

Section 5

LEVEL 3

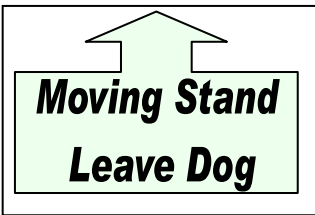
Level 3 is performed off-leash. A Level 3 course consists of 20 – 22 exercise signs, exclusive of the Start and Finish exercise signs and the Bonus Exercise. Level 3 is divided into two classes: A and B. The A class is for teams who are working towards earning their Level 3 title. The B class is for teams that have earned their Level 3 titles in the A class. Once a team has earned their Level 3 title in the A class, they may continue to compete in Level 3, but must do so in the B class.

The Level 3 exercises are as follows. Please refer to the Course Design Guidelines for specific information on designing a Level 3 course.



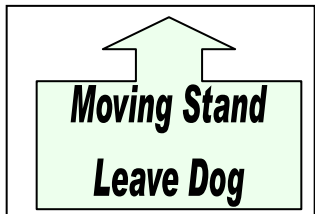
49. Moving Stand Walk Around

While moving the handler cues the dog to stand stay and without hesitation the handler then walks around the dog and returns to heel position. Upon returning to heel position the handler may hesitate or may immediately cue the dog to heel forward. The handler may not touch the dog. The dog may not sit. *Stationary Exercise.*



50, 51. Moving Stand Leave Dog – Turn and Call to Heel

Two signs are required for this exercise. At the first sign the handler cues the dog to stand stay. Without hesitation, the handler then leaves the dog and walks to the second exercise sign approximately 6 – 10 feet away. The handler turns and faces the dog, then calls the dog to come directly to heel position without first coming to front. The dog does not have to sit in heel position. The team then heels forward. The handler may not touch the dog. *Moving Exercise if the dog does not sit at heel, Stationary Exercise if the dog sits at heel.*



52,53. Moving Stand Leave Dog – Down, Sit, Call Front and Finish.

This exercise requires two signs. At the first sign the handler cues the dog to stand stay. The handler may hesitate when cueing the dog to stand stay. The handler then leaves the dog and walks to the second exercise sign approximately 10 feet away. The handler turns and faces the dog. The handler cues the dog to Down, then Sit, then calls the dog to Front. Once the dog is sitting in front, the handler may either cue the dog to Finish Left or Right. The dog may not move anticipate or move forward while performing the changes of position. *Stationary Exercise*

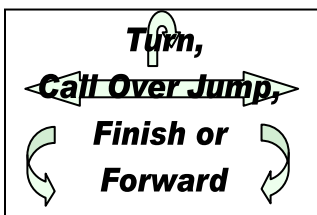




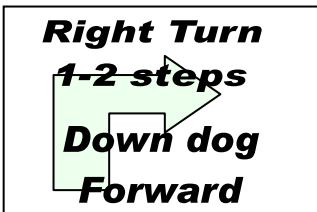
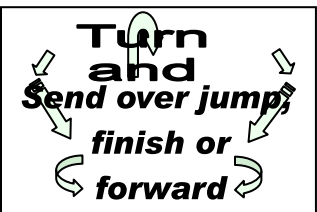
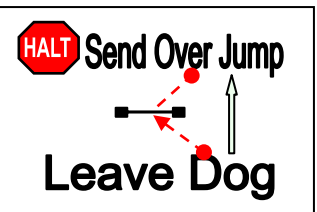
54. **Moving Backup** While heeling, the handler cues the dog to backup from a standing position. The handler takes three steps back while the dog heels backward with the handler. The dog may not sit before backing up. **Moving Exercise.**



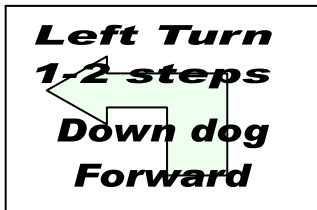
55, 56. **Recall over Jump** This exercise uses two signs. The team halts at a spot approximately 10-15 feet away from one side of the jump and centered to the jump. Handler cues dog to sit stay. The handler then leaves the dog and walks to the second exercise sign, approximately 10 - 15 feet away from that side of the jump and centered. The handler turns and faces dog and calls the dog to come/front. The dog must come over the jump and sit in front of the handler. The handler then cues the dog to Finish or Forward either Right or Left. **Moving Exercise if the handler chooses Forward, Stationary Exercise if the handler chooses Finish.**



