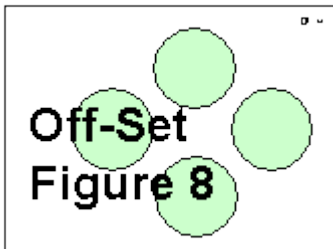


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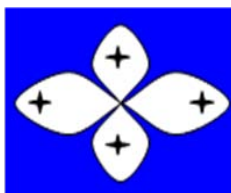
LEVEL 2

Level 2 is performed off-leash. A Level 2 course consists of 20 – 22 exercise signs, exclusive of the Start and Finish exercise signs and Bonus Exercise signs. Level 2 is divided into two classes: A and B. The A class is for teams who are working towards earning their Level 2 title. The B class is for teams that have earned their Level 2 title in the A class. Once a team has earned their Level 2 title in the A class, they may continue to compete in Level 2, but must do so in the B class.

The Level 2 exercises are as follows. Exercises that require more than one sign are not considered complete until all signs have been performed. Please refer to the Course Design Guidelines for specific information on designing a Level 2 course.



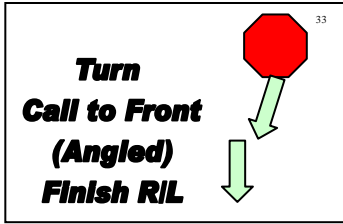
- 31. **Off-Set Figure 8.** This exercise requires four bowls with tempting dog treats. A screen wire cover is placed over the bowls to prevent a dog who breaks heel position from being rewarded by eating the treats. The four bowls are arranged in a flattened diamond pattern – the two “end” bowls are 10 feet apart; the two “side” bowls are five feet apart. The team enters the Figure 8 with the exercise sign to their left. The team must perform a Figure 8 heeling pattern around the two bowls placed 10 feet apart. It may be vertical or horizontal, depending on the location of the ‘end bowls’ and the entry, as shown in the diagram. There are no halts in this exercise. The handler may cue the dog to leave the bowls alone. *Moving exercise*



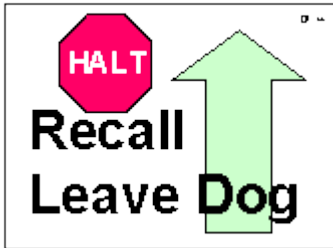
Diagrams



- 32. **HALT LEAVE DOG – TURN CALL TO FRONT (ANGLED) FINISH R/L** This exercise requires two signs - #32 & 33. At the Halt Leave Dog sign the team halts and the handler leaves the dog. The handler walks to the Turn Call to Front (angled) sign.



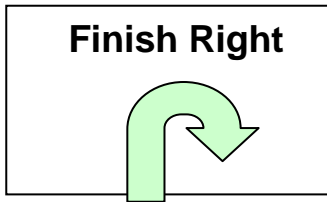
33. At this sign the handler turns and calls the dog to front position. The dog must come and sit at front. This sign is placed a minimum ten feet away from the Halt Leave Dog sign and is set approx. 6 feet to either the right or left of the Halt Leave Dog sign so that the dog is coming from an angle. The dog must come in at an angle and sit in front position. The handler then cues the dog to Finish either Right or Left. [Stationary exercise.](#)



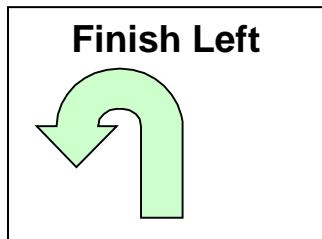
34. **HALT – Leave Dog – Recall..** Two exercise signs are needed for this exercise. The first sign directs the handler to halt and have the dog sit at heel. The handler cues the dog to stay, and then leaves the dog from heel position without instruction from the judge. Handler proceeds to the Turn and Call Front sign. [Moving exercise](#)



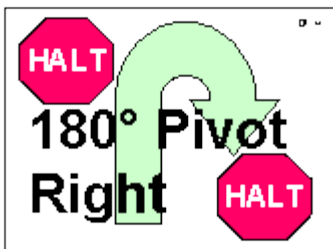
35. **Turn & Call (Dog) Front.** As the handler approaches this sign, he/she turns to face the dog, leaving ample room behind for the dog to complete a finish. Without further instruction from the judge, handler calls the dog to the front position. Dog must sit close enough to the handler to be touched on the head or the collar. This exercise is completed with the dog sitting in the front position, thus must be followed by either. Exercise 35: Finish Right, or 36: Finish Left. [Stationary Exercise.](#)



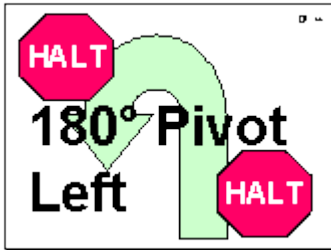
36. **Finish Right.** With the dog sitting in front of the handler, handler cues the dog to finish to the right. The dog moves to the handler's right, continues around the handler and sits in the heel position. [Stationary exercise.](#)



