

## **GSDA of WA State Breed Exhibition 2014 Graduation Report.**

### **PRE-KINDY**

**Judge: Mr John Glenny**

What better way to explain the work required in the Pre-Kindy class, than to reproduce here, the guidelines given to the judges who are assessing the class!

**This class is the introduction** of our handlers, better said, PUPPY owners, who one day, with our careful tuition and assistance, will become handlers, not only to a TEST situation, but a **competitive test** where the best handler and dog team wins!

**The first impression**, the IMPRINTING for any activity, stays with us for life, yes, for us, as well as for our dogs! First impressions are vitally important. This does not mean we, the Judges need to become cheerleaders, but we do want to make sure, that we can put our handlers at ease, and walk the talk in **being purely positive!**

**Our Judging sheet tells us that** :“Food is to be used at all times and handlers to demonstrate positive reinforcement. **Ideally the handler will give clear prompts, may lure with the empty hand and mark the correct response. The Event Marker, Click, YES or GOOD precedes the FOOD.**”

**Our handlers have spent at least 5 weeks**, most likely ten or more weeks in the Pre-Kindy Class and have had an opportunity to practice all their work in class, and perfect it at home by studying their homework sheets, explaining the theory work.

**Walking on a loose lead**, means we want the dog walking at the handler's side, with the lead loose. **For 10 paces!!**. You will be delighted to find that many of the dogs are actually HEELING! That is wonderful, and will score an Excellent for sure, and when we have a dog that is walking on a loose lead, in a good position, not charging ahead, not lagging behind, with all the other aspects of the work considered, we should be looking at a VG performance. We would like the other sections underlined, so that we can evaluate the general handling skills of our handlers! We lure with an **EMPTY hand!** Mark the response and reinforce with food, Food, glorious FOOD!

**With our 2 sits, 2 down and 2 stands**, each **assessed separately**, again the question we need to ask ourselves is whether the dog is in the right position when the command is given, are the command and signal clear, maybe command is good, but signal is confusing to the dog, then we underline signal and No. Let your overall scoring be determined giving due consideration to the sub sections of that individual test. The true score or grading must also reflect the DOG'S response! If the handler did everything RIGHT, and the dog did not? Why is it so? Unusual circumstances worthy of a re-judging? Marked: Not to gain a place.?? Watch for the EMPTY hand! SIGNAL or lure with **empty hand**, MARK the response, and FEED with other hand.

**The Puppy Recall**: This is a TRUE test of Obedience! We tell the pup “Off you go” and let the pup trundle off, lead trailing. When he is a good 3-6m away, the handler is asked to call his dog (he may call independently – you may tell him to show you what his dog can do!) You may even hold the lead, until you have 5m. The handler can clap, cheer, make himself small, or he can, wonder of wonders, stand upright and proud to see his dog scooting into a PreSENT! The last section is not a requirement, but if the dog offers it, then this would surely eclipse the performance of the dog offering a lower level of training, so you decide, considering all aspects of the Recall!

**Play with Puppy**: Your call! You know you are looking for DRIVE and performance!

**Individual SIT or DOWN stay:** Note the 2<sup>nd</sup> line in the breakdown of your judging: 2<sup>nd</sup> command to stay, or changing position, but stays, VG. Yes, we do award a pass for this in the Pre-Kindy class, for staying in place is vitally important, the position is the lesser aspect, and simply staying for 30 seconds at 3m distance, is Very Good! **ENJOY your Happy Judging!**

These aspects are all GRADED from EXCELLENT, through VERY GOOD and GOOD, down to POOR in order to give our handlers some feedback on how they and their dogs performed in the Graduation.

The winners are decided on the number of Excellents gained. Sometimes a young pup will be far too excited to pay any attention to the owner, and be so distracted that the owner really has a tough time, wondering what happened to his well trained pup! In that case, a "Poor" grading is indicative of the performance given at that time. This dog and handler will need to have lots of fun in their training, on each aspect that has not scored as well as we would have liked to have seen, taking the training back a step and then building up, practicing the work and sections of moves here and there and everywhere with mega treats earned if things get difficult! The use of Homework Sheets will give valuable help in the way of learning about the timing and the different ratios of reinforcement that will assist in the learning process.

The Judge, Our GSDA Gosnells HQ Head Trainer, John Glenny, was very pleased with his class!

In the Pre-Kindy class, the handler and dog are judged on 7 exercises, each of these are graded and the scores are published. We also score the assessment of the sub sections, so a performance that is graded as Very Good, may still be Excellent in one or two sub sections. These may be used as a tie breaker! All this is found in the critiques below. Enjoy reading all about it, your own dog's performance and that of the competition!!

