

# **IDTT**

**\*\*No Prerequisite is required to compete for your IDTT Titles\*\***

**\*\*Beginning APRIL 2025 IDTT will be a requirement to enter DHT and GDT exercises\*\***

## **GENERAL RULES**

The IDTT is a pass/fail test.

No points are awarded.

Dogs must pass all phases in order to earn an IDTT Title.

Dogs must walk on a loose lead on the right or left side of the handler as long as it remains consistent throughout the routine.

A focused heel is not required to earn your IDTT title.

Anytime the team halts, the dog should sit on the handlers left/right side.

Leash is to be held in the hand the dog heels on and should be slack at all times.

Handlers may speak to their dog and give commands throughout the routine. The spirit of the routine is to show that the dogs are environmentally neutral and the handler has some amount of control of their dog.

## **EQUIPMENT**

All dogs shall be wearing a fur saver or choke chain with a leash, 4ft - 6ft in length.

Your leash will be attached to the dead ring when you step on the field, until you exit the field.

Flat collars are acceptable, however dogs must be wearing a fur saver or choke chain in addition to the flat collar for the back tie/neutral dog exercise. This is a safety precaution in the case of failure of equipment.

## **POINT DEDUCTIONS**

The IDTT is a pass/fail test.

The dog should show a loose leash walk throughout the routine.

The dog should be neutral to all distractions both people and field distractions.

### **Failures:**

The judge may call a halt to the test at any time for any of the following reasons:

- Dog shows any signs of uncertainty, fearfulness.

- Dog shows any aggressive, nervous, excessively shy or fearful behavior.

- Corrections of any kind will result in an immediate DQ and dismissal from the field.

- If the dog is excessively pulling, sniffing or showing lack of control handlers will be dismissed.

Handler: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog: \_\_\_\_\_

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**TOTAL: Pass / Fail**

**Exercise 1 - Greeting the Judge      PASS / FAIL**

Heel to Judge and designated area.

A greeting will take place as the Judge introduces himself to the handler

Shaking hands and a 5 - 10 second conversation.

The dog must remain in a calm and controlled state.

Handler can ask the dog to sit or down while the greeting is taking place.

**\*\*Dog cannot show fearful or aggressive behavior, should be neutral.**

**Phase 2 - Obedience on a Loose Lead      PASS / FAIL**

We are not looking for a perfect heel, just a loose lead walk.

When approaching the friendly stranger, the dog should remain neutral.

The handler can ask their dog to sit or down before/during the greeting.

The dog should not lunge or jump on the stranger even if it is "friendly" behavior.

The handler can talk to the dog throughout the heeling portion.

If the dog is dragging the handler around the field or if the handler has to give a leash correction, the handler/dog will be excused.

**\*\*Dog cannot show fearful or aggressive behavior, should be neutral.**

**\*\*Heeling should be on a loose lead and dog should be generally with the handler.**

**Phase 3 - Heeling Through Obstacles      PASS / FAIL**

Dogs must cross the tarp with confidence but can show curiosity.

**\*\*Dogs must not show any signs of fear, uncertainty or avoidance.**

Dogs must cross the second tarp with confidence but can show curiosity (8 ft toy pit)

**\*\*Dogs must not pick up any of the toys, show any signs of fear, uncertainty or avoidance.**

Handlers can talk to their dogs and give them guidance/commands throughout the exercise.

This is not an exercise in obedience, it is an exercise in neutrality to determine if the dog is environmentally sound.

**Phase 4 - Unsupervised Handler Control      PASS / FAIL**

Handler and dog will heel to designated area.

Handler will place dog in a controlled position (down) and clip their collar to the back tie.

Handler will leave the dog and walk to a designated area out of sight.

