



# **BC GUIDE DOG AND SERVICE DOG ASSESSMENT**

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This assessment examines the temperament and disposition of the guide or service dog in a general public setting such as a shopping mall. This test will be administered as a real-life scenario in order to imitate the daily routine of a dog/handler team.

The purpose of this test is to ensure the dog has good public etiquette, is well-behaved and is unobtrusive in public places. It ensures that the handler has control over the dog at all times, that the dog is safe to be in public, and is able to demonstrate the highest standards of training as expected for guide and service dogs.

The dogs' behaviour will be tested to determine if the dog's disposition is calm, stable and reliable in situations encountered by the dog/handler team.

The validator will explain the test thoroughly to the handler before the testing begins. Once the test begins, the validator will follow the dog/handler team in a discreet manner, when not directly interacting with the dog/handler team on a test matter.

In order to pass this test, the dog must satisfy the validator that the:

- Nerves are steady
- Temperament and disposition are sound
- Dog is well mannered in public, in the presence of crowds, other dogs and traffic
- The dog is attentive to the handler and responds to commands without showing stress or avoidance

Note: the testing will be done on leash – with the occasional tight leash being acceptable. A dog is not ready for this test if they display behaviour which requires major restraint and a continuous tight leash to perform the exercise (unless required due to mobility issues).

Dog teams must pass 100% of the requirements in order to pass the assessment. The results of this BC Guide Dog and Service Dog Assessment will be forwarded to the Security Programs Division for final review.

## BC Guide Dog and Service Dog Assessment

### Exercise List

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| #1 Obedience inside vehicle before unloading                          | #22 Sit command while being petted by stranger              |
| #2 Obedience outside the vehicle after unloading                      | #23 Down command  |
| #3 Heel position when approaching the building or through parking lot | #24 Down command with food dropped on floor                 |
| #4 Calmness around traffic  | #25 Down command while child approaches                     |
| #5 Obedient stop before entering doorway                              | #26 Noise distraction (drop object on floor behind dog)     |
| #6 Obedience before entering doorway                                  | #27 Behaviour in restaurant                                 |
| #7 Obedience going through doorway                                    | #28 Ignoring food in restaurant                             |
| #8 Obedience after entering doorway                                   | #29 Off-leash exercise                                      |
| #9 Heeling inside building  | #30 Human aggression test                                   |
| #10 No soliciting public attention                                    | #31 Obedience before exiting doorway                        |
| #11 Adjusting to speed changes  | #32 Obedience going through doorway during exit of building |
| #12 Adjusting to changes in direction                                 | #33 Obedience after exiting the building                    |
| #13 Obedience through narrow/ tight areas                             | #34 Calm around traffic after exiting building              |
| #14 Obedience through crowds  | #35 Obedient stop after exiting building                    |
| #15 Six-foot recall on-leash: Command                                 | #36 Dog aggression test                                     |
| #16 Six-foot recall on-leash: Control                                 | #37 Public transit test                                     |
| #17 Six-foot recall on-leash: Distance                                | #38 Obedient load into vehicle                              |
| #18 Six-foot recall on-leash: Direction                               | #39 Evident team relationship & knowledge of access rights  |
| #19 Sit command   | #40 Care and well-being of Dog                              |
| #20 Sit command next to plate of food                                 |   |
| #21 Sit command while shopping cart passes                            |   |

## Description of Tasks

Exercise/Observation	Description of Task	Validator comments		
		Pass	Fail	Comments
#1 Obedience inside vehicle before unloading	The dog waited calmly and remained in the vehicle until the release command was given by handler	Pass	Fail	Comments
#2 Obedience outside the vehicle after unloading	The dog was on-leash, under control and waited calmly outside the vehicle, attentive to the commands of handler	Pass	Fail	Comments
#3 Heel position when approaching the building or through parking lot	The dog must remain in a heel position, not pulling on the leash, not trying to run ahead or lag behind.	Pass	Fail	Comments
#4 Calmness around traffic	The dog demonstrated calm/relaxed behaviour and no fearful attitude around traffic, noise and distractions while navigating through the parking lot and approaching building.	Pass	Fail	Comments
#5 Obedient stop before entering doorway	When the handler came to a halt, the dog stopped and waited calmly.	Pass	Fail	Comments
#6 Obedience before entering doorway	The dog waited calmly at the doorway until the command to enter was received.	Pass	Fail	Comments
#7 Obedience going through doorway.	The dog entered the building through the door in a safe, calm manner.	Pass	Fail	Comments
#8 Obedience after entering doorway	The dog waited after entering the building, attentive to handler until able to resume the heeling position.	Pass	Fail	Comments
#9 Heeling inside building	The dog walked beside handler in a controlled way. The dog remained within 1 foot of handler or at indicated distance. The team should be able to manage slippery floors, stairs, escalators and/or elevators depending upon the location chosen.	Pass	Fail	Comments
#10 No soliciting public attention	The dog remained focused on handler and ignored other people.	Pass	Fail	Comments
#11 Adjusting to speed changes	The dog was able to adjust to changes in handlers' speed. Did not pull on leash (unless required to do so due to mobility issues).	Pass	Fail	Comments
#12 Adjusting to changes in direction	The dog adjusted readily to changes in direction or to turning corners. No coaxing or dragging needed by handler.	Pass	Fail	Comments
#13 Obedience through narrow/ tight areas	The dog had the ability to negotiate calmly through tight quarters without disturbing or trying to play with merchandise on shelves.	Pass	Fail	Comments
#14 Obedience through crowds	The dog had the ability to manoeuvre calmly through a crowd of people without trying to interact with people.	Pass	Fail	Comments
#15 Six-foot recall on-leash: Command	In a large, open area the handler had the dog sit, then left it, moved six feet away, then turned and called the dog. The dog responded right away to the recall command, did not try to ignore the command or respond hesitantly/slowly.	Pass	Fail	Comments
#16 Six-foot recall on-leash: Control	The dog remained focused on handler and under control at all times, did not try to pull away or seek attention from the public.	Pass	Fail	Comments
#17 Six-foot recall on-leash: Distance	The dog came within the appropriate distance of handler, or so that the handler could readily touch the dog.	Pass	Fail	Comments
#18 Six-foot recall on-leash: Direction	The dog came directly to the handler and did not try to take any detours along the way.	Pass	Fail	Comments
#19 Sit command	The dog responded to the "sit" command with no greater than two asks by handler.	Pass	Fail	Comments

