

## **Agenda for Board Meeting November 18, 2012**

### TEMPERAMENT EVALUATION COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE USMRA BOARD

The Temperament Evaluation Committee submits the following proposal to the USMRA Board of Directors for consideration.

As of \_\_\_\_\_, handlers will be asked to provide documentation to demonstrate that their dog has successfully demonstrated correct working temperament.

USMRA will accept any of the following:

Canine Good Citizen (CGC)

BH

Temperament Tests administered by individual breed clubs.

Test of Sociability conducted for French Ring.

#### USMRA EVALUATION OF WORKING APTITUDE:

Heel on Leash – 20 paces forward, then about turn. 5 paces forward then left turn. 5 paces forward then right turn. 5 paces forward then sit. 5 paces forward then double horn to end.

Absence – 30 seconds. Handler out of sight.

Recall – 25 meters Dog left on a sit, handler steps out 25 paces and turns. Recall when told by judge.

Handler and dog in a group – Handler and dog in the middle of a moving group of people. 10 seconds of milling people.

Check identification – Handler demonstrates to the judge the tattoo or judge uses microchip wand to identify the chip number.

Dog sociability – As next dog enters field, dog handler pass next to them, with dogs on the outside.

Sound sensitivity – With dog seated next to handler, a startling sound is made at a distance of 10 meters. (can be can with pebbles, etc) Dog's attitude toward the sound is evaluated. Dog must demonstrate proficiency in a minimum of 5 out of 7 exercises.

This is a pass/fail evaluation. No points are assigned.

This evaluation will be reviewed by the Judge's Committee one year after adoption.

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