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These levels are designed to compliment the Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Scheme therefore cover the exercises within this scheme.

Nickel level takes 6-weeks. Zinc upwards take 6-12 weeks per level depending on the time spent on training at home.



Exercises	Nickel	Zinc	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Platinum Plus
Targeting	Nose touch to hand target on cue	Chin touch to target	Chin touch to target and care	Nose touch to new target	Dog can push on cue	Dog can pull on cue	Dog can place one paw on a mark
Attention	Respond to name	Eye contact to name	Watch owner on visual or verbal cue	Watching owner for 5-seconds, can use verbal or visual cue	Watching owner for 30-seconds	Watching owner during food distraction	Watching owner during high level external distractions
Come	Come from 5 paces	Come from 8-10 paces Middle to finish	Come from 10- metres with distractions. Finish to end	Come away from a group of handlers and dogs off lead.  Come from 10-paces into the heel position	Come from 10- paces into heel position then walk to heel for 10- paces	Come from 10m from a group of handler/dogs into heel then walk back to the group on lead	Sitting within a group of dogs, dog to come only when hearing its name and to otherwise wait.
Handling	Can be handled without undue worry by owner	Is comfortable being handled and brushed by the owner	As Zinc plus checked by the instructor and comfortable having the microchip checked	Can be checked everywhere by instructor/examiner plus microchip check	No test at gold level	As gold but must maintain a stand position throughout.	As gold whilst in a relaxed position
Positions Sit, down, stand	Can do 2 of 3 on verbal or visual cue	Can do 2 of 3 on verbal or visual cue on lead walking side	Can do 2 of 3 on lead walking side VERBAL cue only	All on VERBAL cue only, lead walking side or in front, maintain position for 10-seconds without further cue.	All positions on verbal cue 5-paces away from the owner	All positions on verbal cue 10- paces away from the owner	Dog can do any position whilst facing away from the owner
Distance work	NA	NA	NA	NA			

Release Cue	NA	NA	Dog understands	Releases on verbal	Releases on verbal	Releases on verbal	
			the release cue	cue only	cue only	cue only	As platinum but
Station	NA	Step onto a	Move to station	Move to station	Move to station		redirected
		station on cue.	from 5-15-steps	minimum of 15-	4.5m into a	Move to station	left/right then the
				steps.	position	4.5m into sit or	reverse, then back
					maintained until	down. Redirected	to the centre with
					instructed by	to a second	positions.
					examiner.	station left or right	Examiner will
					Sit or down for 30-	into another	instruct on which
					seconds before	position of	direction.
					rewarded	examiners choice	
Directions	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	on cue (verbal or	Can move left or
						visual	right on VERBAL
							cue only.
Front	NA	NA	NA	Move from sit at	Move from sit at	Move from sit at	Down at heel (L or
				heel side to stand in	heel side to stand	heel side (L or R	R examiners
				front on visual cue	in front on VERBAL	examiners choice)	choice) to stand in
					cue	to stand in front	front.
						on VERBAL cue in	
	0. 10		0. 00 1			1 smooth action	
Stay	Stay 10-seconds,	Stay 30-seconds,	Stay 60-seconds,	Stay 2-minutes, 10-	Stay 2-minutes in	Stay 5-minutes	Stay in any
	1-pace away from	5-paces away from	5-paces away from	paces away from	down owner in	owner out of sight	position for 30-
	owner	owner	owner	owner	and out of sight	for 2-minutes in	seconds when
			20 seesand daws	Charle 1 mainte	for approximately	position of	given conflicting
			30-second down	Stay 1-minute whilst owner circles	30-seconds.	examiners choice.	lead prompt
			stay		Stay 2-minutes	Ctay 2 minutes in	Stay whilst visitors
				dog	whilst owner	Stay 2-minutes in position of	arrive.
				Stay 30-seconds	moves 6-paces	examiners choice	arrive.
				whilst owner	away to chat to	whilst owner	
			15-second stand	causes a distraction	someone.	greets other	
			stay	causes a distraction	Joincone.	owner/dog team	
			Jeay	ONE STAY CUE	Stay 1-minute	OR there is a high	
			To maintain STAY	ONLY	whilst owner picks	level distraction	
			until released.	ONET	up and eats food	ic ver distraction	
			until released.		up and eats 1000		

