

American Rottweiler Club

Breed Standard Evaluation (BSE)

ARC BSE Guidelines for Handlers

If your Club is planning on holding an ARC Breed Standard Evaluation (BSE) , please contact the ARC Breed Standard Evaluation (BSE) Committee Chair or Assistant Chair for ARC board approval:

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The purpose of the ARC BSE is to help determine if your Rottweiler has the correct Temperament for which the breed was intended, meets the AKC Breed Standard, and possesses the required Mandatory Health Practices of the American Rottweiler Club .

Guidelines for Handlers

- Arrive early. Watch other teams so you will know what to expect.
- When your turn comes, move in a brisk confident manner.
- Do not hurry the dog through the test; it is not a time test to see who gets through the fastest. Dogs must be kept on a loose lead throughout the test.
- Handlers can talk to the dogs during the testing process but keep it to a minimum.
- Follow the Evaluator/Judge instructions for each part of the test.
- Handlers must practice with dogs ahead of time before the official BSE examination. Rottweilers generally are not used to measurement devices. Practice the use of Tape Measures, Wickets, and Head Tool. A one-foot ruler can substitute as a practice device for the Kopfmass and Yard Stick can substitute as a Wicket for practice. Properly prepare the dogs for measurement examination.
- Teeth examination - Specifically practice the process of showing, examining and counting of teeth. It is the Handlers responsibility to present 42 Teeth of the Rottweiler correctly to the Evaluator/Judge. If the Evaluator/Judge cannot see and count all the teeth correctly, the testing process will be ended.
- If a dog reacts to any portion of the test, it's more important how the dog recovers. It's the handler's responsibility to continue with the testing process, remain calm, and instill self-assurance.
- AT NO CONTACT IS TO BE MADE BETWEEN DOG AND EVALUATOR/JUDGE. FOR ALL PARTS OF THIS EXERCISE, THE HANDLER MUST NOT ALLOW THE DOG TO ADVANCE BEYOND LEASH LENGTH OF THE HANDLER'S STOPPING POINT. Pressure on the dog's collar should not be in the form of a sudden jerk. The Handler must always remain in full control. The Evaluator/Judge can end the test at any time and has final say.

Temperament Evaluation Exercise

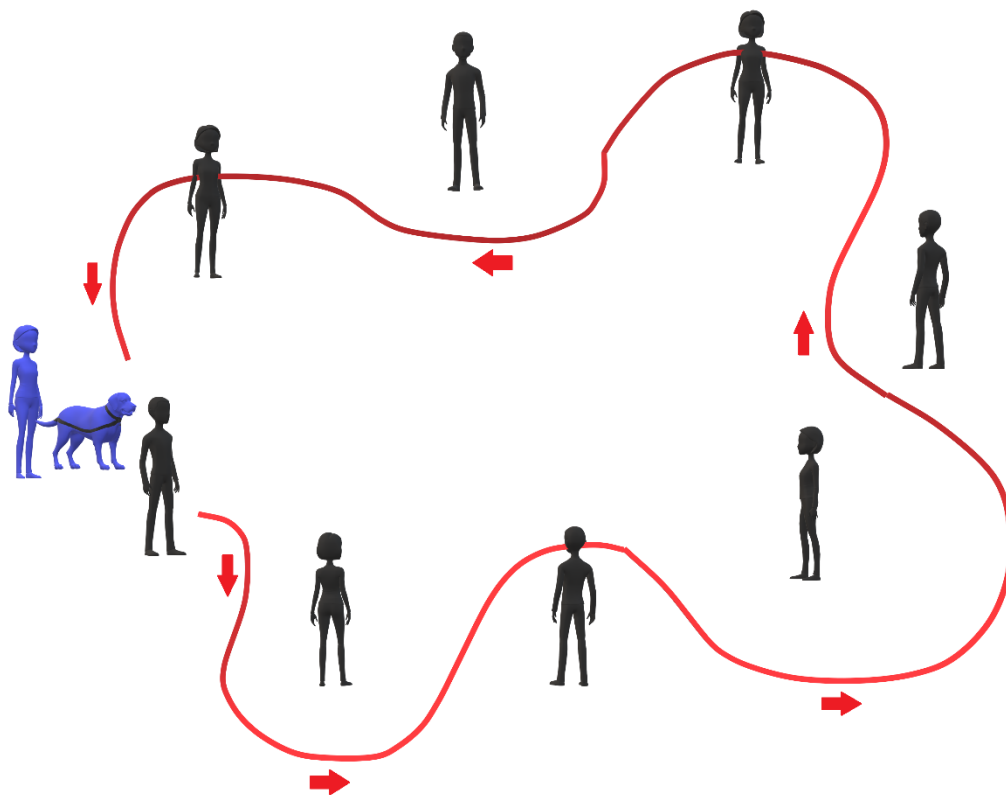
- Exercise 1 – Introduction:

