

United States Dog Agility Association, Inc.
Junior Handler Examination

Junior Handler Name: _____

Registration #: J _ _ _ _ _ Dog's Name: _____

Event: _____ Date: _____

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Following is a list of true/false questions formulated by the *USDAA* junior handler committee from which an examination may be prepared:

1. A five point penalty is charged for missing a contact zone on the see-saw, dog walk or A-frame.
2. A dog which "pees" or "poops" in the ring can continue on the course once it is finished.
3. Shouting or screaming harshly will result in being asked to leave the ring before completing the round.
4. Treats and toys can be used on the dog agility course.
5. There is a five point penalty for each time the dog is pulled or "jerked" by the leash.
6. The dog must be in the "down" position for five seconds on the table.
7. The score for leaving the ring is "Elimination".
8. I can jump over the hurdles with my dog.
9. I can touch my dog if he/she needs help during the round.
10. I can touch the A-frame to encourage my dog to climb it.

11. I can touch the table to encourage my dog to jump onto it or to lie down.
12. The dog needs a straight approach to the tire jump to safely jump through it.
13. A dog that shows aggression towards people or other dogs can compete in dog agility.
14. If I use a leash, I must keep it loose at all times.

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Answer: True
2. A dog which "pees" or "poops" in the ring can continue on the course once it is finished.
Answer: False; the dog must leave the ring.
3. Shouting or screaming harshly will result in being asked to leave the ring before completing the round.
Answer: True; being harsh or showing anger is poor sportsmanship and will result in handler and dog being dismissed from the ring immediately.
4. Treats and toys can be used on the dog agility course.
Answer: False; no training aids of any type are permitted in the ring.
5. There is a five point penalty for each time the dog is pulled or "jerked" by the leash.
Answer: True; use of the leash while running on course to correct the dog in any way (including intentional guiding of the dog) is not permitted. A five point penalty is assessed.
6. The dog must be in the "down" position for five seconds on the table.
Answer: True; the dog must assume the down position on the table for five seconds before proceeding on to the next obstacle.
7. The score for leaving the ring is "Elimination".
Answer: True; if the dog leaves the ring out of control, then the score shall be marked "Elimination". It is the judge's discretion whether the dog may continue in the round to complete the course.
8. I can jump over the hurdles with my dog.
Answer: False; the handler may not jump obstacles without being penalized for handler assistance. The penalty may range from five points to "elimination" depending on safety concerns.
9. I can touch my dog if he/she needs help during the round.
Answer: False; touching the dog to help him is considered handler assistance and must be penalized.
10. I can touch the A-frame to encourage my dog to climb it.
Answer: False; touching an obstacle to provide encouragement is considered handler assistance and must be penalized.

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Answer: False; touching an obstacle to provide encouragement is considered handler assistance and must be penalized.
12. The dog needs a straight approach to the tire jump to safely jump through it.
Answer: True; if the dog jumps from a sharp angle, he/she may get hurt by hitting the side walls of the tire.
13. A dog that shows aggression towards people or other dogs can compete in dog agility.
Answer: False; dog aggression is not tolerated and a dog showing signs of aggression may not compete.
14. If I use a leash, I must keep it loose at all times.
Answer: True; tugging or jerking on the leash to provide guidance to the dog will be penalized five points as a form of handler assistance.

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