**Intermediate Tricks**

**I.1 Named Retrieve – 3m**

Current Rule:

##### Set Up

The handler will provide five (5) articles9, all of a similar size. The handler will set those five (5) articles out on the floor/ground within an area of approximately one (1) metre square; the closest article will be at least three (3) metres away from the start point and there will be a space of 0.5 m between each of the articles. The spread of articles will be set out before the dog enters the ring.

The dog will be in a stance of the handler’s choice beside the handler. The Judge will advise which article is to be retrieved.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to find the article requested by the Judge.

##### Action

On cue the dog will go directly to the spread of articles and find the named article, pick it up, return close to the handler and, on further cue, release it to the hand of the handler.

9 The articles could include toys, cans, pots or other items of a similar size, but excluding dumbbells.

Proposed Amendment - remove & put in the Advanced level

Rationale – too difficult for Intermediate level – replace with N.6 which will become I.1.

## N.6 Nose to Hand Touch - 4 touches / 2 seconds each

##### Set up

The dog will be in the stand position. The handler will be in front of and at least 0.5 m away from the dog.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to touch each hand in turn. The handler will extend his arm and present his left and right hands in turn, away from his body and at different levels and locations, for a total of four (4) touches.

##### Action

On cue the dog will touch the handler’s hand with his nose, when that hand is presented and will perform four (4) touches, which should include two (2) touches to each hand and at different levels and locations, and maintain contact for two (2) seconds on each hand. The actual nose to hand touches must be clearly visible to the Judge.

Rationale – N.6 more suited for this level & is a replacement trick for I.1

\*\* Will affect the score sheet

Current Trick name**:**

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| I.3 | Double Go Round – 3 m / 2½ circles |

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Proposed amendment**:**

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| I.3 | Double Around Cone/pole – 3 m / 2½ circles |

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Rationale: Change of wording better describes the trick. Some people get confused with this trick and

Circle Handler

Will affect the score sheet

## I.5 Cross Your Paws - 3 seconds / 1 metre

## Current Rule:

##### Set Up

The dog will be in an upright down in a location of the handler’s choice. The handler may stand or may bend and will remain at least one (1) metre from the dog throughout.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to cross his paws.

##### Action

On cue, the dog will put one paw over the other then cross the second paw over the first paw. The paws may be crossed in any order but will remain crossed for three (3) seconds for each paw. The Judge will indicate when that time has elapsed.

Proposed Amendment:

## I.5 Cross Your Paws - 3 seconds / 1 metre

##### Set Up

The dog will be in a drop position in a location of the handler’s choice. The handler may stand or bend and will remain at least one (1) metre from the dog throughout.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to cross his paws.

##### Action

On cue, the dog will put one paw over the other then cross the second paw over the first paw. The paws may be crossed in any order but will remain crossed for three (3) seconds for each paw. The Judge will indicate when that time has elapsed.

Rationale – not all dogs can do an upright down. The use of the word ‘drop’ more clearly identifies the position required.

## I.6 Back Up - 3 body lengths

## Current Rule:

##### Set up

The dog will be in a stand, in front of and facing the handler; the handler will stand at least two (2) metres from the dog.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to back up.

##### Action

On cue the dog will move backwards at least three (3) body lengths. The handler will remain stationary as the dog steps backwards.

## Proposed Amendment:

## I.6 Back Up - 3 body lengths

##### Set up

The dog will be in a stand, in front of and facing the handler; the handler will stand at least two (2) metres from the dog.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to back up.

##### Action

On cue the dog will move backwards at least three (3) body lengths. The handler will remain stationary as the dog steps backwards. The verbal and/or physical cue may be repeated until the dog has completed the distance required in the trick.

Rationale: Dogs given a cue to back up are generally taught to continue until the cues are removed. This will prevent the dog from stopping before the required distance has been completed.

## I.11 Get It and Move - 8 metres

## Current Rule:

##### Set up

The handler will provide an article for the dog to retrieve and carry and will place that article on the ground at least one (1) metre from the start point. The dog will be beside the handler in a stance of the handler’s choice.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to retrieve the article and to carry the article while walking.