And now to the results: 13 entries, 11 of these competed. Late entries, if any, were able to graduate, but not are not in the competition for Trophies and Sashes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and get no mention in the report.

### **PRE-KINDY**

**1<sup>st</sup>. 403 MAERCECI LARIS BAMBINO**

S: \*Odin delle Terre Matildiche (imp Italy)Ex

D: \*Maerceci Hot Secret

Br: C Baker

Exh: J.McKibbin

Loose Leash Walking, scored an Ex. with excellent positioning and lead handling, an attentive puppy and excellent timing of marker and treat! 2 Sits were Ex. well positioned, well timed, in every aspect. 2 Downs again with the dog in the right position when the command was given, the signal clear, and timing of marking the behaviour and rewarding was Ex. The 2 Stands were Ex. with every aspect well performed. Puppy Recall Scored an Ex. Play with Puppy was rated as VG, and the Individual Sit or Down Stay Handler's Choice, at 3m for 30 seconds, gained a VG also.

**Score: 5 EX. 2 VG**

**1st place!**

**Congratulations!**

**2<sup>nd</sup>. 306 ADASHAD THRU TO THE KEEPER**

S: \* Fredo v Haus Kampenhuber IPO3 (Imp AUT) CDX ET Ex  
D: \* Vallejo Leones Spirit of the Law AZ Ex

Br: S & M Adams  
Exh: E Ramsden

Loose Leash Walking gained an Ex. with only lead handling, and the timing of marker and reward leaving a little room for improvement, each scoring a VG. 2 Sits positioned, commands precise and clear, timing a little off, VG. 2 Downs with the timing again off a little scoring a VG. The 2 Stands were also VG. The Puppy Recall was Ex. Play with Puppy gained another Ex. with happy interaction between handler and dog, keen pouncing on the toy and willingness to give up the toy at the end. Individual Sit or Down Stay Handler's Choice, at 3m for 30 seconds, gained half marks. Breaking Stay - Graded P.

**Score: 4 EX. 2 VG. 1 P**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place!  
Congratulations!**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 398 JENTOL DENAS EARL (Axel)**

S: \*Bodecka Zobbo AZ VG  
D: \*Jentol Gabbys Temptation

B: J.Boekelman  
Exh: René Avalos

Loose Leash Walking gained a VG with very good positioning of the dog, and very good lead handling from the handler. Axel was attentive and the timing of marker and reward was also very good. The 2 Sits gained an Ex. with Axel in the right position when the cue to sit was given, command and signal were clear, and the timing was very good. The 2 Downs were very good, but the timing was a little off the mark, scoring only VG, and the 2 Stands were also VG. The Puppy Recall was Ex. with the pup running off happily, coming when called and sitting in front. Play with Puppy, Scored a VG. Individual Sit or Down Stay Handler's Choice, at 3m for 30 seconds, gained an Ex. with clear signal and command, and a calm performance from the dog.

**Score: 3 EX. 4 VG**

**3<sup>rd</sup> place  
Congratulations!**

**393 HAUSOSIN ROLL THE DICE**

Sire: \*CH Zamb von der Sandsteinküste SchH 3 AZ (Imp Gmy)  
Dam: \*Hausosin Aintnosin AZ Ex Merit

Br: K.Harris  
Exh: K Acunas / G Marsala

Loose Leash Walking, Ex., lead handling was excellent and the dog was attentive, the timing of marker and reward was excellent also. 2 Sits were VG with the dog in the right position when the sit cue was given, the command was clear, and the timing of marker and reward were excellent, but the dog sat sideways. The 2 Downs were also VG with all the right boxes ticked, but the dog dropped to the side. The 2 Stands were VG, the command and signals were not very clear, the timing of GOOD and FOOD were good. Puppy Recall was Ex. Well done! Play with Puppy was scored a VG. Individual Sit or Down Stay Handler's Choice, at 3m for 30 seconds, was Ex.