- Handler and dog will enter the field, introduce themselves and their dog, and announce they are present for the BSE.
- Dog should be healed, obedient, mindful and under handler control.
- The judge will then direct the handler in the next step of the exam. Dogs should be healed and in control. Temperament of the dog is being assessed through this introductory phase. Objective to measure the dog's reaction to Evaluator/Judge in a non-threatening situation.



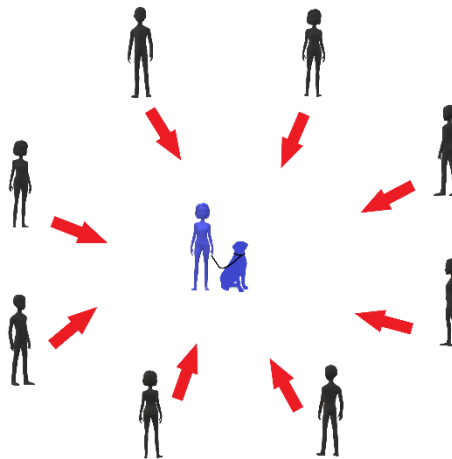
• **Exercise 2 – The Group (Part A):**

- Group will be spaced out and staggered. Volunteers to leave plenty of room between each other.
- The handler with dog on a loose leash will walk through and around the group of eight or more people.
- Take your time through this exercise. Its not a race and gives the Evaluator/Judge time to watch and evaluate the dog.

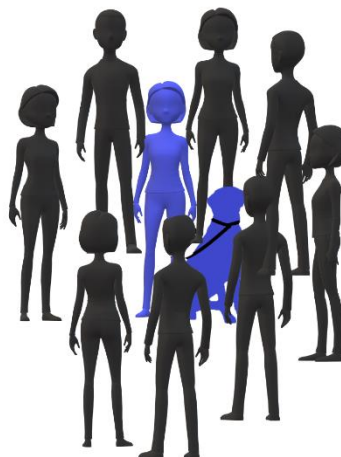


• **Exercise 2 – The Group (Part B):**

- The handler and dog will return to the center of the group where the dog comes to a sit.
- The group, when instructed by the judge, converges on the dog and handler and remains there until told by the judge to disperse.

