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NEW EXERCISE

Today's Random Little Tidbit - **One of The Two New Regular Novice (A & B) Exercises Sit Stay – Get Your Leash**

This exercise will be added to the Preferred Novice, Brace, Veterans and Team classes.

The Novice Group exercises of the 1-minute Long Sit and 3-minute Long Down are now a thing of our past. Just as the old Utility Group Stand was replaced in 1988 with the Moving Stand and Examination, the old Novice Group exercises have been replaced with two new Novice exercises (and challenges) for the Regular Novice (A & B) exhibitors, plus the new exercise (below) will also be added to the Preferred Novice class. The other Novice replacement exercise is the **Group Sit & Down Stay** (a new single exercise with two parts). **See Tidbit #37 for those details.**

Section 3. Novice Exercises and Scores. The exercises and maximum scores in the Novice classes:

1. Heel on Leash and Figure Eight	40 points
2. Stand for Examination	30 points
3. Heel Free	40 points
4. Recall	30 points
5. Sit Stay – Get Your Leash	30 points
6. Group Exercise – Sit & Down Stay	30 points
Maximum Total Score	200 points

The maximum judging rate is nine (9) dogs per hour.

Chapter 3, Section 12. Sit Stay – Get your Leash: The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog remains in the sit position.

Judge's Orders: The orders are: "Sit your dog," "Leave your dog to get your leash," and "Back to your dog."

Exercise Description: The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. 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.

Judging Procedures: The judge will instruct the steward to place the leash at the designated location after the Heel on Leash and Figure Eight exercise. The handler and dog will be positioned at least 30 feet from and facing the direction of the gate entrance. The judge must be in position to watch the dog and handler throughout the exercise including exiting the ring.

Chapter 3, Section 13. Sit Stay – Get your Leash, Scoring:

A non-qualifying score (NQ) is required for the following: The dog moving a substantial distance away from the place where it was left any time during the exercise, not remaining in the sit position until the handler has returned to heel position, and **repeatedly** barking or whining.

Scoring of the exercise for such things as rough treatment of a dog by its handler or resistance by a dog to its handler's attempts to make it sit starts with the first order, "Sit your dog." These **will be penalized substantially** and in extreme cases the dog may be released.

Substantial deductions will be made for a dog that moves even a short distance from where it was left, that barks or whines **only once or twice**, or that changes from the sit position after the handler has returned to the heel position and before the judge has said, "Exercise finished." **A substantial deduction, under Miscellaneous Penalties, must be made for a dog that does not remain under control while leaving the ring.**



This = 3 or more points off your score....OR....leave the ring like this and save points!



*** Note in the Scoring, all penalties listed** in this exercise are Substantial which is defined as 3 or more points. Keep in mind, there may also be other penalties (Chapter 2, Section 24) which are not listed. For example, the handler who is not in the proper heel position after returning to their dog.

As with any exercise, it is always best to know the principal parts and non-principal parts. The principal feature of an exercise must be met to earn a qualifying score in that exercise.

Principal features vs. non-principal parts of this exercise: This exercise is another example of scoring starting with a **non-principal feature to a principal feature and then back to a non-principal feature.**

* After the Judge asks "Are you ready?" the Judge's first order is "Sit your dog." The **non-principal** scoring of *this* exercise is at the beginning of the exercise for such things as rough treatment of a dog by its handler or resistance by a dog to its handler's attempts to make it sit, which starts with the first order.

* The **principal feature** starts with the Judge's second order, "Leave your dog to get your leash." This feature continues until the handler has returned to heel position.

* The **non-principal** feature and scoring takes hold once again for the short time in which the handler is standing in heel position until the Judge orders "Exercise finished."

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