**Score: 3 EX. 4 VG.**

**Well Done!**

**399 ALDERHAUS PEPES ODIN**

S:\*Pepe von der Zenteiche (imp Deu) Ex  
D:\*Alderhaus Queen Pixie Vegas AZ

Br: P.Alder  
Exh: N.Worth

Loose Leash Walking saw the pup in a very good position, and the handler showed good lead handling. The pup was attentive to his handler and the timing of GOOD and FOOD was VG. For the 2 Sits scoring a VG, the dog was well positioned when the cue was given, the command was clear and timing was very good, the pup sat crooked. 2 Downs VG, the puppy forged, and the command and signal were clear, and the timing was very good. 2 Stands were a lot better in

position, signals and timing, scoring an Ex. The Puppy Recall well executed, with a smart sit in front, Ex. Play with Puppy was fun! The pup was happy to interact with his owner, he pounced on the toy, didn't want to give it up! Keep up that enthusiasm! Individual Sit or Down Stay Handler's Choice, was marked G, broke his position but then stayed.

**Score: 3 EX. 3 VG. 1 G**

**Well Done!**

#### **402 BRYNICK KNIGHT**

S:\*SIEGER Ch Ustinov vom Römerland aZ VA (imp Deu) Ex  
D:\*Wesenhund Born Ruthless (Imp NZ) AZ

Br: Exh  
Exh: F Almeida

Loose Leash Walking, Ex. Knight was in an excellent position during his loose leash walking, and the handling too was excellent. The dog was attentive, and the timing of marker and treat was excellent. 2 Sits were VG, with the pup well positioned, signal and command clear, the timing was very good. The 2 Downs were Ex. The 2 Stands had the dog in a good position, at heel and watching the handler, but did not know the correct stand. Puppy Recall was VG, as was Play with Puppy. Individual Sit or Down Stay Handler's Choice, at 3m for 30 seconds, a success story for this one! Good signal, command and response. The dog stayed calmly and scored another Ex.

**Score: 3 EX. 3 VG. 1 G**

**Well Done!**

#### **397 JASPER -**

Exh: Sarah Kirkbridge  
Junior Handler

Loose Leash Walking: Good positioning scored a G, and also G for lead handling. Jasper was attentive, and the timing of marker and Food was VG, 2 Sits scored VG with the dog in the right position when Sarah cued the sit, the signals were clear, and timing of GOOD and FOOD was very good. 2 Downs VG, well positioned, when the clear signals were given for the downs. The 2 Stands were scored G, as Jasper forged, clear command and signals, and very good timing of marking the response and reward scoring a VG. The Puppy Recall was VG. Play with Puppy a lot of fun with Jasper happy to play, pouncing on the toy enthusiastically and happy to give up his prey object. Ex! The individual Sit or Down Stay was marked Ex.

**Score: 2 EX. 3 VG. 2 G**

**Well done!**

#### **340 SEIGEN GURU**

S:\*Odin delle Terre Matildiche (imp Italy) EX  
D:Jatz Cracker

Br: D & C Gallacher  
Exh: V. Seevaratnam

Loose Leash Walking was Ex with Guru holding position well, and very good lead handling from the handler. The baby puppy was attentive and the timing of GOOD and FOOD was very good. 2 Sits were asked for with the dog in the right position, timing of marker and reward were just good and the lead was tight, G. 2 Downs, G, the pup was not well positioned, clear command and signal but the pup was handled on a tight lead again. The 2 Stands also G. Guru was in the right position for them, command and signal were clear, and the timing of marker and reward were very good. Either the handler or the dog was not quite clear of what was expected on the stand. The Puppy Recall was performed with style, finished with a good present, and gained an Ex. and the Play with Puppy was VG. Individual Sit or Down Stay was VG.

**Score: 2 EX. 3 VG. 2 G**

**Well done!**

**316 SHAYGAR WILLO THE WISP** Br: JAK Smith  
S: \* CH Hinterhaus Liaison A Z CCD ET Ex.Merit  
D \* Shaygar Golden Skye

Exh : D.Freegard

Loose Leash Walking, Ex. The pup held an excellent position well, lead handling was Ex. Willow was attentive, and the timing of marker and treating was excellent. 2 Sits scored a G, Willow was forging, when the cue was given, command and signal were clear. Timing of marker and food was very good. 2 Downs, gained an Ex., Downs well positioned, clear signal, excellent timing. 2 Stands VG, Willow could have been better positioned, signals clear and timing was excellent. Exhibited an Ex. Puppy Recall! Play with Puppy was enthusiastic, the baby puppy was happy to interact, pounced on the toy and released on command. Individual Sit or Down Stay Handler's Choice, at 3m for 30 seconds, scored a G as Willow broke from position on Debbie's return