37. **Finish Left.** With the dog sitting in the front position, handler cues the dog to finish to the left. The dog moves to the handler's left, turns toward the handler and moves into a sit in the heel position. The "flip" finish, where the dog leaps up and to the left of the handler, turns in the air and lands in a sit in heel position, is also acceptable. [Stationary exercise](#)



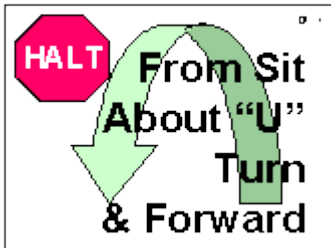
38. **HALT – 180 Degree Pivot Right – HALT.** The team comes to a halt and the dog sits in heel position. The handler cues the dog to heel and pivots 180 degrees in place to his/her right. The dog moves with the handler and resumes a sit in heel position at the second halt. [Stationary exercise.](#)



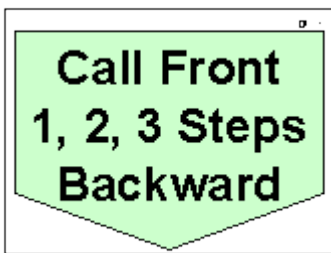
39. **HALT – 180-Degree Pivot Left – HALT.** The team comes to a halt and the dog sits in heel position. The handler cues the dog to heel and pivots 180 degrees to his/her left. The dog moves with the handler and resumes a sit position at the second halt. **Stationary exercise.**



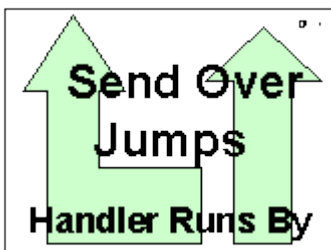
40. **HALT – From Sit – About Turn Right & Forward.** This exercise is performed as in Exercise 37, except that there is no halt following the turn. The handler cues the dog to heel, turns 180 degrees to his/her right, and immediately moves forward with the dog in heel position. **Moving exercise.**



41. **HALT – From Sit – About “U” Turn & Forward.** This exercise is performed as in Exercise 38 except that there is no halt following the turn. The handler cues the dog to move, turns 180 degrees to his/her left, and immediately moves forward with the dog in heel position. **Moving exercise.**



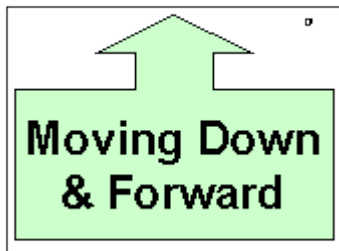
42. **Call (Dog) Front – 1, 2, 3 Steps Backward.** After calling the dog to front as described in Exercise 15, the handler takes one step backward and halts. This is followed by two steps and a halt, then three steps and a halt. The dog moves toward the handler and resumes a sit in the front position each time the handler halts. Because this exercise concludes with the dog sitting in front of the handler, it must be followed by Exercise 35 (Finish Right) or 36 (Finish Left) **Stationary exercise.**



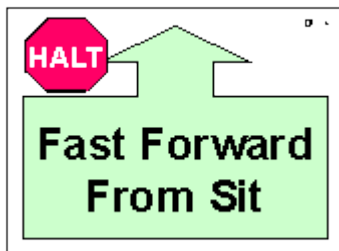
43. **Send Over Jumps – Handler Runs By.** The jump may be either a solid or bar jump – the broad jump shall not be used. This exercise begins approximately 20 feet in front of and six feet to the right of the jump. The handler cues the dog to jump, then runs along a line 6 feet to the right of the jump. When the dog has completed the jump, the handler calls the dog to heel position and the team continues to the next exercise station. If the dog is much faster than the handler, the dog may be called back to the handler without penalty. A line may be drawn on the ground to indicate the six foot mark. **Moving exercise**



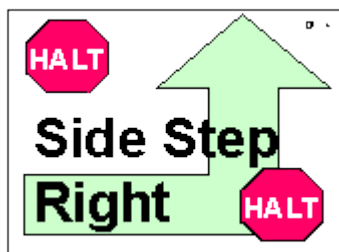
44. **HALT – Leave – Call (Dog) Front While Running.** The team comes to a halt and the dog sits in heel position. The handler gives the dog a stay or wait cue and starts running forward. After 2 or 3 running steps, the handler calls the dog front. The dog must immediately start running to overtake the handler. As the dog approaches heel position, the handler slows down, and stops to allow the dog to come to the front position. The handler may take 3-4 steps backwards to accomplish the front. The speed that the handler runs is determined by the dog's ability to overtake the handler. The exercise should be completed in approximately 30 feet.. Because this exercise concludes with the dog sitting in front of the handler, *Moving exercise* this exercise must be followed by Exercise 35 (Finish Right) or 36 (Finish Left). *Stationary exercise.*