57,58. **Halt, Leave Dog, Turn and Send Over Jump** This exercise requires two signs. The team halts at the first exercise sign, at a spot approximately 10-15 feet away from the jump and 4-6 feet to either the right or left side of the jump upright. The handler leaves the dog in a Sit and walks to the second exercise sign, at a spot approximately 10 - 15 feet to the other side of the jump upright and directly facing the dog. The handler cues the dog to jump. The dog must come over the jump. The handler turns slightly after cueing the dog to jump so that the dog can come to front position after taking the jump but does not move forward towards the dog. The handler then cues the dog to Finish or Forward either Right or Left. **Moving Exercise if the handler chooses Forward, Stationary Exercise if the handler chooses Finish**



59. **Right Turn 1 – 2 Steps Down, Forward** The handler turns to the right, cueing the dog to move with her. After turning and taking 1 or 2 steps and while moving, the handler cues the dog to Down. **Moving Exercise.**

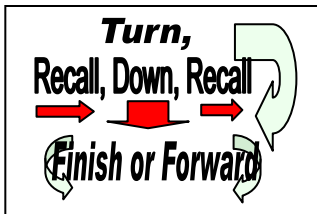


60. **Left Turn 1 – 2 Steps Down, Forward** The handler turns to the left, cueing the dog to move with her. After turning and taking 1 or 2 steps and while moving, the handler cues the dog to Down. **Moving Exercise.**



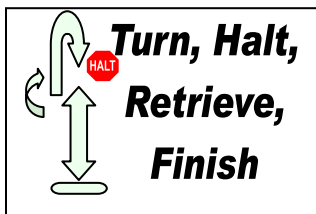
61,62. Halt, Leave Dog, Down on Recall

This exercise uses two signs. At the first sign the handler cues the dog to sit stay and walks approximately 15 feet to the second exercise sign. The handler turns and faces dog and calls the dog to come. At anytime during the recall, the handler cues the dog to down. The handler may not move forward when cueing the dog to down. Once the dog is in the down, the handler calls the dog to come and sit in front position. The handler then cues the dog to either Finish or Forward either Right or Left. *Moving Exercise if the handler chooses Forward, Stationary Exercise if the handler chooses Finish.*



63. Call Front About Turn Forward

The Call Front portion of this exercise is performed as in Exercise 15. For the second part of the exercise, the handler will do an about turn, either to the right or the left, cueing the dog to move with him/her in heel position. *Moving Exercise.*



BONUS EXERCISE 1- Turn, Halt, Retrieve, Finish

Before beginning the course, the handler will give the ring steward or judge their retrieve object. As the team is heeling to this exercise sign, the ring steward or judge will unobtrusively place the retrieve object on the floor approximately 15 feet from the exercise sign. This will be done while the team's back is to the steward so the dog cannot see the object being placed. At the exercise sign, the team shall perform either an About U Turn or an About Right turn and halt. The handler will direct the dog to look at the retrieve object and send the dog to pick up the object and return to front position. The handler takes the object from the dog and finishes the dog either Left or Right. Retrieve items may be a toy, ball, dumbbell, glove, bumper, etc. Retrieve items may not make noise (unless the dog is blind), be a food item or contain food. *Stationary Exercise*

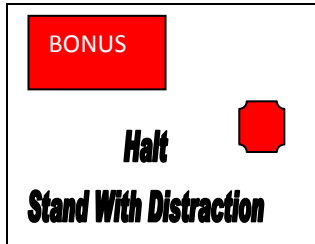


Either of these signs may be used



BONUS EXERCISE 2 Call Front – Backup 3 Steps

While moving, the handler calls the dog to front and may take several steps backwards while the dog is coming to front. The dog must sit at front. Once the dog is sitting, the handler cues the dog to backup. The dog may stand first and then back up OR the dog may backup from a sit. The dog may not sit while backing up. As the dog walks backwards approximately three steps the handler moves forward. The dog must remain in front position while backing up. There is no finish. Stationary Exercise.



BONUS EXERCISE 3 Halt Stand with Distraction – Return and Forward from Stand

Two exercise signs are needed for this exercise. At the first sign – Halt Stand with Distraction - the handler halts and the dog sits at heel. Handler may leave the heel position and “stack” (or pose) the dog as done in conformation, or may simply cue the dog to stand. Handler may touch the dog to help position the stand, but may not physically force/lift the dog to stand. Handler then returns to heel position, cues the dog to wait or stay, then leaves the dog, walks six feet away, and turns to face the dog. The judge will walk around the dog returning to the handler’s position.



Return & Forward from Stand This sign is placed so that it can be observed by the handler after he/she has moved away and turned to face the dog. After the judge has returned to the handlers side, the handler returns to heel position by passing the dog on the handler’s right (the dog’s left), turning behind the dog and moving up into heel position. The handler then cues the dog to heel and moves forward without instruction from the judge.