10 Month Primary Cue Assessment

Set Up/Items Needed:
- Two cones or items to use as markers, vest, mat, kennel, squeaky toy, ball, clipboard, food
- Cones should be placed 15 ft from each other
- Verbal and visual cues should be mixed up in the test (i.e. verbal sit, visual down, visual recall, visual sit, verbal down, verbal recall). Handler or Assessor can discuss when to vary verbal and visual cues.
- Clicker and kibble treats can be used (15 kibble limit)

Course Map:
1. Body Handling
   Handler asks the puppy to get into a comfortable position and examines its eyes, ears, teeth and all four paws. Puppy should remain relaxed and easy to handle throughout the examination
2. Starting at Cone 1, the handler holds up the vest and cues the puppy with “Get Dressed”.
3. Sit duration w/ handler movement; verbal or visual
   Handler cues “Sit”, handler moves to the end of leash in front; step over and back; around 360 both directions
4. Down duration w/ handler creating distance; verbal or visual cue
   Handler cues “Down”, puppy remains while handler walks to Cone 2
5. Recall from a down; verbal cue or visual cue
   Handler cues “Come” and puppy recalls to front sit
6. Move into “Heel” ; verbal or visual cue
   Handler cues “Heel”, puppy moves into the left side position.
7. Loose leash walking from Cone 2 (distractions @ 2ft)
   a. Lap 1- no distractions
   b. Lap 2- toy squeak/ toy toss
   c. Lap 3- ball bounce/ ball roll
   d. Lap 4- startle sound/ clipboard drop
   e. Lap 5- offered food/ dropped food
8. After five laps, handler removes puppy’s vest and moves to the side of the course
9. Handler verbally and visually cues “place” on the mat to the side of the course
   a. Puppy maintains “Place” for 1 min with handler in sight
   b. Puppy maintains “Place” for 30 sec with handler out of sight / out of the room
10. Handler verbally and visually cues “Kennel”, door should be closed and latched once puppy is inside
    a. Puppy should remain quiet and calm for 30 sec with handler in sight
    b. Handler leaves room, puppy should remain quiet and calm for 1 min
11. Handler returns, opens the kennel door and cues the end of the assessment with “All Done”.

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## Primary Cues Scoring Sheet

Puppy: ___________________  Handler: ___________________  Date: ___________________
Evaluator: ___________________  Location: ___________________  Puppy Age: ___________

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<td>Overall: Level of handler support (repeating cues, excessive eye contact), luring – with or without food</td>
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<td>Manageability, duration, body sensitivity, overall behavior (mouthiness, resistance)</td>
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### Notes:

**Scoring**

Total Score: _____/27  Kibbles used: _____/15

0- Puppy is unable to complete cue
1- Puppy is able to complete cue, but requires multiple prompts (3+) and/or lures
2- Puppy is able to complete cue as defined with additional cues (2) or handler support
3- Puppy is able to complete cue as defined without additional handler support (verbal praise and/or kibble treats are allowed)