. No additional commands to be given. On examiner's instruction, handler to walk back to dog.

The Certificate of Responsible Dog Ownership scheme is a Friends of Colliers Wood initiative to encourage community responsibility. The schemes tests are designed to help dog owners in their training program, providing an indication of progress and standard achieved. Participation is conditional on acceptance of the examiners judgement being final.