**Score: 3 EX. 2 VG. 2 G.**

**Well done!**

**394 KAPERVILLE WILD AT HEART**  
S:\*Ch Sabaranburg Esko AZ Ex.M  
D:\*Iccara Ashanti Alleycat AZ

Br: Animal Kapers Kns  
Exh: Animal Kapers Kns

Loose Leash Walking, was very good in positioning of the pup, excellent lead handling, the pup nice and attentive, timing of marker and treat also Ex. 2 Sits, overall VG, well positioned, the signal was clear and timing of marked and reward excellent. 2 Downs were Ex. with clear signals, and excellent timing. 2 Stands were Ex. ticking all the right boxes for dog and handler. The Puppy Recall was Ex., well done, coming in briskly and giving a smart present! Play with Puppy, was Poor. The puppy was happy to interact with handler, but did not want the toy. Individual Sit or Down Stay Handler's Choice, at 3m for 30 seconds, was G, the pup broke from position twice.

**Score: 3 EX 2 VG. 1 G. 1 P**

**Well Done!**

**322 KAPERVILLE WANDERING STAR**  
S:\*Ch Sabaranburg Esko AZ Ex.M  
D:\*Iccara Ashanti Alleycat AZ

Br: Animal Kapers Kns  
Exh: Animal Kapers Kns

Loose Leash Walking, VG. Dog well positioned, signals clear, timing of marker and reward all very good. The 2 sits were VG, with the dog in the right position, commands and signals were clear, the 2 downs were also VG, with the dog in the right position when the command was given. The timing of the marker and reward were VG. The 2 stands were VG, positioning very good, signals clear, timing was also very good. The Recall was Poor. Pup ran off to see someone, bad luck. Play with pup was G, the pup was interested to interact with handler. The sit or down stay was G, as the little bitch first broke the stay then completed it.

She had missed 3 weeks as she came in season, but the little beauty showed some very good work.

**Score: 4 VG. 2 G. 1 P**

**Well Done!**

**OBEDIENCE GRADUATION ADVANCED PRE-KINDY**  
**Judge: Miss Jean McCowan**

**ADVANCED PRE-KINDY:** To qualify, a pass ( at least 50% ) is required in every exercise, total 85/100.

HEEL ON LOOSE LEAD: 30 points for 20 paces – to include 2 of each position and a right about turn.

The 5 Rule Plan which you would have been working on since your very first day at the club is your perfect training tool for this exercise! Naturally your dog wants to prance at your side! Some of you might have rewarded your dog with every day life rewards, such as Permission to Sniff, or Go Play, or a quick game with a tug toy, or a few quick “touches”, and don’t forget the power of GOOD and pats and ear scratches, rubbing the chest or gently patting sides, all rewards that you can use here, there, and everywhere, even if there is no food around. You will be able to dazzle the judge with your good handling skills as you respond to the judge’s orders to halt, stand or down your dog, and showed a well practiced right about turn!

CONTROL AT DOOR/GATE: 15. On lead. Handler to demonstrate that the dog will sit at gate - told to wait whilst they open the gate, dog and handler to go through. Handler to secure the gate whilst dog remains settled in a sit. In order to achieve that, you need your dog glued to your side as you turn to shut the gate! In training, we add value to the stay glued to the handler’s side behaviour, by offering well timed rewards. Ideally the dog would SIT at both sides of the door/gate. Slight variations permitted.

RECALL: 15. Dog to be left sitting, lead dropped on ground. Handler to face dog and wait for Judge’s orders. Procedure: Take up Position, lead is dropped behind dog on the ground. Leave (3 to 5m) About turn, Call your dog, Dog sits, pick up lead, return to dog,.

OPTIONAL EXERCISES: A & B; Judge’s Choice. All tests equal.

A: WALK THROUGH CROWD: Handler and dog to walk on a loose lead through and around 3–5 people. To include a couple of turns through the group. Dog should be quiet and relaxed and not jumping up or pulling.

B: HANDLER EXAMINATION OF DOG: On Lead. Dog to be left in position of handler’s choice. Handler to demonstrate that the dog remains steady whilst the handler strokes across its back, examines ears, mouth and feet.

VOICE AND SIGNALS: 10: This is to evaluate the clarity of cues (commands) timing, and the effectiveness of +R. Are the commands appropriate for the action required? Are the signals clear? If a lure is used, we assess the positioning of the luring hand. Empty handed lures become the signals. Food lure = -1.

DUMBBELL PLAY: is graded EX. VG. G. or Poor. To determine how motivated the dog is to chase/retrieve an article. Can be toy, such as a ball, tuggy or dumbbell.

GROUP SIT or DOWN STAY: 15 points. Judges’ Choice  
30 sec. Drop Lead on Ground as walking away and stand facing the dog on Judge’s order, at 5m.

