

# COURSE POLICIES

## Terminology

Dog – Any dog being handled by a client.

Handler – The person handling the dog.  
Must be the client.

Owner – The person who has legal ownership of the dog.

## Equipment

It is the responsibility of the client to ensure that all equipment is safe, correctly fitted and used appropriately. During assessments, dogs must wear a flat or round collar with a law compliant tag. We allow the use of harnesses and headcollars. We do not allow the use of training aids such as choke chains, prong collars, or e-collars.

## Training

All training, regardless of the source, must be in line with PAWtected's training philosophy. We do not allow the use of fear, pain or intimidation in training or assessment. Please ensure that any help, advice or support you obtain is from a reputable source.

## Attempts

Three attempts at each criteria are included. Additional attempts can be purchased from the store.

## Written assignments

Written assignments must be completed in English and typed. You may use the Moodle's provided word processor or attach a file.

## Filming

Recordings must be an accurate representation of ability. Only submit

your recording if you are able to demonstrate that standard consistently.

Video editing of any type is prohibited. This includes trimming, removing sound, adding background music, changing the visual or any other form of alteration or edit.

Videos may not be submitted more than once on the same course pathway. Where used for another course, please ensure the video meets all of the criteria.

At minimum, we must see the entirety of the dog during the entire demonstration. Ideally, we should also see the entirety of the handler. Please ensure appropriate lighting and that you have demonstrated all of the criteria required.

Rewards may be given at the end of the demonstration. You may have the reward on your person, but not in your hands.

Unless otherwise specified, it is your choice if you wish to use a leash during assessments. Where a leash is used, it must be clearly loose/dropped throughout.

## Injured/elderly/disabled dogs

We understand that some dogs may need criteria adapting due to their needs. Please contact PAWtected BEFORE submitting to discuss this. We reserve the right to request a vet report where needed.

## Dogs wellbeing

All dogs involved with our courses must be happy, healthy and in good condition. Dogs must be cared for in line with PAWtected's responsible dog ownership guidelines. We reserve the right to report any concerns to relevant authorities.

PAWtected reserves the right to change these policies. Notification of change will be made on our Moodle platform, website and social media platforms.

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