6 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 10 ft from each other
- Clicker and kibble treats can be used (no 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 cue**
   - Handler verbally cues “Sit”, handler moves three steps right; three steps back; move in front; move to left side; step over and return to heel
4. **Down duration w/ handler creating distance; verbal cue**
   - Handler verbally cues “Down”, puppy remains while handler walks to Cone 2
5. **Recall from a down; verbal cue:**
   - Handler verbally cues “Come” and puppy recalls to front sit
6. **Move into “Heel”; verbal cue:**
   - Handler verbally cues “Heel”, puppy moves into the left side position
7. **Down duration with handler movement; visual cue:**
   - Handler visually cues “Down”, handler moves three steps right; three steps back; move in front; move to the left side; step over and return to heel
8. **Sit duration with handler creating distance; visual cue:**
   - Handler visually cues “Sit”, puppy remains while handler walks to Cone 1
9. **Recall from “Sit”; visual cue:**
   - Handler visually cues “Come” and puppy recalls to front sit
10. **Move into “Heel”; visual cue:**
    - Handler visually cues “Heel”, puppy moves into the left side position
11. **Loose leash walking from Cone 2 (distractions @ 5ft)**
    - 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
12. **After five laps, handler removes puppy’s vest and moves to the side of the course**
13. **Handler verbally and visually cues “place” on the mat to the side of the course**
    - a. Puppy maintains “Place” for 1 min with handler >5 ft away
    - b. Puppy maintains “Place” for 30 sec with handler out of sight / out of the room
14. **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
15. **Handler returns, opens the kennel door and cues the end of the assessment with “All Done”**
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Notes:

Scoring

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)

Total Score: _____/27

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