

This is 'the very long email. We'll go over all of this in person during the 2nd half of class 8.

Don't get overwhelmed, you have already done all of this, we are just putting it all together for 2 tests.

Three quick housekeeping items:

1 - If you are not already part of our Facebook Group, please join us!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/421706729039923>

2 - To help more people and dogs, please add a 5 star review for us on Yelp.

<https://www.yelp.com/biz/trained-goldens-san-fernando>

3 - To help us improve, we'd appreciate you taking a few moments to complete our online course evaluation (now or you can wait till Week 10 is over).

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1jtgof5TvTRq5gbrtuR0-yPe0CbtdlDWKNr84Pj7i6M/edit>

By now your dog should be very well trained to:

- Know "No"
- Recognize their name (and focus on you)
- Come (starting to walk)
- Heel (walking forward and on 90 degree turns, 180 degree about face, and 360 turns)
- Sit
- Stay (for 30 seconds - both close and far)
- Laydown
- Stand
- Stand for examination (being touched by someone else)
- Come (recall when called)
- Figure 8

The first half of our next class (Week 8) we will continue to work on these skills, just like we've been doing all along.

The second half of Week 8 class we will discuss your Week 9 & Week 10 tests (everything in this long email).

Week 9 will be a practical test called **Beginner Novice A Obedience Test / Mock Obedience Trail** modeled after an AKC Beginner Novice Obedience Trial. Week 9 will also be a quick Graduation Ceremony with photos.

Week 10 will be the **AKC CGC Test/Certification**. This is an optional test. The cost is \$20 (cash) to participate, pass or fail. Afterwards there will be a quick Graduation Ceremony with certificates and photos.

For both weeks, if you'd like to invite friends or family to watch please do so. We actually need volunteers during the figure 8 portions of the test (Week 9) and Test 5 & 10 portion of the CGC test on Week 10.

For both weeks, we will be taking graduation pictures, so if you'd like to dress up, feel free to do so.

For Week 9, here are some tips:

- Make sure your dog has done his/her business. Elimination in the Ring is an automatic failure.
 - Arrive early and/or exercise your dog. If your dog is excited or has lots of energy, he/she will be harder to control and pay attention to you. Dogs tend to pay more attention and respond to commands better if they are a bit on the tired side.
 - Make sure your name badge is on your left arm.
 - At the entrance of each Ring will be a list of the testing order, alphabetical by first name.
 - Check in on the paperwork, so the Judge and the Teams before and after you know that you are there for the day. If you are not there, then the Judge will save time and move onto the next team.
 - You will have a few minutes prior to class, to walk the ring. 1 at a time you can take your dog in and walk the path. Normally this is done without your dog, but if it's only you and your dog, then don't leave your dog unsupervised.
 - A few minutes before class starts, there should be 3 teams, lined up near the Entrance, following the 4 x 8 rule.
 - Wait for the Judge to call you in.
 - Most of the class time, there should be 1 team in the Ring, and 2 teams waiting outside the Ring, so please pay attention to where you are in the trial order. All others need to be away from the ring, practicing, resting or getting ready (socially distanced and not distracting the teams testing or about to be tested). This is why you need to know what order you will be in. If you are not at the Ring entrance when the Judge is ready to test you, it's an automatic fail.
 - When the Judge finishes with the Team in front of you and they exit, wait till the Judge calls you into the Ring. Give him/her a few moments to make notes on the previous Team's paperwork.
 - The Judge is not there to trick you. The Judges is there to give you instructions for each portion of the Trial, not to give you training instruction.
 - The judge will say, 'for this exercise (and give you instructions)'
 - Instructions will be brief and clear, but if you don't fully understand, ask the Judge to repeat or ask a question on the trail process.
 - Take a deep breath, remember this is fun, so don't stress.
 - For each portion of the trial, the Judge will direct you to the starting location, give you a second to get ready, then ask, 'are you ready?' If you're not ready, then just say so. Take another deep breath. Then tell the Judge when you're ready.
 - The Judge will then say, 'begin exercise' and you follow the signs or conduct the trial exercise as instructed.
 - During most exercises, you can talk with your dog: 'come', 'good boy', etc.
 - Once that trial exercise is complete, the Judge will say 'exercise complete' and you can release/praise/treat your dog then get ready for the next portion of the Trail.
- You will have 4 sections of the trial.
- 1 - The first portion will be testing on healing, walking speed and turns. There will be signs on the ground, just follow those instructions when the Judge tells you to. Signs on your right, dog on your left.
 - 2 - Figure 8 exercise (with just cones, without other dogs)
 - 3 - Sit for exam & Sit / Stay
 - 4 - Recall

Here is a video of what your test will be like. It may not be exact, every Judge is a bit different, but it should be 90-99% like this.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INWlw1vGjUg>

Some notes on the video:

- There are multiple obedience Trials. We will be doing the "Beginner Novice A". The Novice Trial is stricter. The Open trial is without a leash.
- You'll notice in the video, the Ring is defined by lattice. At some Trials, and ours, we will just be using poles and ropes.
- 0:34 - the walk through. We will be doing this the second half of week 8, and a few minutes before class on week 9 to save time. We will NOT be doing this individually with every team prior to your Trail.
- 1:45 - the team is getting ready to begin at the start sign.
- 1:49 - the sign on their right says 'walk fast'
- 1:53 - the sign says left turn
- 1:55 - the sign says walk slow
- 2:02 - the sign says walk normal
- 2:03 - the sign says u turn (with an arrow indicating turning to your right)
- 2:10 - the sign says right turn
- 2:14 - the sign says stop and sit
- 2:18 - the Judges says exercise is over (you can release/praise your dog)
- 2:28 - the team is getting ready to start the figure 8 portion of the Trial ("Are you ready?" "Yes." "Begin exercise.")
- 2:55 - the Judges says exercise over (you can release/praise your dog)
- 3:07 - sit for exam
- 3:19 - the Judges says exercise is over (you can release/praise your dog)
- 3:48 - Sit Stay. Notice the handler is kind of ignoring the dog not to excite it.
- 4:18 - Notice the Handler has walked the ENTIRE perimeter of the ring, and then is returning back to her dog, then around and back to the dog's right side.
- 4:26 - the Judges says exercise over (you can release/praise your dog)
- 4:33 - notice the Judge is giving instructions 'go ahead and start from this spot'
- 4:46 - Exercise begins
- There are some very good points on the video on the scoring.
- 4:59 - the Judges says exercise over (you can release/praise your dog)

You may notice in this video where the Trainer has her left arm folded and across her stomach area. You may do this, or have your left arm down by your side in a normal relaxed state moving naturally as you walk as long as it does not interfere with or signal your dog. What the Judge is looking for is a loose leash and no corrections.

Here is a sample set up that we may have Week 9. Dotted line is the boundaries of the Ring. Triangles represent cones with instructions. Red dot represents your walking path.

Instructions will be on your right. Your dog will be on your left.

Now for Week 10 - AKC CGC's Test.

This test is much easier.

The test is pass or fail. You must pass all 10 skills on the test

The only thing we have not practiced is Test 10 - leaving your dog with a trusted person for 3 minutes.

Here is a brief AKC promo video about CGC -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W77DYbZTm2E>

Here is the AKC site that lists the 10 items on the test and details about each of them.

<https://www.akc.org/products-services/training-programs/canine-good-citizen/take-the-test/>

Here is a brief video example of the test -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=msCT5vDYHQ&list=PLPfEv_pKgm7fFvY2xL8S0v2SciZzc2wuT&index=27

Here are videos of each specific test item in detail.

Test 1: Accepting a friendly stranger

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ko_Uvtc9hkg

Test 2: Sitting politely for petting

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZXnPO1537s>

Test 3: Appearance and grooming

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oAfFS_BRTKk

Test 4: Out for a walk (walking on a loose lead)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Kq6LO8EKp8&t=15s>

Test 5: Walking through a crowd

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B921VaRUgDg>

Test 6: Sit and down on command and Staying in place

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dXXfqBte0AM>

Test 7: Coming when called

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xd9zHBH7LOk>

Test 8: Reaction to another dog

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJv4Q4RC5dc>

Test 9: Reaction to distraction

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ceZru-PcXic>

Test 10 - Supervised separation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mgMSiZBUdoc>

I know it seems like a lot, but we will go over all this during the 2nd half of class on Week 8.

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SAMPLE OBEDIENCE JUDGE'S WORKSHEET

(Guide for Judge's Use ONLY – May be modified, as desired.)

DATE: _____ CLASS: **BEGINNER NOVICE** _____ (A or B) DOG NO. _____

TRIAL: _____ BREED: _____

(Note: If a dog receives a non-qualifying score for any exercise, (NQ) should be recorded in points lost column. Total score need not be given. NQ may be put in Total Score column.)

EXERCISE	NON-QUALIFYING (NQ)	QUALIFYING	Max. Points	Points Lost	NET SCORE
HEEL ON LEASH & FIGURE 8	Heeling Fig. 8 Unmanageable..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Unqualified Heeling..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Handler continually Adapts pace to dog..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Constant tugging on Leash or guiding..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____	Heeling Fig. 8 No change of pace Fast <input type="checkbox"/> Slow <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Improper heel position..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Occasional tight leash..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Forging..... <input type="checkbox"/> Crowding handler..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Lagging..... <input type="checkbox"/> Sniffing..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Extra command to heel..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Heeling wide..... <input type="checkbox"/> Turns <input type="checkbox"/> Abouts..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> No sits..... <input type="checkbox"/> Poor sits..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Brisk pace..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Handler error..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____	40		
			40		
SIT FOR EXAM	Stands or lies down before or during examination..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Growls/snaps shows resentment..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Moves away before or during examination..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____	Moving slightly before or during..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Moves feet..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Moves away after examination..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Stands/lies down after exam..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Heel position..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Extra signal or command..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Shyness..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Handler error..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____	40		
SIT STAY	Did not remain in place..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Additional command or signal..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Repeated whines or barks..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Stands or lies down before handler returns..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____	Stands or lies down after handler returns to heel position..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Minor move before handler returns..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Minor whine or bark..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Handler error..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____	40		
RECALL	Didn't come on second command or signal..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Anticipated..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Extra command or signal to stay..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Moved from position..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Out of reach..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Leaving handler..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____	Slow response..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____ No sit..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Poor sit..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Extra command or signal to come or to sit..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Failure to come directly to handler..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Failure to come at a brisk trot or gallop..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Handler error..... <input type="checkbox"/> _____	40		
	NQ	MAX SUB-TOTAL	200		
MAXIMUM POINTS	200				
MISC. PE NA LTY	⇒				
TOTAL NET SCORE			⇒	⇒	

Notes: _____