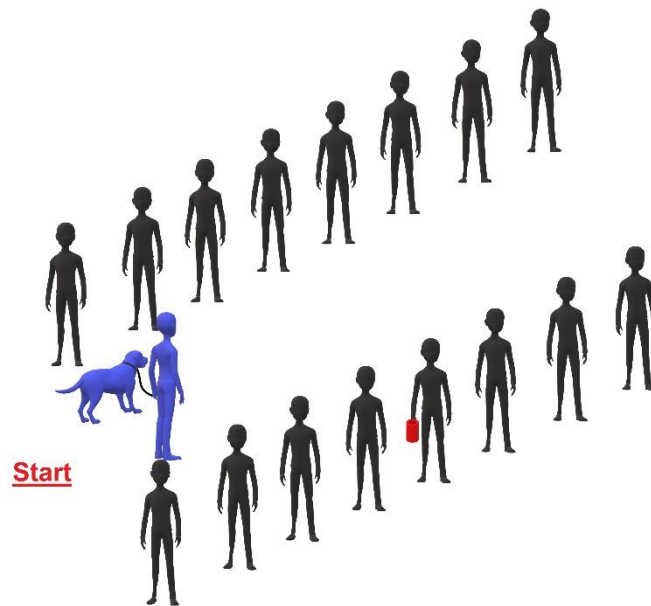


- Dog's temperament is being measured to the reaction to strangers and obedience to remain at the handler's side. The dog should remain seated and show not try to leave the group.
- The Evaluator/Judge may repeat this process.

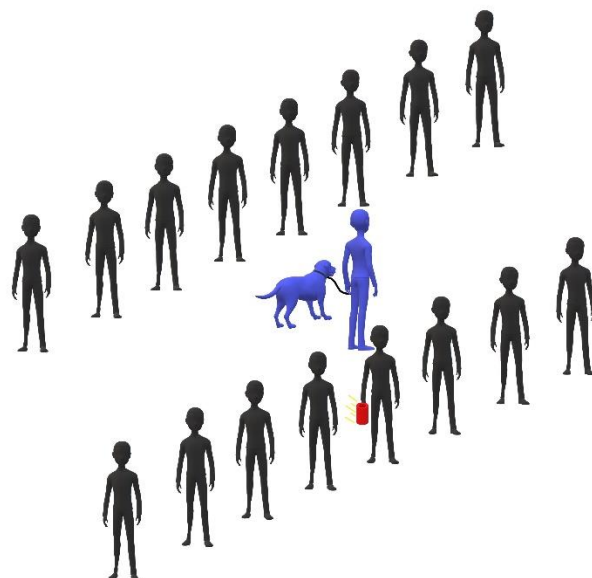


Exercise 3 – Can of rocks rattle:

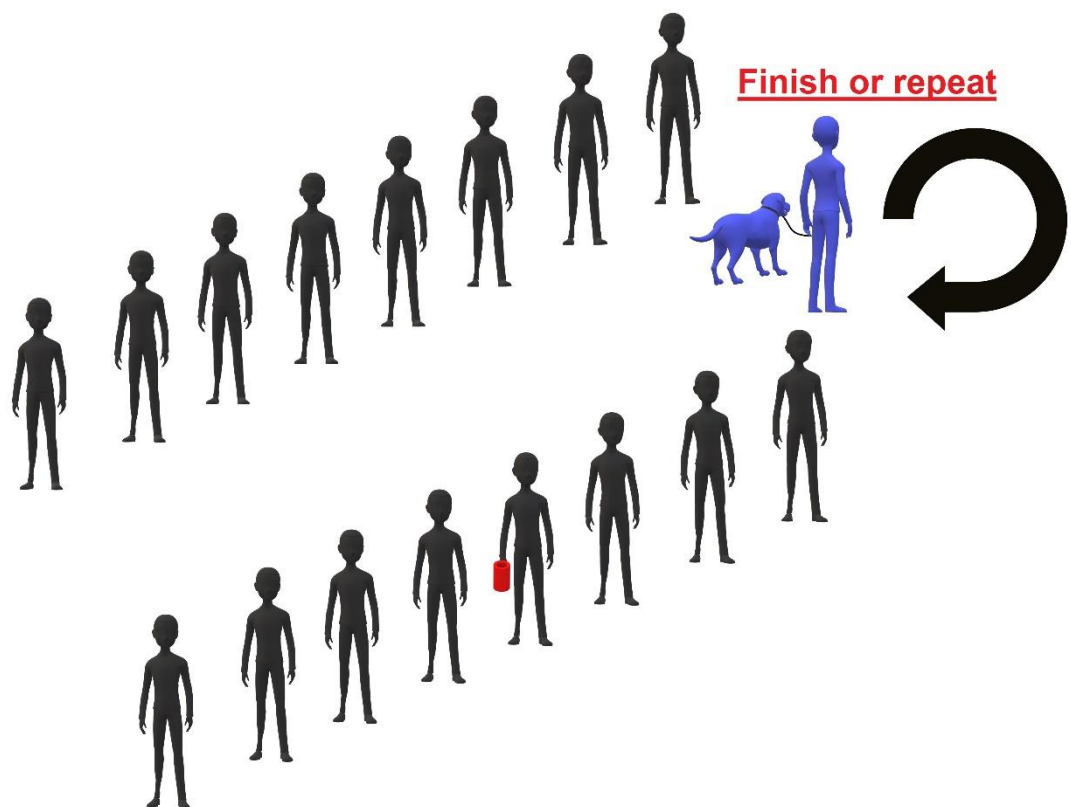
- Volunteers will form 2 lines.
- Evaluator/Judge will notify the handler when to walk down through the center.