				To maintain STAY until released.	or gives food to		
D. L I	NA	NA	Relax on cue		another person.	Owner out of sight	As gold
Relaxed	INA	INA	(verbal or visual).	Owner out of sight for 2-minutes whilst	Owner out of sight for 5-minutes	for 5-minutes	As gold
isolation			(verbar or visual).	dog is tethered.	whilst dog is	whilst dog is	
				Dog to remain	tethered. Dog to	tethered. Dog to	
				relaxed without any	remain relaxed	remain relaxed	
				disruptive	without any	without any	
				behaviour	disruptive	disruptive	
					behaviour	behaviour whilst	
						owner is creating	
						noise distraction	
Switch	NA	NA	NA	NA	Dog can SWITCH	Dog can SWITCH	As platinum
					from left to right	from left to right	·
					and right to left	and right to left	
					heelwork on visual	heelwork on	
					cue.	VERBAL cue.	
Lead Training	Move into heel	Move into heel	Move into heel	INDOORS: Move	INDOORS: Move	INDOORS: Move	As gold plus
J	work side on	work side on	work side on	into heel work side	into LEFT heel	into LEFT or RIGHT	outdoor heelwork
Tunically on	visual cue and	visual cue and	VERBAL cue and	on VERBAL cue and	work side OFF	(examiners choice)	when testing
Typically, on	walk 20-paces on	walk 30-paces on	walk for 1-minute	walk for 1-minute	LEAD on VERBAL	on verbal cue off	conditions allow.
the owners	a loose lead with	a loose lead with	on a loose lead	on a loose lead with	cue and walk for	lead. Walk for 3-	
left side	1-turn.	turns without	with turns.	turns and another	40-paces, 2-turns	minutes with	Dog can pivot
		distraction.		dog close by.	minimum with	another	away from or
	Can sit to have		Can walk for 30-	OUTSIDE !!	another dog	owner/dog team	toward the owner
	lead on and off		paces around	OUTSIDE: can walk	distraction.	with distraction of	on verbal cue.
			other handlers	along a pavement,	Maria into DICUT	people, dogs and	
			and dogs	stop and cross whilst on a loose	Move into RIGHT	props.	
			remaining quiet and relaxed whilst	lead.	heel position on visual cue and	Owner/dog to	
			owner has a 1-	icau.	walk a minimum	stop and hold a	
			minute	Move into RIGHT	of 15-paces.	conversation with	
			conversation.	heel position on	or 15 paces.	2-people for 1-	
			CONVENSACION.	visual cue	Dog can walk on a	minute whilst the	
			Can keep position	risual cae	loose lead around	dog remains under	
			to have		Too Tour around	control.	

			equipment removed and replaced.		a food-bowl distraction twice.  OUTDOORS: can walk along a pavement, stop and cross whilst on a loose lead with distractions. Continue loose lead walking on the opposite side until crossing back over.  Heelwork to include different paces.		
Food Manners	Can take a treat nicely	Can take a treat nicely	Understands take cue	Owner to eat food without the dog begging.	Dog in stand, drop 10 treats, wait 10- seconds, C & cue TAKE	See bowl	Multiple food items available, dog to only eat specific item when cued to.
Interactions	Under control and nice interaction with owner. Owner can easily take an article from the dog.	Under control and nice interaction with owner.	Dog to wait 5- seconds after toy is thrown before interacting with it.	Dog to wait 5- seconds after a toy has been jiggled and thrown before taking it.  Retrieve and drop on cue.	Dog can pick up 2- items by name and return it to the owner.  Dog will find and retrieve their own toy from a container of other items on cue.	Dog can pick up 3- items by name and return it to the owner.  Dog can hold a toy on cue for 5- seconds.	Dog will indicate a hidden item from a box of other items using the same indication behaviour 3-times in a row.  Dog can hold any item on cue.

Pivot	NA	NA	NA	NA	Dog can hold a toy for 1-second on cue NA	Dog can pivot in stand toward the owner on visual cue in L or R heel position.	Dog can pivot sit to stand away from or toward the owner on verbal cue.
Leave	NA	Can leave a treat being held.	Can leave a treat on the floor from 30cm and 10-seconds.  Can leave a dropped treat.	Can leave 2-5 tasty treats dropped from a height.	Dog off lead, called away from 2-distracting items (ie food in a container) dog to show immediate response.	Leave an open container full of tasty treats that you touch	Whilst handler is out of sight, dog will leave and remain relaxed whilst being tempted by examiner with a bowl of food for a maximum of 2-minutes.
Bowl	NA	NA	NA	Wait for 10-seconds in front of a food bowl only eating when cued to.	Cue sit, place bowl, wait 20- seconds, C & cue TAKE, allow to eat	Dog can walk off lead around a food bowl distraction at least twice with treats on the floor only eating treats in bowl when cued to.	As platinum
Greeting	NA	Behaves appropriately when around people	Does not jump up people tested during lead work	Self-control when person approaches with all 4-feet on the floor.	Self-control when greeting another dog coming away easily when asked	Self-control whilst off lead and approached by examiner in addition to approach by handler/dog team.	As platinum
<b>Door Manners</b>	NA	Understands to wait when a door is opened	Will wait whilst owner crosses the threshold and	Wait whilst a team proceeds through an opening, joining	Will not be tested at gold level	Whilst off lead will approach opening and wait whilst a	NA

			proceed when instructed	handler when requested.  Enter/exit vehicle on cued, the handler should be able to hold a conversation whilst the dog waits.		team proceeds through an opening, joining handler when requested.	
Stop	NA	NA	NA	Dog will stop at a minimum distance of 5 paces off lead in any position	Dog will stop at a minimum distance of 10 paces off lead in any position, dog must be moving around when given the cue	Dog will stop between 10-20 paces off lead in sit or down then wait until the handler returns to the dog	Dog will stop at any distance and then re-direct left or right as instructed by the examiner.
Trick	NA	Twist on visual or verbal cue	Around an object on verbal cue	Over an object on verbal or visual cue	Bow on verbal cue	Tidy up Link: twist, go around and over together in a sequence using a prop	Perform 4 tricks in a row, any order.  Tidy up 4 items into a box  Stack a minimum of 3-bowls into each other
Sequence	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Take an item to a cupboard, open the door, place inside, close the door