

Companion Dog Test Advanced Level (Begleithundeprüfung-BHPS)

Time Limit/Seasonal Restriction:	Unlimited – none
Entry requirements:	All dogs, no age restrictions, with minimum score 3 or higher for BHP Part 1 and Part 2
Entry limits:	Maximum of 8 dogs per judge
Judge:	The test shall be judged by a judge with BHP certification
Judge's Certification:	The certification requires two apprenticeships and one final test. One apprenticeship must be a BHP and one a BHPS. A minimum of 4 teams must have participated. Each apprenticeship shall be served under a different judge with a written report by both apprentice and judge submitted to the appropriate authority [country specific - such as a Committee or Chairperson]

The judge shall remain neutral!

General

1. The test can be conducted year-round, anywhere on suitable terrain, except on snow and ice.
2. With each change of motion or posture the handler is allowed to give an appropriate command. Constant talking to the dog shall not be allowed.
3. Repetitions of this test are permitted but not on the same day.
4. The test shall be taken as one unit as there are no individual sections.
5. Every dog with a passing score will receive a certificate.
6. If the entire test is completed with a minimum score of 3 or higher in each exercise, additionally a recognition award (AKZ - Ausbildungskennzeichen) in the form of a pin will be awarded. This corresponds to a success rate of ca. 75%.
7. Aggression shall result in disqualification.
8. Motivational aids, such as treats or toys etc., are **not** permissible. The dog may be rewarded upon completion of an exercise.
9. Bitches in heat are permissible, but may only enter the testing area last (prior to change of location) to complete the task. During the 'Down-Stay' the group shall be comprised of all bitches.

Sections of the Test

1. **Advanced Level Obedience**
2. **Tracking a Stranger**
3. **Retrieval**

1 **Advanced Level Obedience (BHPS Part 1)**

1.1 **Waiting in the Car**

A handler drives up in a car, gets out and opens the hatch, car door or crate and walks away from the car for ca 10 steps, while the dog shall wait in the open car. Visual contact is allowed.

An assistant walks with a different dog past the car at about 5 m distance. The first dog shall remain quiet and stay in the car.

Multiplier [Fachwertziffer]:

Waiting

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1.2 **Behavior in a Group of People**

The dog handler with his unleashed heeling dog shall move through a group of at least 7 moving people, some with dog. The handler shall walk around individual people on the left side and on the right side. The handler shall stop next to one person with dog as if looking at something. Then he/she continues and commands the dog into a SIT or DOWN position in the middle of the group, leaves the dog behind and walks around the group of people. Afterwards he/she picks up his/her dog.

Multipliers [Fachwertziffer]:

Behavior in a Group of People

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1.3 **Obedience during Movement with Distractions**

Two dogs shall be tested together. Dog A shall be in the SIT or DOWN position, unleashed. The handler moves ca 20 steps away and remains there with his/her back turned towards the dog.

Dog B shall assume the basic position no more than 10 steps besides dog A.

Upon direction of the judge, dog B and his handler shall walk ca. 10 steps straight ahead and the handler shall command his/her dog into the SIT or DOWN position while gaing. The handler shall continue walking for another ca. 20 steps and then turn around towards the dog.

The judge directs the handlers to pick up their dogs. The exercise shall be repeated with reversed roles.

The waiting dogs may not leave their designated spot for more than 1 m or the score shall be 0.

Multipliers [Fachwertziffer]:

Obedience during Movement with Distractions 5

1.4 Sending with Distant Command

The handler shall assume the basic position. Upon direction, he/she sends his/her dog ahead into a marked waiting-crate. Three pylons shall be positioned about 10 meters each on either side and behind the waiting-crate.

The judge shall instruct the handler to direct his/her dog to move from the waiting-crate to different pylons and perform certain commands there (e.g. SIT, DOWN or STAND).

Multiplier [Fachwertziffer]:

Sending with Distant Command 8

2 Tracking a Stranger (BHPS Part 2)

2.1 Tracking a Stranger

The dog, outfitted with a 6-8m long tracking leash with suitable collar, shall find three personal items belonging to an assistant on a line of about 300 meters with two 90-degree turns, laid by the assistant. The assistant shall have carried the markers with him/her for at least 30 minutes prior to laying the line. The markers shall have the size of a cigarette lighter or larger. The markers shall be positioned about half-way between the turns. The person laying the line shall wait for the dog-handler team in hiding.

The search shall begin upon the judge's command. Neither dog nor handler may see the laying of the line. The judge and at most a line expert shall follow the dog-handler team at a suitable distance.

If the dog gets off line more than 30 meters he shall be called back. The dog may lose the line once. The work shall be completed in 20 minutes. In order to achieve the maximum score, at least two markers shall be found and retrieved as well as finding the track layer.

The judge shall pay special attention to determine if the dog is marking the finding of a marker or if only the handler is marking the items!

Each dog shall work a fresh line. The distance between the individual lines shall prohibit any overlaps.

Multiplier [Fachwertziffer]:

2.1 Desire 8

2.2 Accuracy	6
2.3 Finding of Markers	5

3 Retrieval (BHPS Part 3)

An assistant shall walk a track of about 200 meters with two 90 degree turns in a field or in woods. At the end, he shall put down a retrieval object which he has received from the handler. He then leaves.

The dog shall be started and shall work the line on his own and shall retrieve the retrieval object in a speedy manner to his handler. He may choose the shortest distance.

The dog may only be started three times at most. A clean release is not required. Each dog shall work a fresh line. The distance between the individual lines shall prohibit any overlaps.

Multipliers [Fachwertziffer]:

3.1 Desire	8
3.2 Accuracy	6
3.3 Retrieve	5

Award of Performance Scores [Leistungsnoten]

Extra prompting or repeated commands by the handler will result in a deduction of points.

Performance Scores [Leistungsnoten] as follows:

Rating	Score
Sehr gut (very good)	4
Gut (good)	3
Genügend (satisfactory)	2
Mangelhaft (insufficient)	1
Ungenügend (unsatisfactory)	0

Scoring Formula (Points)

Score x Multiplier = Points

[Leistungsnote x Fachwertziffer = Leistungspunkte]

Ranking BHPS

In order to earn a recognition pin (AKZ - Ausbildungskennzeichen) a minimum score of 3 or higher in each exercise is required. This corresponds to a success rate of at least 75%.

The ranking is determined solely on the total points.

In the case of discrepancies with translations of these testing regulations, the German text is authoritative.

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