**Here are the Advanced Pre-Kindy Critiques: Judge: Ms. Jean McCowan 6 entered & competed.**

**1<sup>st</sup> 404 JENTOL FLAMES ALMOST AN ANGEL**

S:\*Hausosin Dash Of Class AZ Ex  
D:\*Jentol Buntys Eternal Flame AZ

Br: J.Boekelman  
Exh: O.McMulkin

Heel on Lead: 25/30. the heeling was shown with very good attention, and there were only minor deductions for minor imperfections. Sits and Stands were excellent, the downs were good. The timing of marker and reinforcer to strengthen the good behaviour of heeling attentively, was very good. Control at Gate: Indi was in the right position when she was told to sit with a clear command and signal. The dog's response was excellent, sat and waited until called through, sat again waiting for the gate to be shut. The timing of GOOD and FOOD was excellent 15/15. The Recall: handler's command, signal, and dog's performance were excellent, with 15/15. Temperament Test: full marks, 15/15. Voice & Signals: scored 10/10 Dumbbell Play: graded VG. Sit or Down Stay 15/15.

**Score: 95/100 Congratulations!**

**Excellent**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 395 MADRODISH LITTLE CREATURE**

S:\*Ch LaShadas Xhibitionist AZ Ex.M  
D: Davor Wicked Ways

Br: R&T Humphries  
Exh: M. Mason

Heel on Lead: 26/30 Heeled with very good drive and attention. Timing of Marker & Treat was very good. Control at Gate: The dog was in the right position when the clear command and signal were given. The dog's response was very good, and the timing of GOOD and FOOD were very good, 15 /15. Recall: 14/15. Command and signal were very good, the youngster came promptly, sat in front, very good. Temperament Test: Full marks, 15/15. Voice & Signal: 9/10. Dumbbell Play: graded Ex. with the pup happy to interact with the owner, pounced and grabbed with enthusiasm, and was happy to relinquish its prey object! Sit or Down Stay: 15 /15

**Score: 94 Congratulations!**

**Very Good**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 332 JOANCHELL PINKA (iid Hun)**

S:\*Dux von der Glockenheide SchH3 a ED (Deu)  
D:\*Bonita van Contra a HD ED (imp Hun) Ex

Br: J & A Mitchell  
Exh: J & A Mitchell  
Handler: D.Keogh

Heel on Lead: 24/30 Heeled with Very Good drive and attention. Sits, stands and downs were good. Timing of Marker & Treat was very good. Control at Gate: The dog was in the right position when the clear command and signal were given. Pinka's response was very good, as was the handler's timing of GOOD and FOOD. 15/15 Recall: 14/15 Command and signal were excellent, the youngster came promptly, sat straight front, excellent. Temperament Test: Full marks, 15/15. Voice & Signal 10/10. Dumbbell Play: graded Ex. with the pup happy to interact with the handler, pounced and grabbed with enthusiasm, and was happy to relinquish its prey object! Sit or Down Stay: 15/15

**Score: 93 Congratulations!**

**Very Good**

**338 JOANCHELL PANTO ( IID Hun)**

S:\*Dux von der Glockenheide SchH3 a ED (Deu)  
D:\*Bonita van Contra a HD ED (imp Hun) Ex

Br: J & A Mitchell  
Exh: J & A Mitchell  
Handler: Breanna McNamara

Heel on Lead: 26/30 Heeled with very good drive and attention. Timing of Marker & Treat was Very Good. Control at Gate: The dog was in the right position when the clear command and signal were given. The dog's response was very good, and the timing of GOOD and FOOD were very good. 15/15. Recall: 13/15. Command and signal were very good, the youngster came promptly sat in front, very good. Temperament Test: 14/15. Voice & Signal: 9/10. Dumbbell Play: graded Ex. Stay 15/15

**Score: 85 Well Done!**

**Good**

**340 BRUVIC CHELSEAS McDREAMY**

S:\*Seigen Suris Alfie AZ Ex.M  
D:\*Ch Bruvic Wild Orchid AZ

Br: B&V Knight/C.Baker  
Exh: L.Jackson

Heel on Lead: 26/30. Heeled with good attention. Timing of Marker & Treat was good. Control at Gate: The dog was in the right position when the clear command and signal were given. The dog's response was very good, and the timing of GOOD and FOOD were very good. 15/15. Recall: 12/15. Command, signal and Hudson's response was good. Temperament Test: scored 12/15, the dog was happy and relaxed. Voice & Signal: 8/10. This was reflected in some of the other exercises. Dumbbell Play: graded G, although the pup was very distracted. Sit or Down Stay: 8/15, doing a good stay until the half time was reached.

