

CAW 1 To be awarded the CAW 1, the dog must complete the following exercises.

Behavior towards two friendly strangers

The dog must remain calm in front of friendly people. On indication of the steward, the handler walks the dog with a loosened leash and without giving orders. As the friendly strangers walk by, the dog must remain calm; he should also remain calm when the handler approaches or is approached by the strangers to shake their hand and ask for information. The dog should not be touched. During this exercise everything should be as casual as possible.

Indifference to firearm noise

After the strangers have left a pistol is fired twice in rapid succession from no closer than approximately 20 feet. The dog is always held on a loosened leash of approximately 2 feet in length and may alert but must be under control and quickly return to normal.

Defense of the handler

A decoy, armed with a flexible stick is placed behind a blind or hiding place approximately 40 feet from the handler. With the dog on leash held to a length of approximately 1 foot proceeds ahead according to the instructions given by the steward. A marker is placed approximately 10 feet from where the decoy is hiding, and, as the dog and handler reach the marker they stop. At the same time, upon orders given by the steward, the decoy exits from the blind and threatens the handler and dog. The handler remains still by the marker but encourages the dog to face the threat by loosening the leash, therefore allowing the dog to approach the decoy. The dog must react immediately and energetically to defend its handler. There should never be contact between the decoy and the dog. This exercise can be done with a hidden sleeve or a bite suit top (NO visible SLEEVES) This exercise is stopped by the judge when the dog has demonstrated a readiness reaction with a real defensive/protective attitude. The dog that shows indifference, shyness or fear will not be given a passing grade.

CAW 2 To be awarded the CAW 2, the dog must complete the following exercises and has passed the CAW 1

Behavior towards two friendly strangers

The dog must remain calm in front of friendly people. On indication of the steward, the handler walks the dog with a loosened leash and without giving.

orders. As friendly strangers walk by the dog must remain calm; he should also remain calm when the handler approaches or is approached by strangers to shake their hand and ask information. During this exercise everything should be as casual as possible.

Basic obedience

The dog will heel on lead over a basic pattern. The dog will sit and down on command. The dog will down stay for a minimum of ten seconds and then return to normal on command.

Indifference to firearm noise

After the strangers have left a pistol is fired twice in rapid succession from no closer than approximately 20 feet with a 10 second pause and then fired twice again. The dog is always held on a loosened leash of approximately 2 feet in length and may alert but must be under control and quickly return to normal.

Defense of the handler

A decoy, armed with a flexible stick is placed behind a blind or hiding place approximately 40 feet from the handler. With the dog on leash held to a length of approximately 1 foot proceeds ahead according to the instructions given by the steward. A marker is placed approximately 10 feet from where the decoy is hiding, and, as the dog and handler reach the marker they stop. At the same time, upon orders given by the steward, the decoy exits from the blind and threatens the handler and dog. The handler remains still by the marker but encourages the dog to face the threat by loosening the leash, therefore allowing the dog to approach the decoy. The dog must immediately and decidedly react by biting the sleeve or bite suit of the decoy. During this action the dog does not have to be hit in any way, but only threatened. The dog does not have to maintain a constant hold for the entire duration of the exercise and is allowed to come off the bite once but must immediately re-engage and show fight drive. The test ends on indication of the judge and should not be needlessly prolonged. What is taken into consideration is the decision and reaction readiness of the dog when confronted with the threat. The dog that shows any fear or a total lack of courage or willingness to grip does not pass.

CAW 3 To be awarded the CAW 3, the dog must complete the following exercises and has passed the CAW 1 and CAW 2

Behavior towards two friendly strangers

The dog must remain calm in front of friendly people. On indication of the steward, the handler walks the dog with a loosened leash and without giving orders. As friendly strangers walk by the dog must remain calm; he should also remain calm when the handler approaches or is approached by strangers to shake their hand and ask information. During this exercise everything should be as casual as possible.

Basic obedience during gun fire

The dog will heel off lead over a basic pattern during gunshots. A pistol is fired twice in rapid succession from no closer than approximately 20 feet with a 10 second pause and then fired twice again. The dog may alert but must be under control and quickly return to normal. The dog will sit and down on command. The handler will walk 15 feet away. The dog will down stay for a minimum of ten seconds and then return to the handler on command.

Defense of the handler

A decoy, armed with a flexible stick is placed behind a blind or hiding place approximately 40 feet from the handler. With the dog off leash the dog and handler proceed ahead according to the instructions given by the steward. A marker is placed approximately 10 feet from where the decoy is hiding, and, as the dog and handler reach the marker they stop. At the same time, upon orders given by the steward, the decoy exits from the blind/hidden place and threatens the handler and dog. The handler remains still by the marker but may command the dog to face the threat allowing the dog to approach the decoy. The dog must immediately and decidedly react by gripping the sleeve or bite-suit of the decoy. During this action the dog must be indifferent to the use of the flexible stick. The dog must maintain a constant hold for the entire duration of the exercise and out on command at the conclusion of the test with a maximum of three out commands allowed. The test ends on indication of the steward and should not be needlessly prolonged. What is taken into consideration is the decision and reaction readiness of the dog when confronted with the threat, a firm grip and a decisive out. The dog that shows any fear, a lack of willingness to defend, does not maintain a hold or will not out on command will not pass.

Basic requirements for all CAW testing. The dog must always be under complete control of the handler or will be excused. Lead to be approximately six feet. No choke, prong or snap collars allowed.