- As the dog and handler pass the Evaluator/Judge, the Evaluator/Judge will shake a can of rocks, (or similar items), to assess noise sensitivity and reaction and recovery from a sudden noise.

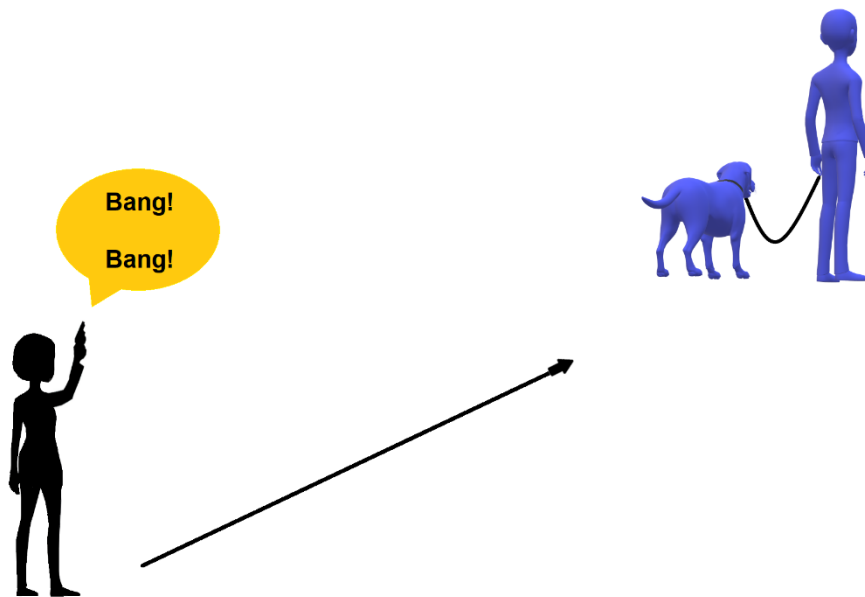


- Do not hurry the dog through the test; it is not a time test to see who gets through the fastest.
- Dogs must be kept on a loose lead throughout the test.
- The Evaluator/Judge may repeat this process with the dog moving in the opposite direction, turning around, and returning to the start location.



Exercise 4 – The starter pistol:

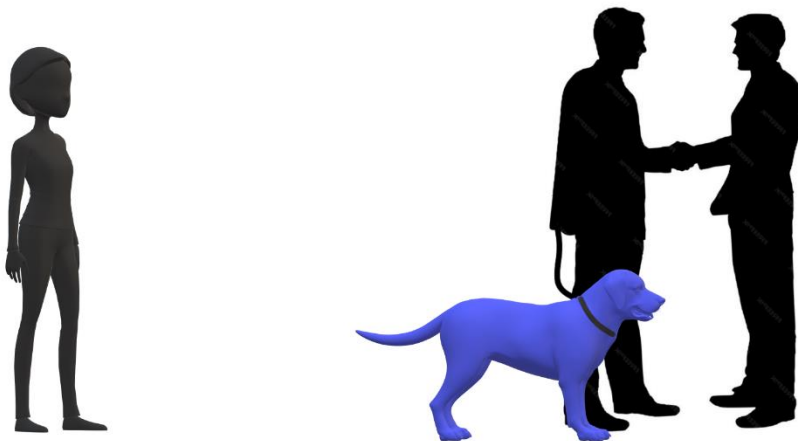
- The handler and dog will walk away from the judge.
- At a distance of twenty paces, a .22 short blank starter pistol, or its equivalent, will be fired twice within a short interval.
- The dog shall not show fear or aggression towards the gun shots.
- The dog should remain by the side of the handler and its ability to continue to the end of the course.



