



Testing teamwork, skill and the ability to generalize behaviors

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ONLY 3 SUCCESSFUL TESTS REQUIRED FOR WAG 1, 2 AND 3 TITLES

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CLASSES

Smart Dog Games classes are offered by licensed Wag It Games Instructors and are packed full of FUN through exercises and games that enhance team connection and skills.

- A listing of instructors can be found under the **Find an Instructor** tab on the Wag It Games website.
- **Becoming a Licensed Instructor** - Information on becoming a licensed Wag It Games instructor can be found under the **Instructor Information** tab in the menu of the website.

EARNING TITLES

Smart Dog titles are earned by completing Smart Dog tests. A variety of titles may be earned beginning with a base title in each level. Each Game offers its own titles as well as the opportunity for combined game titles. Titles may only be earned by registered dogs. (Dog registration details below.)

- Wag 1- 3 successful Novice level performances
- Wag 2 - 3 successful Skilled level performances
- Wag 3 - 3 successful Proficient level performance

See the **Title Chart** for a complete list of titles. Titles earned are updated in the dog's online record once a month. Upon completion of a title an email notification is sent out and a personalized title certificate will be available to download and print from the dog's online record.

LEVELS

Shadow Skills offers three participation levels. There is no required progression through the levels. Any, or all of the three levels, may be played allowing for multiple titles to be worked on simultaneously.

- Novice Level - Entry level
- Skilled Level - Intermediate level
- Proficient Level - Advanced level

ELIGIBILITY

- Purebred and mixed breed dogs of any age are welcome to participate.
- Dogs that exhibit signs of pain, discomfort may not participate.
- Dogs in estrus must be tested in a private setting.
- Safety First - Dogs under warning or banned in any venue must be tested in a private setting.

DOG REGISTRATION

- Dogs must be registered with Wag It Games in order for test results to be recorded and count towards titles. This is a one-time registration that is good for the life of the dog.

Online Records

Registered dogs have an online record that includes all test and trial results as well as titles earned. This is accessed by logging into the member area of the website.

- Test and Trial results are available as soon as the judge submits them.
- Titles are updated once a month.

UNREGISTERED DOGS

- Dog's may participate without being registered. They may be registered after performing a successful test to have the results submitted towards a title.
- Dogs must be registered prior to the judge submitting test results. The judge has up to ten business days to submit test results.

TESTS

Tests are noncompetitive performances and may be participated in at any time with a licensed Wag It Games Instructor. Tests may be offered to groups, privately or via video. Registered and unregistered dogs may participate.

Tests are available on the Wag It Games website. Tests available may be added to at any time and are changed each year to offer continued variety.

SUCCESS IS THE GOAL - The goal is to be successful each exercise may be performed multiple times.

- Instructors may allow participants to select the test they perform or may select a test(s) for a group of students to perform.
- Ribbons or certificates shall be presented for passed tests.
- Test fees are at the discretion of the judge.
- To locate an instructor or take a test please visit the **Find an Instructor** tab on the Wag It Games website.
- Details on becoming a licensed instructor can be found on the Wag It Games website.

RESTRICTIONS

Only one successful performance for a test may be submitted (towards titles) from any test session.

RESULTS

- Judges shall submit successful test results for registered dogs within ten business days.
- Recorded results will instantly appear in the dog's online record.

RING SPECIFICATIONS

Tests may be held indoors or outdoors. The test area shall have safe footing and be free of debris, hazards and slippery conditions. There are no specifications rings or gates for Smart Dog tests. Any fencing if used is at the discretion of the judge.

VIDEO TESTING

EARN TITLES RIGHT AT HOME

Record your performance and submit it to a licensed Wag It Games Instructor.

- Dogs must be registered with Wag It Games to submit videos. [Dog Registration Information](#).

CHOOSE YOUR TEST

Tests are available on the Wag It Games website. Choose the test that suits you.

PARTICIPATE ANYTIME

Take a test anytime. Just submit your video to a licensed instructor when you are ready.

SUBMITTING VIDEOS - Subject to differences requested by the instructor

- One test per email with the subject Video Test Submission.
- Identify the test #, level and the name of the handler and dog.
- Include a YouTube link for your video.

RESTRICTIONS

- Only one performance per test should be submitted from any test session.

