



INSTITUTE OF MODERN DOG TRAINERS

## **IMDT PARTNERSHIP Grades**

Below is the list of criteria for Handlers to achieve with their dogs to obtain the *IMDT Partnership* Grade Two Certificate.

As with all IMDT Partnership Grades, the focus must be as much on correct and sympathetic handling as it is on the dog achieving the designated exercise.

All handling must be in strict compliance of the IMDT Code of Ethics.

*The IMDT Member must assess their Handlers honestly in a manner that ensures a relaxed learning environment for both the Handler and dog. Assessment can be over a period of several weeks.*

### **IMDT Partnership - Grade Two**

#### **LOOSE LEAD WALKING**

Course of approx. 200 metres to include at least 3 right turns, 3 left turns and 3 about turns. The course must also start from a sit, have a stand mid-course and end in a down.

No rewards may be given on the course and no luring is allowed.

Handler may use verbal cues/encouragement throughout the course.

Lead must be comfortably loose throughout the course.

#### **CLEAR JUMP**

Off lead

Dog to go over height designated by the Trainer to be sensible & safe.

Dog starts in a sit, goes over the jump on one cue from the Handler with the Handler remaining the starting side of the obstacle. Dog to be cued once to 'sit' once on the other side of the jump. After a count of 5 seconds Owner to rejoin the dog at heel with the dog remaining in position for 5 seconds. End.

No luring.



### Formal RECALL x3 (incl. Emergency Stop)

Dog in a down. Handler to walk 30 paces away. Recall dog to front position, 5 seconds, then cue to heel position, 5 seconds then end. The recall must be a run, not a walk.

Repeat twice as above.

Third repeat, the dog must be cued to an emergency stop (sit, stand or down) midway through the recall.

### SIT

Handler to cue the dog into a 'sit' (no food lure), step 30 paces away. Dog to remain in a sit for 1 minute before owner returns to the dog's side for a count of 5 seconds before releasing the dog from the position.

### DOWN

Handler to cue the dog into a 'down' (no food lure), step 30 paces away. Dog to remain in a down for 2 minutes before owner returns to the dog's side for a count of 10 seconds before releasing the dog from the position.

### TRICK x3

Handler to cue the dog to perform 3 tricks, 3 times in random order on the instruction of Trainer, ( 9 reps in total ), no food lure:-

### CONE SEARCH

Dog to be sent from a distance of at least 20 metres to 10 cones (spaced at least 2 metres apart) to find and retrieve the dog's toy to Handler.

Retrieve must be to hand.