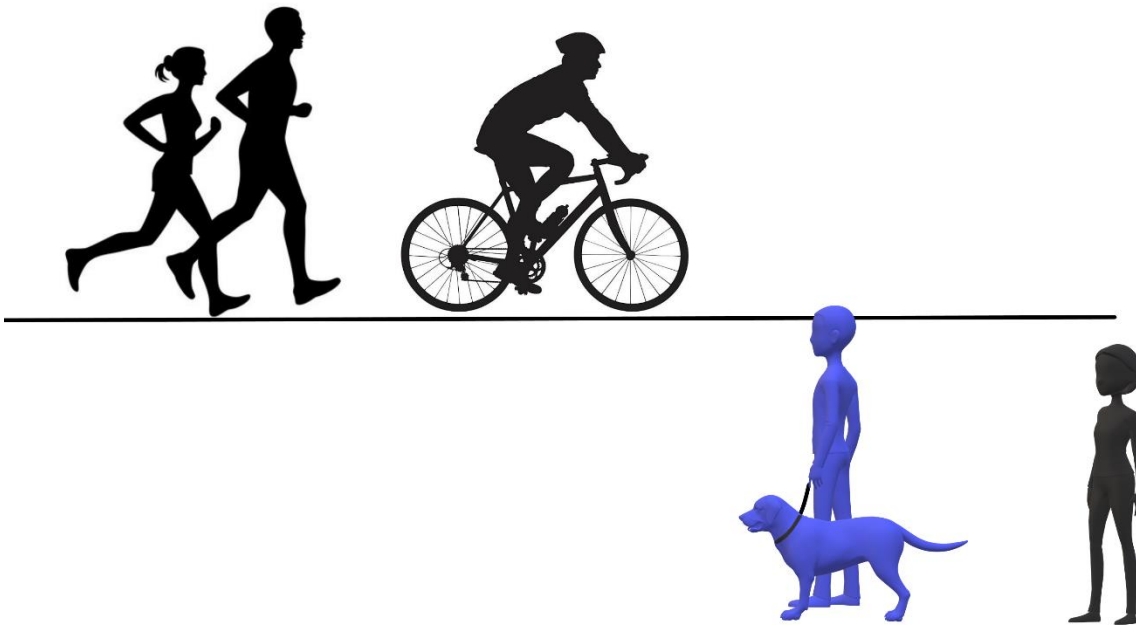
Should the dog have a reaction, exercises may be varied and repeated at the judge's discretion.

If the dog continues to show a strong reaction, the test is stopped, and the dog shall not pass.

- **Exercise 5 – Optional additional assessments:**
 - **Option 1 – While walking on leash, the dog and handler will have a neutral person walk up to greet them, shaking hands. This test is to simulate a typical street situation. The stranger will carry on a conversation with you but will not make overtures to the dog. Objective is to measure the dog's reaction to strangers in a non-threatening situation.**



- **Option 2** - A jogger, bicycle, car, or both will pass by. Dogs must be kept on a loose lead throughout the test. During the test, the dog will be measured by reaction to sudden visual stimuli and the degree of reaction.



If the Rottweiler is found free of disqualifying faults according to the AKC Breed Standard, and it passes the Rottweiler Breed Specific temperament test, the dog shall be awarded the title of ARC BSE.