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# Puppy award



The Puppy award is suitable for all puppies under the age of seven months at completion. Your instructor will go through each of the exercises listed below. You may be assessed over a period of up to six weeks, either during your one-to-one sessions or during your usual classes. Your instructor will explain how they plan to do this for you.

There will be questions asked throughout the assessment on the material provided in the 'Guardian Information Pack'.

This is not a formal examination, but enables your instructor to see your level of understanding.

All assessments must follow the APDT Code of Practice, which may be found [here](#)

EXERCISE	GOAL
<b>Legal ID</b>	Your assessor will check that your puppy is wearing the correct identification as required by law.
<b>Response to name or touch</b>	You will be asked to say your puppy's name, who should show a clear response to you. Hearing impaired dogs will need to respond to a signal or gentle touch.
<b>Recall</b>	You will recall your puppy to you from a distance of approximately five metres – your puppy may be gently held by the instructor or an assistant before being recalled.
<b>Handling</b>	Your puppy should be comfortable with you gently touching them all over, including eyes, ears, nose, teeth, tail area, belly, paws etc. Treats will be permitted where appropriate throughout handling exercises.
<b>Positions - Sit, Down, Stand</b>	You should ask your puppy to move into one of these positions from another, e.g. stand to a sit, sit to a down. The cue may be verbal or visual. You should give the cue only once and allow the puppy 4-5 seconds to respond, and an appropriate reward given when complete.
<b>Settle</b>	The puppy should be able to settle next you for a minimum of ten seconds. A mat may be used to help the puppy settle.
<b>Lead Walking</b>	Your puppy should be comfortable having its lead attached and removed. You should demonstrate the ability to encourage the puppy to walk on a loose lead for at least 3-4 of your strides.
<b>Self-Control - door</b>	Your puppy should demonstrate self-control going through a crate door, or a gateway/door with you. You may use a verbal/visual cue to assist.
<b>Self-Control - food</b>	Your puppy should demonstrate self-control when taking low-value treats/toy from your open hand. You should put a bowl containing food down, and your puppy show self control before eating.
<b>Play</b>	You should demonstrate appropriate play with your puppy, with or without toys. Your puppy should play with good manners.
<b>Drop/Give</b>	You should demonstrate how to take an item from your puppy on cue without confrontation.
<b>Question</b>	You will be asked a question on puppy welfare, as taken from the information pack.