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## Obedience Show Novice – Week 3

Please refer to last week's introduction if you haven't already read it. Also follow Sections I, II, and III from week 1.

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Week 1 – Warmup – Ring Entry – Begin Heeling

Week 2 – Heeling with COP (change of pace) – Sit-Stay – Exit ritual

Week 3 – Heeling (depending on dog's ability) adding turns/rewards – Get Your Leash – Novice Groups

### Today's Challenge:

I. Begin with Warmup and Ring Entry

### II. Heeling.

Reward on every Halt and turn. No change of pace. Stop if your dog lowers his head receiving food rewards – then begin again after swallowing.

Take a break or do a time out.

**Principal Parts and Scoring for Heeling page 38-39.** <https://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RO2999.pdf> -

**III. Get Your Leash (Novice)** <https://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RO2999.pdf> - page 41-42

–Judge's Orders: "Sit Your Dog", "Leave Your Dog and Get Your Leash", "Back to Your Dog", "Exercise Finished". "Attach your Leash to the Collar and Maintain Control of Your Dog".

Practice this by having a play session with your dog and break it off by getting your dog under control and beginning this exercise. Read the Regulations first (pg. 41-42) to make sure you understand what you need to do as a handler before bringing your dog into the picture.

This comes right after the Recall exercise. You will stand with your dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. You will be positioned at least 30 feet from and facing the direction of the gate entrance. The steward will have placed the leash inside the ring near the gate entrance after the Figure 8 exercise.

The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order the handler may command and/or signal the dog to sit without touching either the dog or the dog's collar. On further order to "Leave your dog to get your leash," the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward immediately to the place designated by the judge for the leash, pick up the leash, turn, and face the dog. The judge will give the order "Back to your dog." The handler must return directly, walking around and in back of the dog to heel position. The dog must not move from the sitting position until after the judge has said "Exercise finished." The judge will tell the handler "Clip your leash to the collar and maintain control of your dog." The handler is required to exit the ring with the dog under control and without jumping, pulling or tugging on the leash.

This is the last exercise before leaving the ring. You will be told by the judge after this exercise if you have qualified or not. If you have qualified, you will also be asked if you will be returning to the Group exercise at this time.

AKC Video: <https://youtu.be/R5pfdzka2dQ>

**IV. Novice Groups – AKC Video:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VqHARyhZr4Q&feature=youtu.be&list=PLpkaTxdGkv1PHaLrDIURVYnzUmnEnZGg> .

You can practice this different ways, depending on your dog. If you can put some stuffed animals down and line your dog up with them by heeling up to them and getting your dog to sit/down. If you have a 2<sup>nd</sup> well trained dog, have that dog already

sitting and join with your dog so you set up with trained dog on your right. If this goes well, have trained dog on your left so he's next to your novice dog. No closer than 6' apart at first, preferably further apart.

READ REGULATIONS FIRST ON PAGES 42-45 (next paragraph) SO YOU KNOW YOUR PART AS A HANDLER.

**Principal Parts and Scoring:** <https://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RO2999.pdf> - pages 42-45

If you have qualified so far, the judge will ask you if you will be returning for the Group exercise at the end of the Get Your Leash exercise. You have the option to return or not. Once you have notified the judge of your decision not to return for the Group exercise, you may NOT change your mind. If you have not qualified, the judge will release your dog from performing in the Group exercise.

Dogs that have been released or excused and handlers who have left the ring during the individual exercises may NOT return for the Group Exercise.

The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog remains in the sitting or down position, whichever is required at the time. The orders are: "Sit/Down your dogs," "Down your dogs," "Leave your dogs," and "Back to your dogs."

Dogs must be spaced in the approximate center of the ring in one row or back to back in two rows with a minimum of 6 feet between each dog and a minimum of 4 feet from the ring barriers. If there are two rows of dogs, there will be a minimum of 6 feet between the rows.

**V. Reading the Regulations** – Link: <https://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RO2999.pdf>

***Please Read Ch. 3 in Regs. Specifically: Sections 1, 2, 3.***

***Please Read Ch 16 – Beginner Novice***

**Something else to read before every entering a Trial:**

***Section 4. Judge's Directions***

***Section 11. Notification and Announcement of Scores***

***Section 16. Use of Leash***

***Section 17. Collars***

***Section 19. Hands***

***Section 20. Commands and Signals***

***Section 22. Praise***

***Section 23. Handling Between Exercises***

**NEXT WEEK: Figure 8 and Sit/Stand for Exam**