##### Action

On cue the dog will move forward, pick up the article and carry it, without mouthing. After the dog picks up the article –

1. the dog may return to the handler and then walk at least eight (8) metres beside the handler; the handler may walk in any direction; or
2. the handler may back away as the dog moves forward towards him.

At the conclusion of the eight (8) metres distance, the dog will release the article to the hand of the handler.

Proposed Amendment:

## I.11 Get It and Move - 8 metres

##### Set up

The handler will provide an article for the dog to retrieve and carry and will place that article on the ground at least one (1) metre from the start point. The dog will be beside the handler in a stance of the handler’s choice.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to retrieve the article and to carry the article while walking.

##### Action

On cue the dog will move forward, pick up the article and carry it, without continual mouthing. After the dog picks up the article –

1. the dog may return to the handler and then walk at least eight (8) metres beside the handler; the handler may walk in any direction; or
2. the handler may back away as the dog moves forward towards him.

At the conclusion of the eight (8) metres distance, the dog will release the article to the hand of the handler.

Rationale - Allows for slight mouthing when the dog first takes the article and any necessary slight adjustment during the trick.

## I.12 Crawl – 3 body lengths

## Current Rule:

##### Set up

The dog will start in the upright down position. The handler may stand in any position relative to the dog but must be at least one (1) metre away from the dog and maintain that distance throughout the trick.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to crawl; the handler may bend to give the cue.

##### Action

On cue the dog will crawl forwards a distance of at least three (3) body lengths.

Proposed Amendment:

## I.12 Crawl – 3 body lengths

##### Set up

The dog will start in a drop position. The handler may stand in any position relative to the dog but must be at least one (1) metre away from the dog and maintain that distance throughout the trick.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to crawl; the handler may bend to give the cue.

##### Action

On cue the dog will crawl forwards a distance of at least three (3) body lengths.

Rationale: Not all dogs can do an upright down. The use of the word ‘drop’ more clearly identifies the position required.

## I.13 Say Your Prayers - 3 seconds

## Current Rule:

##### Set Up

The handler may provide an object which includes a horizontal bar.

The dog will be in a sit or stand in a location of the handler’s choice. The handler may stand or kneel and may bend.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to take up the position on his extended arm or on the horizontal bar of the object.

##### Action

On cue the dog will place his paws up (on the handler’s arm or the horizontal bar) and bow his head so that it is positioned under the handler’s arm or horizontal arm of the object and remain in that pose for three (3) seconds. The Judge will indicate when that time has elapsed.

Proposed Amendment:

## I.13 Say Your Prayers - 3 seconds

##### Set Up

The handler may provide an object which includes a horizontal bar.

The dog will be in a sit or stand in a location of the handler’s choice. The handler may stand or kneel and may bend.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to take up the position on his extended arm or on the horizontal bar of the object.

##### Action

On cue the dog will place his paws up (on the handler’s arm or the horizontal bar) and bow his head so that it is positioned as near as possible under the handler’s arm or horizontal bar of the object and remain in that pose for three (3) seconds. The Judge will indicate when that time has elapsed.

Rationale: Not all dogs can place their head fully under the arm/bar.

## I.19Roll Over – Twice

## Current Rule:

##### Set up

The dog will be in an upright down beside the handler or at least two (2) metres in front of the handler.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to roll over. The handler may bend to give the cue.

##### Action

On cue, the dog will roll over in either direction; on further cue the dog will roll over a second time. There may be a brief pause after the first roll and before commencement of the second; alternatively, there may be flowing movement from the first into the second roll. On conclusion of the second roll the dog may remain in a down, lie on his side or stand.

Proposed Amendment:

## I.1*9* Roll Over - Twice

##### Set up

The dog will be in a drop position beside the handler or at least two (2) metres in front of the handler.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to roll over. The handler may bend to give the cue.

##### Action

On cue, the dog will roll over in either direction; on further cue the dog will roll over a second time. There may be a brief pause after the first roll and before commencement of the second; alternatively, there may be flowing movement from the first into the second roll. On conclusion of the second roll the dog may remain in a drop position, lie on his side or stand.

Rationale: Not all dogs can do an upright down. The use of the word ‘drop’ more clearly identifies the position required. Last sentence word change is for consistency.