Items **bolded** below are requirements that must be demonstrated to the Evaluator. Non-bolded items are training steps that may be introduced in class and are helpful for achieving the requirements. All behaviors must have been taught or re-taught to the dog (preferably using a new cue), using only positive reward-based methods.

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|  | Handler demonstrates an understanding of the concept of operant conditioning |
|  | Handler knows the proper size dumbbell for the dog as used for obedience competition and knows what materials are acceptable for the dumbbell |
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|  | Handler has taught the dog to walk with the dumbbell in his mouth and to release the dumbbell into the handler’s hand on cue |
|  | **Dog will take the dumbbell from the handler’s hand on cue, hold the dumbbell in his mouth and release the dumbbell to the hand on cue** |
|  | **Dog will wait at the handler’s side when cued while the handler throws the dumbbell at least 6’ away. Dog must go to the dumbbell on cue and pick it up correctly. Dog must return directly to the handler, sit and hold the dumbbell and then release the dumbbell into the handler’s hand on cue** |
|  | **Dog will wait at the handler’s side while someone else places the dumbbell at least 6’ away from the dog. Dog must go to the dumbbell on cue and pick it up correctly. Dog must return directly to the handler, sit and hold the dumbbell and then release the dumbbell into the handler’s hand on cue** |

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