#20 Sit command next to plate of food	The dog did not attempt to eat or sniff food. The dog held a sit-stay position and ignored the food. The dog did not require repeated corrections. Note: The handler may correct the dog verbally or physically away from the food. The dog should not be taunted or teased with the food.	Pass	Fail	Comments
#21 Sit command while shopping cart passes	The dog remained sitting and was relaxed while the shopping cart passed by and did not show signs of fear, moving away or anxiety. Note: The shopping cart should be pushed in a normal manner.	Pass	Fail	Comments
#22 Sit command while being petted by stranger	The dog remained in the sit position while a stranger walked up, talked to the handler and then petted the dog. The dog did not break the sit position, show aggression or solicit attention from stranger.	Pass	Fail	Comments
#23 Down command	The dog responded to the "down" command with no greater than two asks by handler	Pass	Fail	Comments
#24 Down command with food dropped on floor	The dog remained in a down position and under control when food was dropped onto floor. Did not try to get food and did not need repeated corrections from handler.	Pass	Fail	Comments
#25 Down command while child approaches	The dog remained in a down position and in a calm manner when an adult and child approach and pet the dog. The dog did not solicit attention or need repeated corrections from handler. Note: The child should not taunt the dog or act dramatically.	Pass	Fail	Comments
#26 Noise distraction (drop object on floor behind dog)	The dog remained in a composed manner during noise distraction. It is acceptable that the dog turns or shows quick startle/reaction at the noise. It is not acceptable if the dog exhibits fear, aggression or continued negative behaviour due to the noise.	Pass	Fail	Comments
#27 Behaviour in restaurant	The dog was not a nuisance and was quiet in the restaurant. The dog stayed out of the way of people. If applicable, the dog should remain in a down-stay position under the table, close to the handler.	Pass	Fail	Comments
#28 Ignoring food in restaurant	The dog ignored food and other distractions in the restaurant.	Pass	Fail	Comments
#29 Off-leash exercise	The handler dropped the leash - the dog should be aware that the leash had been dropped. The dog remained under control while the leash was dropped and the handler was able to pick up the leash and get dog back into proper position.	Pass	Fail	Comments
#30 Human aggression test	The validator passively took the dog's leash without giving any commands and moved 20 feet away from handler and stayed there for one minute. The dog did not display any aggression, stress or whining.	Pass	Fail	Comments
#31 Obedience before exiting doorway	When approaching the exit doorway, the dog maintained a relaxed, heeling position.	Pass	Fail	Comments
#32 Obedience going through doorway during exit of building	While going through the doorway when exiting the building, the dog maintained a relaxed, heeling position, no straining on leash to exit rapidly.	Pass	Fail	Comments
#33 Obedience after exiting the building	After exiting the building, the dog maintains a relaxed, heeling position beside the handler.	Pass	Fail	Comments
#34 Calm around traffic after exiting building	The dog maintained a relaxed and calm demeanor around traffic noise after exiting the building.	Pass	Fail	Comments
#35 Obedient stop after exiting building	When the handler came to a halt, the dog stopped and waited calmly.	Pass	Fail	Comments

#36 Dog aggression test	In the parking lot, a non-aggressive dog or puppy approaches with a person to six feet away and the person had a short conversation with the handler. The assistance dog remained calm and under the control of handler, not displaying aggression toward other dog, vocalizations or wanting to play with other dog. The team will be evaluated on how they handled the situation.	Pass	Fail	Comments
#37 Public transit test	The dog and handler team successfully boarded and exited a city bus or train. The dog remained calm, unobtrusive and relaxed, not soliciting public attention. Not showing fear or shyness.	Pass	Fail	Comments
#38 Obedient load into vehicle	The dog waited patiently until commanded to load into vehicle and waited calmly inside vehicle.	Pass	Fail	Comments
#39 Evident team relationship & knowledge of access rights	The handler was in control and praised the dog when the dog did well. Handler coped calmly with an access problem when questioned about their right to bring dog into establishment.	Pass	Fail	Comments
#40 Care and wellbeing of Dog	The dog was clean and groomed (nails, fur) with no offensive odour. The dog was friendly and relaxed. The handler's responses to random questions about the care of the dog during the test indicate the handler understands and is responsive to the dog's needs.	Pass	Fail	Comments

General comments:

The team must pass all exercises (100%) in order to be successful in this test.

Score:

\_\_\_\_\_ exercises out of 40 exercises completed without fault.