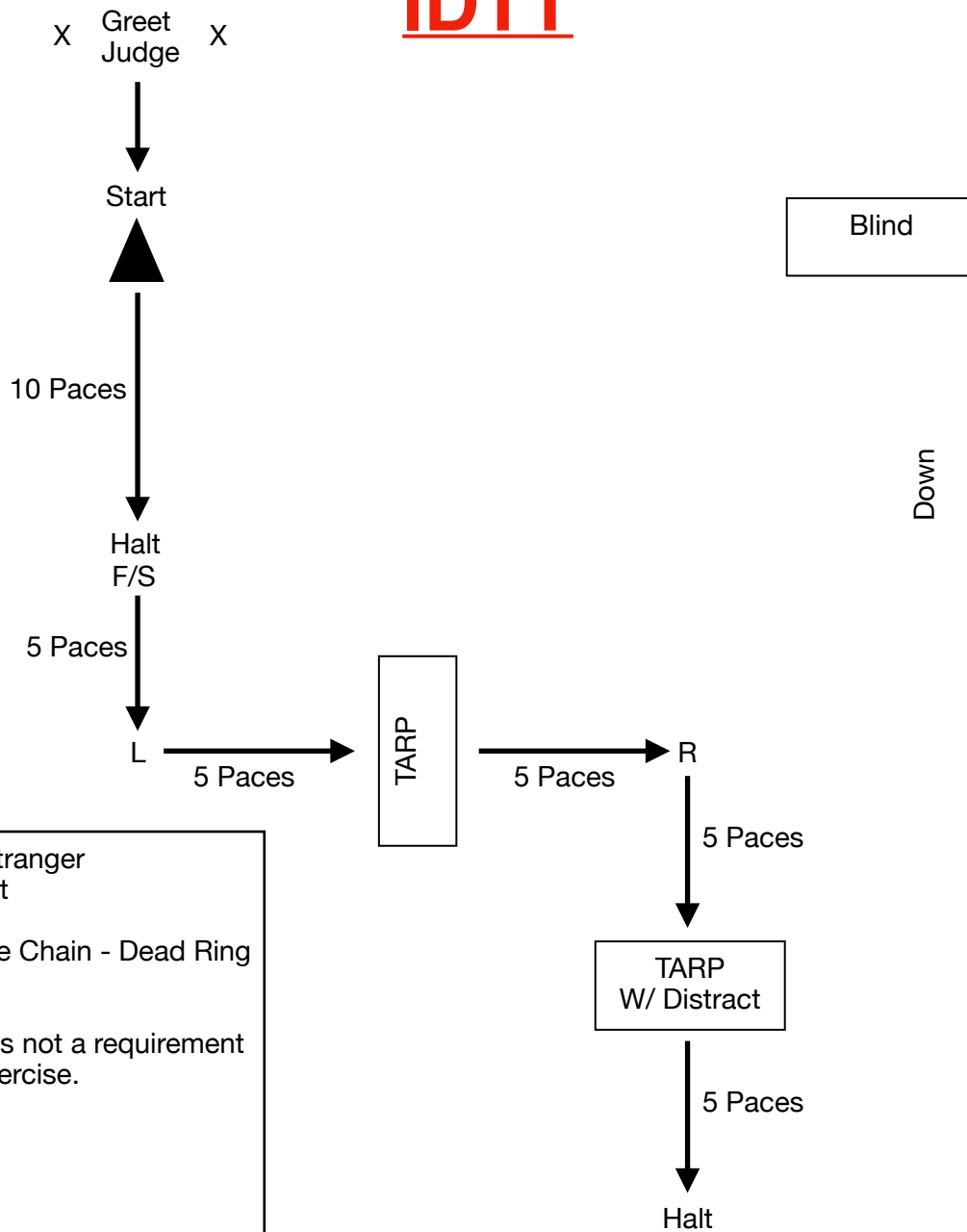
Once the handler is out of sight, a volunteer with a neutral dog will walk onto the field and cross the field exiting out of the opposite gate.

The dog on the back tie can sit up, stand or move positions. The dog should not show any aggression, growling, lunging or fleeing out of fear. If the dog displays any of these behaviors the handler will be asked to return to their dog and they will be excused.

Dogs can look interested but show no signs of reactivity.

After the neutral dog exits the field, the handler will return to their dog and unclip the back tie.

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F/S - Friendly Stranger  
Halt = Stop & Sit

Fur Saver/Choke Chain - Dead Ring  
4ft - 6ft Leash

A focused heel is not a requirement  
to title in this exercise.

Tarp 1:  
No distractions

Tarp 2:  
Any toy reward, tug or distraction  
such as pom poms can be used on  
the second tarp. Distractions will  
not be excessive in nature only to  
test the dog's ability to be neutral to  
the distractions.

Down/Neutral Dog:  
Handler will down their dog and  
attach their collar to a back tie. The  
handler will leave their dog and  
stand behind a blind. A volunteer  
with a neutral dog will walk onto the  
field, walking diagonally across the  
field, not getting closer than 30  
yards to the dog. After the neutral  
dog exits the field, handler will  
return to their dog.