**Score: 81**

Room for improvement, nevertheless an honest attempt.

**Recommend SG. HGR**

**420 ZIVA**

Exh: C.Gorgolis

Heel on Lead: 23/30. Heeled with good drive and attention. Positions of dog and timing of handler were good. Control at Gate: 13/15 Recall: 8/15, command and signal were very good, but Ziva could not handle the pressures of the day. Temperament Test: 10/15. Voice & Signal: 6/10. Dumbbell Play: graded Ex. Ziva was again happy to interact with Chrsi, pounced on and grabbed her toy. Stay: 8/15

**Score: 68**

Ziva is a shy youngster who has come a very long way.

**Recommend SG. HGR**

## **NOTES for KINDY CLASS:**

**WALKING ON LOOSE LEAD:** 30. Handler to demonstrate that dog can be walked on loose lead without any undue pulling. The dog should remain steady and controlled. An occasional tight lead is acceptable. The turns are only tests of ability to change direction, we are not looking for competition standard to pass.

This is what we use as a guide to ascertain whether or not a dog is trained to a level where the handler and dog are ready for the next class. Luckily any dog that has started their Pre-Kindy or Advanced Pre-Kindy work with us will be working to a higher standard, thanks to the daily use of the 5 Rule Plan that you were first taught in Week One of your training.

This loose leash walking is of vital importance, for handlers that cannot teach their dogs to walk on a loose leash will, through sheer frustration, aching backs and sore arms, start leaving the dog at home instead of taking him for his daily training walk and exercise!

We have 30 points to play with in this exercise. In order to pass the test, a dog requires a PASS in every exercise, that is at least 50% of the points, AND a total of at least 85 out of 100. To achieve a comfortable pass in the test, you would want to gain at least 25/30 to give you 5 points to play with for the rest of the exercises! If you gain 15/30, you pass, but cannot afford to lose even one more point!

**WALK THROUGH CROWD:** 10 Walk through crowd of 5-6 people in a couple of loops. People in crowd are not to touch the dog. Dog should remain calm and controlled. Easy for our well socialized dogs whose owners always have an eye on their dogs when they walk through a group, and are ready to MARK the good, sociable behaviour with GOOD, and slip the dog a reward of FOOD, or pats and praise! We are looking for the dog to be nice and relaxed, yet still attentive to the boss! Is the handler demonstrating good leadership qualities? A total of 6 points are lost if the dog is shy and pulls away. If the dog threatens or growls, he scores zero. Both are reported to the Head Trainer and to the Training Supervisor for behaviour shaping.

**FOOD MANNERS:** 5 Dog to be taken past dish of food without unduly responding to it (i.e. should not steal it ! ) Handler may use NRM. An EX. performance would be for the dog to acknowledge the presence of the food, and joyfully look at the handler! That would be 5 points for sure! If the dog walks past it, looks, but does not touch, that is Very Good and scores 4 points. If the handler needs the No Reward Marker, that cheerfully and friendly sound of OOPS, or UHOH, to stop the dog from sniffing the food, that's still GOOD and scores 3 points. Dog snatching food or careless, undisciplined handler reprimands scores ZERO.

**SIT FOR EXAM:** 15 To be performed on lead. Handler can be at side of dog or in front as they wish. Judge to stroke the dog along the back, touch ears, mouth and feet. Other than mild avoidance the dog should allow the inspection without concern.

Or Formal Sit for Examination. "Leave" judge examines, "Return" Ex Fin. Judge's choice.

The scoring: Dog is happy and relaxed, does not fidget = 15. Dog jumps at judge or mugs him, loses 10 p.

Dog shows fearful response also -10. Aggressive Response scores 0 and needs behaviour shaping.

**RECALL:** 20 Off Lead. Handler to leave dog sitting and walk 6-8 m.

Call dog to sit in front. Handler to clip on lead, return around dog to heel position, coming to a definite halt, and walk on for 5 metres. Ex. Fin.

**Judge's Orders:** Forward, Halt. Leave, About Turn, Halt, Call, Lead on, Ret., Forward, Ex Fin.

**DUMBELL/TOY PLAY:** This is to demonstrate the dog's willingness to play with the owner and also retrieve an article. The article should be readily given up when asked to do so by the handler.

