



**Winter Obedience League**  
**15<sup>th</sup> October, 4<sup>th</sup> November, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017**  
**& 6<sup>th</sup> January 2018**  
**At Forest Oak Farm, Purlieu, Glos GL15 4LN**

This show is held **Indoors**. Booking in starts at 10.00am & will remain open until 10mins before the start of each class. Judging of classes commences at 11.00am.

£2.50 per entry (£2.00 for Forest Oak DTC Members)

There are hot drinks until 2pm and food available during the lunch period.

**NO BALLS TO BE USED IN THE HALL PLEASE**

**Please read the explanation of exercises over page.** Treats and toys are only allowed in Class 1 between exercises, but not held in hand during exercises.

**Class 1** - For dogs and/or handlers who have not won a rosette at any Obedience Show. Dogs to be between 6 and 18 months old.

Consists of:

Walking on a loose lead,

Play with your dog,

Puppy recall (on lead, without a finish),

Send to a mat (sometimes called Go To Bed),

Sit and down with handler able to step away without the dog moving position,

Handling (showing ears, teeth and paws to the judge like at the vets).

**Class 2** - For dogs and/or handlers who have not won a rosette at any Kennel Club Obedience Show. Consists of:

Walking on loose lead,

Walking to heel off lead,

Recall with finish,

Send to a mat (sometimes called Go To Bed) off lead,

Demonstrate sit and down positions (with the handler walking around the dog),

Control at gate.

**Class 3** - For dogs who have not won out of beginners at any KC Obedience Show

Consists of:

Heel on loose lead,

Heel off lead to include left and right turns and about turns,

Stays (Sit and Down for 1 minutes each),

Retrieve handlers object,

Demonstrate sit, stand and down positions (by the handlers side),

Stop your dog (recall with sit or down at distance).

**Class 4** - For dogs who have not won out of Novice at any KC Obedience Show

Consists of:

Heel off lead to include left and right turns, about turns and a change of pace, handler commands will only be allowed on start, turns, halts and change of pace.

Stays (Sit and Down for 1 minute 30 seconds each),

Send away to a cone (with a mat if request),

'A' recall (Rejoin Handler),

Retrieve handlers object over a jump with angled present and a finish.

Scent over objects.

**Challenge Ring**

There will also be a challenge ring. Exercises will change each show for all. Aim is to have different exercises to suit dogs working at any level (including more experience dogs).

Rosettes to 6<sup>th</sup> place (Including Challenge ring). Trophies for the winners of classes 1,2,3 and 4.

Points will be awarded for placings and totted up towards the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Forest Oak DTC Winter Obedience League Championship. The top ten competitors at each class will be invited to compete for the championship title in the afternoon of 6th January league event. League Champion for each class will be awarded a Winners Trophy at that show.

### **Explanation of exercises:**

The exercises in all these classes are a mixture of Good Citizens and Obedience exercises. Some are also simply good manners or useful training activities.

### **Walking on a loose lead.**

In Classes 1 and 2 the judge will not be looking for competition style heelwork, though this will not be penalised. The dog should walk alongside the handler on a loose lead; any tightening of the lead will be marked down. The dog should not pull or wander away from the handler's side. Classes 3 and 4 heel on and off lead (Heel free) should now be developing towards competition style, with the dog maintaining a consistent close position to the handler and the dogs shoulder level with the handler's left leg. These classes will include left and right turns and about turns.

In Class 4 it is anticipated that commands should only be on the start, turns, halts and change of pace - not continuous and during straight lengths of heelwork. A change of pace may be included.

### **Recall.**

In Class 1 the dog will remain on the lead. The handler should leave the dog in a sit or down, back away to the length of the lead, then call the dog to them. The dog should sit on return to the handler. In Class 1 no finish is required. In Class 2 the recall will be off lead and a finish is expected.

### **Play with your dog,**

Handlers are asked to demonstrate they can play with their dog for a period of no more than 20 seconds set by the judge. More points will be given if they can demonstrate of mouth control (release of the toy on handlers request) during play.

### **Control at gate**

The dog should be walked under control to the gate, wait (in sit, stand or down) while the handler opens the gate and goes through, then is called through the gate into wait (in sit, stand or down) while handler closes and latches the gate.

### **Go to bed/mat**

A mat will be provided, but if preferred handlers may use their own mat/bed. In Class 2, from a short distance (max 2m) the handler will command the dog, to leave them, to go to the mat and lie down (whilst on lead). In Class 3 they will be asked to complete the same exercise but off lead and at a slightly longer distance (approx 3m).

### **Send away to cone**

In Class 4, the handler will command the dog to leave the handler, to go to the cone and lie down. This exercise will be off lead.

### **Handling.**

The handler will show the judge the dog's teeth, paws, eyes and ears, to demonstrate the dog remains still and calm while this is done. It may also be expected that the handler will explain what they are looking for whilst examining their dog.

### **Demonstrating positions.**

With the dog on or off the lead, the handler will command the dog to sit and down. This exercise is not distance control, it is simply showing the ability to command the dog into different positions and that those positions can be maintained even when the handler is moving.

In Class 1 the handler will be asked to take a short step away from the dog, whilst the position is maintained. In Class 2 the handler is asked to walk around the dog, whilst the dog holds maintains the sit and down position. In Class 3, the sit, stand and down positions should be

demonstrated at the handlers side. Ideally commands should be given once verbally with limited or no hand signals.

### **A recall/rejoin handler**

The dog should be left in stationary position while the handler walks away. On the steward/judges command the handler is to call the dog to rejoin them in the heel position (handler has back to dog) and continue in heelwork until the judge/steward tells them to stop. The handler may be asked to execute a turn before calling the dog to heel.

### **Retrieve any object.**

This may be a dumbbell, a toy or any other object provided by the handler. No balls to be used in the hall. Alternatively, the handler may request an object from a small selection provided.

### **Stop your dog.**

The dog is left, from a distance the dog is recalled then commanded to go instantly down part way back to the handler.

### **Send away to cone.**

Exercise same as 'Go to bed' but sending the dog to a cone. Also the distance will be greater (approx 5m). The dog should down in front of the cone.

### **Retrieve over a jump.**

Handlers use their own dumbbell, toy or any other object provided by the handler. The object will be placed or thrown over jump, dog is to go over jump, retrieve the article, and return with the object over jump and present it in a sit to the handler, who will have turned at an angle to the dog (angled present). More marks will be gained if the dog can present straight in front and then finish beside the handler.

### **Scent over objects**

A pattern of objects will be placed on the floor by the judge and the dogs own toy/object will be placed amongst them. The handler will command the dog to find and retrieve their toy/object back to the handler. This exercise may follow alternate patterns such as placing the toy under a cone for them to find. The dog will not be allowed to see where the article is placed.

Entries can be submitted in advance. Entries may be limited subject to levels of interest. Enter in advance to be sure of your place in any class (except the challenge ring that is enter on the day).

Please send to: FODTC, Forest Oak Farm, Purlieu, Lydney, Glos GL15 4LN. If paying by cheque, please make out to 'C Dodson'.

Please tick if you are a current member of Forest Oak DTC here

<b>Name of Handler</b>	<b>Name of Dog</b>	<b>League Dates entered</b>	<b>Classes entered</b>	<b>Address and telephone</b>

**TOTAL PAYABLE: £**