Secondary Cues and Definitions

Touch - Dog touches item present with its nose

Rest – Dog rests head on handler’s hand or thigh. Can be used as an interaction or as a delivery method for a retrieved item. Hold until released.

Under - Dog moves under a chair or handler’s legs. Can also be used to cue the dog under a raised surface (bench, table, etc.), at which point the dog should turn to face the handler and lay down until released.

Impulse Control – Dog can sit calmly while being pet. The dog does NOT go up to the person. If the dog is unable to maintain a controlled greeting in a sit position, the handler can ask the dog for a “Down”. Please make note if this exception is needed.

Side - Dog moves to handler’s right side by crossing in front of handler’s body.

Hup / Off - Dog jumps onto a raised surface or into a vehicle. All four feet on a surface. “Off” - Dog gets off a surface or person. All four feet on the floor.

Fix - Dog untangles front leg from leash

Paws - Dog places two front feet on a vertical surface such as a wall. Hold until released.

Back – While facing their handler, the dog walks backwards in a straight line (5-10 steps).