Please note that the emphasis should be on the dog's willingness to play with the owner and not on whether the dog will retrieve the article. This is graded EX, VG, G, or Poor.

**SIT and DOWN STAY GROUP EXERCISES:** 10 points each, with dropped lead. Distance 6m.  
Sit Stay: 30 secs. Down Stay: 60 secs.

**The RESULTS KINDY CLASS:** 4 entered, 4 competed and sadly, none qualified  
Judge: Diane Webb

**1<sup>st</sup> 406 SHAYGAR FREEWAY FEBE** Br: JAK Smith  
S:\*Schaeferhund Rafael AZ Ex  
D:\*Shaygar Jaxonique AZ Ex.M

Heel on Lead: 20/30 tight lead, extra commands, slow sits and stands took their toll. Nice downs.  
Walk through Crowd: gained full marks, 10/10. Food Manners: scored 3/5, and Sit For Examination: 14/15. Recall: scored 19/20. Dumbbell Play was VG. In the Sit Stay Febe broke at 29 secs. and scored 0/10. Down Stay: gained full marks, 10/10. If it had not been for that broken Sit Stay, she would have scored 86.

**Score: 77**

**Judge Diane Recommends progress to Class One**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 396 AIMSWAY INKY (Loka)**  
S: \* Zamb vom Schwarzaugen SchH3 (imp Deu) Br: J & L Martens  
D: Aimsway Phanta Exh: K.Nivbrant

Heel on Lead: 18/30, the unnamed deductions being -5, -2 and -5. Walk through Crowd: full marks, 10/10. Food Manners: also full marks, 5/5 and Sit For Examination: lost 2 points. The Recall: lost 1 point, perhaps an extra sit command. Dumbbell Play: was Excellent, but both Stays scored Zero, with Loka breaking her Sit at 29 seconds and the Down at 24. If it hadn't been for the Stays, she would have score 85. Kerstin had just returned from Skiing in France, the previous day. Loka came straight from her holiday Kennels!

**Score: 65**

**Judge Diane Recommends progress to Class One**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 408 VLADIMIR** Exh. R.Ballantyne

Heel on Lead: 20/30, with considerable points lost because of the tight lead. Walk through Crowd: gained full marks, 10/10. Food Manners; OOPS! Scored Zero because the handler reprimanded the dog. Sit For Examination: gained 14/15. Recall: scored 15/20. Dumbbell Play: was graded Good. Also had bad luck in both the Stays, but could not quite have reached the passing score on this day.

**Score: 59**

**409 OLBAH NEED FOR SPEED** N.Boekelman  
S:Am Ch Can Ch Sup Ch Fraelite Formula One Exh; L.Shea  
D:Windward Schooner (imp USA)

Heel on Lead: 29/30, must have been lovely to see! Full marks for Walk through Crowd: 10/10, and also for Food Manners: 5/5. Sit For Examination: scored 8/15. All Spaniels love to wriggle, so Cruze lost points for fidgeting. Recall: OOPS! Zero. Dumbbell Play: was graded Excellent. Cruze was scratched from the Stays.

**Score: 52**

**Recommend SG - HGR**

**CLASS 1**

There were no Class One entries. However, seeing three of the dogs in the previous class will be working in Class One during the next term, let's have a look to see what is expected! The Class One exercises are very important for everyday living, including every day features that you would expect a family dog to master with aplomb.

This is what we expect in the ring:

**HEEL ON LEAD:** 30 Points. This is to demonstrate that the dog will walk on a loose lead in a controlled manner without any undue pulling. An occasional tight lead is permissible. Incorporate all positions, turns and change of pace. Have dog walking past distractions (bicycle, pram, jogger, crowd etc.) or have team walk past another dog and handler, not in too close proximity, and just walk past. The dog should remain steady and controlled

**Heel on Lead** bears this exciting name because at this level at training, we can expect the dogs to have enjoyed enough training with their owners, to WANT to offer heel work.

Why is it so?

Because ever since the dog was in Pre-Kindy or Advanced Pre Kindy, and Kindy, and now Class One, he earned a GOOD and a morsel of FOOD whenever he LOOKED at his handler, whenever the lead was loose, when the dog walked at his handler's side, whenever he came up to the "heel position" or came up to the handler. Do you recognize the formula? It is the 5 Rule Plan which you would have been working on since your very first day at the club!

Naturally your dog wants to prance at your side! Some of you might have rewarded your dog with everyday life rewards, such as Permission to Sniff, or Go Play, or a quick game with a tug toy, or a few quick "touches", and don't forget the power of GOOD and pats and ear scratches, rubbing the chest or gently patting sides, all rewards that you can use here, there, and everywhere, even if there is no food around.

