

# **BH BEGINNERS**

## ***General rules***

Each pedigree mudi can attend the competition in case of being at least 14 months old and being uniquely marked. Marking can be tattoo or chip but in both cases has to be readable.

Behaviour of the dog will be checked during competition continuously and will be judged at the end. Extremely scared or not controllable or aggressive dogs can not execute the competition and will be disqualified.

The competitor has to behave in a sportsman like manner during competition and has to execute the orders from the judge. Judgement of the exercises and the competition is the task of the judge and decisions by the judge can not be challenged. Exercises can be started after the signal of the judge. Competitors can execute the exercises individually or lead by the judge. Each exercise starts with the basic position and ends in the same position. In basic position the dog sits next to the handler closely. During competition handlers can use motivational tools which means food. Dogs can be lead on the left or right side but during the competition the dog should be lead always on the same side. Before the competition handler shall tell the judge if any of the exercises can not be executed in the regular way because of any physical handicaps.

To execute the tasks the handler can give one voice signal but it can be supplemented by a body signal as well. If the dog doesn't accomplish the task for the first command the command can be repeated another two times. If the dog still doesn't accomplish after 3 commands the exercise will be interrupted and the task will be unsuccessful. For judgement if the dog comes back for the third command the given points will be zero but the competition can be continued.

During the exercises the dog can be praised but only in limited ways. The handler has to keep the leash with him/herself during the whole time of competition.

Only choke chains or fur saver collars are permitted. The collar must not fit tightly around the neck. The lead must be attached to the "dead" ring so that the collar doesn't tighten. Flat leather collars (due to their similarity to electric collars), spike, pinch, prong, electric or flea/tick collars are not permitted. The dog must wear a collar and the handler must carry a lead at all times.

## ***Responsibility***

The owner of dog is responsible of any damage caused by the dog. The handler excepts the rules and commands of the judge executes them on his own responsibility.

## **Exercises:**

### **1) Reporting in**

The handler with the dog lead on the leash goes to the judge sits her/his dog shakes hands with the judge and introduces her/himself and the dog. During reporting in the dog must sit calmly. After that the judge identifies the dog by the tattoo number or the chip. Each identified dog can attend the competition.

**0-10 points**

### **2) Outlook checking**

At the same time with identification the judge checks the teeth and testicals of the dog. For the order of the judge handler should lead the dog around and make the dog stand for a short time. Not the outlook but the behaviour of the dog will judged by the judge the dog must be cheerful and leadable. **0-10 points**

### **3) Heel on leash**

Handler stands at the starting point with the dog in basic position. Starting the exercise walks with normal speed straight ahead 25-30 steps without stopping. Turns back and goes 10-15 steps then turns right. Goes again 10-15 steps and turns left. After going again 10-15 steps turns back , goeas a few steps and stops in basic position.. **0-10 points**

### **4) Group**

A group of at least four persons talking to each other and walking towards the handler and her/his dog. The handler with her/his dog on leash start to wlk towards the group. When they meet each other they stop and one member of the group asks something from the handler. During their conversation the dog must sit or lie calmly next to the handler. After that the pair goes through the group, goes back to the starting point and after turning back stops in basic position. **0-10 points**

### **5) Heel free**

The handler takes off the leash and keeps it in her/his pocket or arounf the shoulders. At the signal of the judge handler and the dog go straight ahead 25-30 steps in normal speed of heeling free and after that at the judge's signal they stop the handler sits the dog down and puts the leash on the dog. **0-10 points**

### **Judgement of exercises 1-5**

The mentioned route is just a suggestion can be modified. The dog has to follow the handler with visible willingness to accomplish the tasks. While heeling the dog's shoulder has to stay in line with the handler's knee, the dog can not be ahead, behind or farer to the handler's knee. The handler keeps the leash on her/his left side and the leash must hang loose during the exercise. In case the leash goes tight the judge will remind the handler. The „heel” command can be repeated a couple of times. In case the dog while heeling free would leave the handler the handler is allowed to call the dog back **once**. When the dog left the handler should stop and call the dog. The command „come in” can be connected with the dog's name. If the dog doesn't come back to the handler for the third call or during heeling free leaves the handler for the second time the competition should be interrupted and finished. If the dog is not controllable, the leash is always tight, the dog continuously pulls the leash, can stay next to the

handler only with permanenet talking, scared during outlook check or in the group or attacks, the competition has to be interrupted and is finished unsuccesful.

### **6) Making the dog sit and lie down.**

As continuing the fifth exercise the handler turns back and starts to go towards the starting point. After 10-15 steps at the signal of the judge stops and sits the dog down. After waiting a bit at teh signal of the judge the handler starts to walk again and after another signal stops and makes commands the dog to lie down. After waiting a bit at the signal of the judge commands the dog to sit up and goes to the starting point. **0-10 points**

### **Judgement of exercise 6.**

When commanding the dog to sit or lie down body signs can used as well but if the dog can only be physically forced (pushed down) to accomplish these task the competition has to be interrupted aand considered unsuccesful.

### **7) Sending away with recall**

The handler starts to walk and during wlaking takes off the leash and sends the dog away. When the dog is away about 20-30 meters from the handler at the signal of the judge the handler stops and waits until the judge gives a signal to recall the dog. To call the dog in the name of the dog can be used also. Whithin 20 seconds from the first call the dog has to return to the handler. Handler can not leave the basic position. The exercise is finished when the handler grabs the collar of the dog. . **0-10 points**

### **Judgement of exercise 7.**

The dog can be sent away also from basic position. When calling the dog back the handler can not leave her/his position. The judge allows the dog's recalling possible when the dog doesn't pay attention to the handler. If the dog doesn't go back to the handler whithin 20 seconds or the handler doesn't keep her/his position even after the judge's warning the exercise is considered to be uncuccesful.

### **8) Long staying tied up**

After the seventh exercise the handler ties the dog up to a place decided by the judge and leaves the dog alone in a way that remains invisible for the dog. The dog can stand, sit or lie down. While the handler is away another person with another dog lead on leash walks along appr. 5 steps away from the dog tied up. The dog being alone should stay calm and cannot attack the other dog (can not pull the leash, can not bark permanently) Handler can go back to the dog only at signal of the judge. **0-10 points**

### **Judgement of exercise 8.**

Dogs showing any sign of fear or being aggressive while being tied up are considered to be unsuccesful.

### **9) Long staying free**

Handler goes with the dog to a place showed by the judge, stops and takes off the leash from the dog. At the signal of the judge commands the dog to stay there, leaves the dog and stops at about 10 steps away facing the dog. The dog has to stay in this position until another dog in the meanwhile goes through the first 4 exercises. The dog can stand, sit or lie down but can not leave the position. During staying there the handler is allowed to command the dog again

only once. When the other competitor leaves the group at the signal of the judge the handler can go back to the dog. **0-10 points**

### **Judgement of exercise 9.**

If the dogs leaves the position longer than 2 meters the exercise is considered to be unsuccessful.

### **Performing one trick which can be freely chosen by the handler.**

Dog and handler must perform one trick which can take maximum time of one minute. Judging of the performance will be according to the difficulty and creativity of the exercise.

**0-10 points**

### **Appraisal of competition**

The judge gives points for each exercise according to the performance and behaviour of the dog. Each exercise can be scored by maximum of 10 points so the total achievable number of points is 100.

<b>Results</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Excellent	At least 96%
Very good	95-90%
Good	79-90%
Appropriate	79-70%-
Incomplete	Under 70%

Dogs performing an incomplete performance will not be prizcd. Exercise can be incomplete in any cases mentioned above or in case a dog is too shy or too aggressive.