45. **Moving Down — & Forward.** While moving forward the team comes to a halt and the handler cues the dog to drop directly into a down position (without sitting first). Once the dog is in the down the team heels forward with the dog moving directly from the down to heeling. The handler also has the option of breaking from the heel position to turn in front of the dog to accomplish this exercise. When the dog is down, the handler returns to heel position and the team heels forward with the dog moving forward directly from the down position. *Moving exercise.*



46. **HALT – Fast Forward From Sit.** The team comes to a halt and the dog sits in heel position. The handler cues the dog to heel and moves immediately into a fast pace from the halt. This exercise must be followed by Exercise 21 (Normal Pace), *Moving exercise*



47. **HALT – Side Step Right – HALT.** The team comes to a halt and the dog sits in heel position. The handler takes one side step directly to his/her right with the right foot and the dog moves sideways with the handler as the handler's left foot moves to meet the right foot. Ideally, the dog moves sideways to the right into heel position and sits. Handler then cues the dog to heel and moves forward toward the next exercise station. *Stationary exercise.*



48. **Left About Turn.** While moving forward with the dog in heel position, the handler does an about turn to his/her left, while the dog turns to the right, moving around the handler and back to heel position to continue moving with the handler in the new (opposite) direction. That is, the dog and handler do "opposite" about turns and then come back together as a team. *Moving exercise.*


BONUS

**Moving Down
Leave Dog**

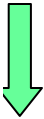
BONUS (Turn)

**Call To Front
Finish R/L**

BONUS

**Halt
Leave Dog** 

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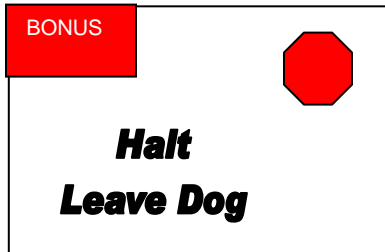
**Turn
Call Front** 

BONUS EXERCISE 1 Moving Down, Leave Dog (Turn) Call Front, Finish R/L This exercise requires two signs.

At the first sign, Moving Down Leave Dog, the handler will cue the dog to down and without hesitating, leave the dog. The handler may also turn and face the dog while cueing the dog to down and without hesitating, leave the dog. The handler may continue to face the dog while walking away. The handler's movement to cue the dog to down and walk away should be smooth and continuous. The handler will proceed to the next sign, (Turn), Call Front Finish R/L. At this sign, the handler will (turn and) face the dog and call the dog to front. The dog must come promptly to front position. The handler will then cue the dog to finish either Right or Left. [Stationary Exercise](#)

BONUS EXERCISE 2 Halt Leave Dog / Turn Call Front (distraction recall)

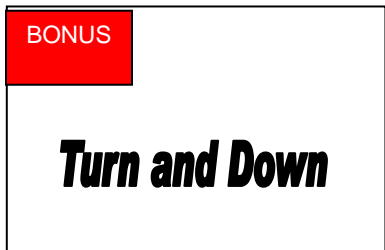
This exercise requires two signs. At the first sign the team halts and the handler cues the dog to sit stay. The handler leaves the dog and walks to the second exercise sign approximately 6 – 10 feet away. The handler turns and faces the dog. The handler calls the dog to come to front. The judge will be in a position approximately 6 feet to the side of the handler, facing the dog. As the dog comes to the handler, the judge leaves the handler and walks forward, passing the dog approx. 6 feet to the side of the dog. The judge will turn and walk backwards after the dog has passed her/him. The dog must ignore the judge and come directly to the handler and sit in front position. There is no finish. [Stationary Exercise.](#)



BONUS EXERCISE 3 Halt Leave Dog – Turn and Down
This exercise requires two signs.

At the first sign – Halt Leave Dog – the team halts and the dog sits. The handler leaves the dog and walks to the next sign, which is placed approximately 10 feet away.

At the second sign – Turn and Down – the handler turns and faces the dog and cues the dog to down. The dog must not walk forward into the down. Once the dog is down the handler returns to the dog and stands at heel position. The handler must return by passing the dog on the handler’s right (the dog’s left), turning behind the dog and moving up into heel position. [Stationary Exercise](#)



Jump Heights *Dogs are not required to be measured on the day of trial prior to the judging. However, judges have the option of measuring any dog prior to his/her performance if the dog appears to be entered in a group lower than might be indicated by his/her registered shoulder height. Jump heights may also be modified or the jump exercise based on physical challenges (such as age, body type, or disability such as blindness or the use of a "mobility device") that a particular dog may face.*

Shoulder Height under 12 inches	Jump 4 inches
Shoulder Height 12 inches to under 16 inches	Jump 8 inches
Shoulder Height 16 inches to under 20 inches	Jump 12 inches
Shoulder Height 20 inches and over	Jump 16 inches

Jump Construction: All jumps must be constructed in a manner that provides stability and safety for all dogs. Jump width is to be between 4 feet and 5 feet. Single bar jumps are preferable but not required.