VIDEO REQUIREMENTS

- Videos must clearly show all exercise requirements being performed.
- When distance is an element of any exercise the distance must be indicated and visible.
 - Distance may be marked with a cone, post etc.
- When verbal cues are required in any exercise, they must be audible.
 - Stay and release commands and counts of "Pause, one two".
- Instructors may require one compilation video of all the exercises or accept separate videos for each exercise.
- Individual exercise videos must be complete and without edits.

UNSUCCESSFUL PERFORMANCES

Instructors may accept additional videos for any individual exercises judged unsuccessful. An additional fee may be charged for the extra reviewing.

Ribbons and Certificates

Certificates will be awarded for successful tests.

SPECIAL PARTICIPATION OPTIONS

Wag It Games offers divisions for dogs and handlers with special needs to earn titles. These divisions allow adjustments to accommodate individual needs. Adjustment requests are made prior to participating in a test or trial and must be approved by the instructor/judge. An adjustment form is available below.

DOGS WITH TEMPORARY LIMITATIONS

Dogs with temporary physical conditions may request minor exercise adjustments.

- Example: To waive deductions for slightly crooked sits to accommodate a dog recovering from leg surgery that is not in pain but has not regained full range of motion.

PERMANENTLY DISABLED DOGS - HEART DOGS

Permanently disabled dogs may request significant exercise adjustments by becoming a Heart Dog. Heart Dogs may participate in tests and trials to earn titles but are not eligible to for placements in trials.

- Heart Dog status is a permanent status.
- Heart Dog status is selected in the dog's online record.
- Heart Dog status may be selected at any time; however, it must be selected prior to taking a test or trial with modifications.
- Examples: paralysis, missing limbs, deafness, blindness, arthritis, etc.
- Modification examples: To replace downs with stands to accommodate a dog missing a limb.
- "Heart Dog" is added to titles to indicate Heart Dog status.

HANDLERS WITH TEMPORARY LIMITATIONS

Handlers with temporary physical conditions may request minor exercise adjustments.

- Example of a minor adjustment: To perform larger exercise circles to accommodate recovering from hip surgery.

PERMANENTLY DISABLED HANDLERS - EXTRAORDINAIRE HANDLERS

Handlers with permanent disabilities may request significant exercise adjustments by becoming an Extraordinaire Handler. Extraordinaire Handlers may participate in tests and trials to earn titles but are not eligible for placements in trials.

- Extraordinaire status is a permanent status.
- Extraordinaire status is selected in the handler's online record.
- Extraordinaire status may be selected at any time; however, it must be selected prior to taking a test or trial with modifications.
- Examples: deafness, blindness, use of a mobility device, etc.
- Modification example: To have an assistant read each sign to accommodate blindness.
- "Extraordinaire" is added to titles to indicate the Extraordinaire status.

JUNIORS

- Children 8 years of age and younger may be assisted by the judge calling out supportive information while the team performs. Juniors qualify and place along with other teams.

JUDGES PARTICIPATION

- Officiating Judges may participate in tests and trials by having another judge score their performance.
- Officiating judges participating in a trial are eligible to earn qualifying scores towards titles but are not awarded placements.



WAG IT GAMES EXERCISE ADJUSTMENT FORM

Please submit one form for each activity. Adjustments must be reviewed and approved by the judge prior to a test or trial.

Date _____

Dog Name
WIG Registration #
Breed
Handler Name

Select the adjustment category requested

- ☐ Dog Temporary Adjustment ☐ Heart Dog Adjustment (permanently physically challenged)
☐ Handler Temporary Adjustment ☐ Extraordinaire Handler Adjustment (permanently physically challenged)

Select the activity adjustment is requested

- ☐ Shadow ☐ Smart Dog ☐ Dog Ball ☐ Sniff It ☐ Quarry Quest ☐ Agility (handler only)

Dogs are not eligible if they show signs of pain or illness. Dogs may not wear bandages or have stitches.

Judge's Name	Judge's Signature of Approval
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- Please describe briefly the physical limitation that may affect performance. Use an additional page if necessary.
 - (Example: Dog had surgery and is unable to sit straight.)
- Please describe the adjustments you are requesting. Use an additional page if necessary.

(Example: I request an allowance for crooked sits.)