**STAND FOR EXAM:** 20 Points. On lead. Handler to stand in front of dog whilst judge performs an Examination, strokes across back and sides..

OR: With dog sitting, the handler examines ears, teeth and feet. Handler's Choice, Formal Competition or **Show Exam (sit) as in individuals.**

**Stand for Examination:** Formally this means the Judge will order: "Forward", "Stand your dog", "leave your dog", at which point the handler walks to stand in front of his dog, facing his dog, and the judge lightly touches the dog's head, back and sides, and orders "return to your dog" which means the handler returns and walks behind his dog, into the heel position. The Judge then orders "Exercise Finished" at which stage the dog is praised and freed.

Or it might be informally, the handler sits the dog and examines his dog briefly, checking ears, mouth – dentition check, and feet. It is the handler's choice! Show dog handlers may prefer this!

**RECALL:** 20 Points. Off Lead. Dog to be left in Sit position. Handler to walk 10 – 12 m about turn and halt. On judge's orders, handler to call dog to sit in front and then replace the lead. Dog should remain calm whilst lead is replaced.

Recall: Off Lead! The Judge will order: Are you ready? The handler checks that his dog is looking at him and sitting straight, and if so, says YES. The dog will at this stage think about treats, because of the YES Game that we play in Class One to prepare the dog for tests!! On Judge's orders to "Forward Halt", the handler takes his dog forward and halts, the dog sits. On the order "Leave your dog", handler gives a gentle stay command and walks away, until at around 10–12m the judge orders: "About turn, halt." You will have time to take one or two steps in order to be well balanced and ready to stop when the judge says "About turn, HALT. On the order "Call your Dog", handler calls dog who will ideally gallop towards his handler and sit close in front, offering a straight sit in front. On Judge's "Exercise Finished" the handler praises the dog, ensuring that the dog is well rewarded, clips on the lead which the steward will bring him,

and walks where directed, all the time, telling his dog how wonderful he is, and what a clever dog he is, with more patting on the sides, or a couple of quick leaps for the Touch Game as a reward.

**FOOD MANNERS:** On lead. Judge to offer dog food from a bowl. If dog is tempted to take it the handler can give a NRM, but no reprimand is permitted. If the dog is tempted to take the food, take it away and then offer again after 2-3 secs.

This exercise, as well as the next two, is graded, giving the team a chance to score Excellent, Very Good, Good, or Poor.

Where points are equal in a graduation, the number of Excellents gained is the tie breaker. As our dogs are having fun with “Zapping up the No Reward Marker” several times per day, all the way from Pre-Kindy to the highest level of training, it is hard for me to imagine any dog NOT having good food manners, so anything under an EXC. on your score sheets, is a terrible disappointment.

**DOWN FROM FREE:** Dog is left in sit, stand or down, Judge’s Choice. Equal for all dogs. Handler FREES dog, then drops him. Returns to dog, Ex Fin.

Do you remember how your pup THREW itself onto the ground when it saw the “Down” signal, or hear the down command?? You play the training game right, and that is the down you will get until old age and arthritis slow your dog down! This Down from Free is such a JOYOUS exercise, performed with GUSTO

**DUMBELL PLAY/RETRIEVE:** We are looking for play drive. Chase, Retrieve and release is ideal. Fetch & give moving is VG. Fetch & drops it, and Take it with help are both Good.

This is your chance to have extra FUN in the ring! Our dogs love to play, love to chase, and here you can show off the wonderful relationship you have with your dog, in an exciting, brief, play session!

**STAYS: Off lead.** Sit Stay – 6-8 metres 30secs. Down Stay -6-8 metres 1 min.

I have a great training tip for everyone, pass or fail, in the stays: Hunt around for your Pre-Kindy homework sheets! Whether you have them in a separate file on your computer, saved week by week, or whether you have downloaded them all, with or without the many photos demonstrating and reminding of the finer points, and stored at the bottom of your wardrobe, hunt for them and ENJOY your chance of going through all the work, week by week, OFF LEAD in your house and garden, or a safely fenced park! Most importantly, study each week’s progression in the Recall and the STAYS!!!

This formula for both exercises will take your dog effortlessly from training class style Recalls to real life Recalls when you really NEED obedience, and it will shape your sits in front, to sits out of sight!

The TRIALS RESULTS will be presented in a separate section.

Critiques by HGR on the information supplied on the SBE Judging Sheets.