Pet Partners® Program Team Evaluation
Part 1 - Skills Exercises (PPST)

◆ *Indicates exercises used in evaluating complex area placement*

Exercise 1
Review Handler
Questionnaire

Exercise 2 ◆
Accepting a Friendly Stranger
Animal may change position

Exercise 3
Accepting Petting
Animal may change position

Exercise 4 ◆
Appearance and Grooming
Animal may change position

Exercise 5 ◆
Out for a Walk
All dogs must walk on floor

Exercise 6 ◆
Walk Through a Crowd

Exercise 7
Reaction to Distractions
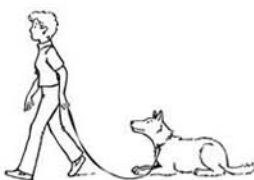*One visual and one auditory*

Exercise 8
(med./large dogs)
Sit on Command

Exercise 9
(med./large dogs)
Down on Command

Exercise 8 and 9
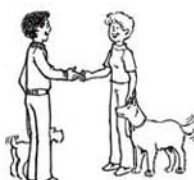(small dogs/cats)
Animal Passed to 3 Strangers

Exercise 10 ◆
(med./large dogs)
Stay in Place
10 ft line with a 2-3 second pause

Exercise 10 ◆
(small dogs/cats)
Placed on Lap or Table
Stay for 30 seconds

"Come"

Exercise 11
Come When Called
All dogs must do

Exercise 12
Reaction to Neutral Dog

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Part 2 - Aptitude Exercises (PPAT)

Volunteer Teams are permitted to have 2 "Not Ready(s)" (NR)
marks in PPAT exercises D through J
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Scenario 1

Exercise A ◆
Overall Examination

Exercise B ◆
Clumsy Petting

Exercise C ◆
Restraining Hug

Scenario 2

Exercise D
Staggering, Gesturing
Assistant staggers, then moves
normally to pet animal

Exercise E
Angry Yelling
Assistant yells, then calms
down and calls animal

Exercise F
Bumped from Behind

Scenario 3

Exercise G ◆
Crowded and Petted by
Several People

Exercise H
Leave It

Exercise I
Offer Treat

Proactive
Or
Reactive
Handler?

Exercise J ◆
Overall Assessment

The team should:
› Be reliable
› Be predictable
› Be controllable

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