



Public Access Test Checklist

Test Info








Dog's Name

Date / /

Test #








General Behavior

-  Remains under control and focused on the handler at all times
-  Does not solicit attention from the public (no sniffing, licking, nudging, etc.)
-  Shows no signs of aggression, fear, or anxiety in new environments
-  Remains quietly at the handler's side unless cued otherwise
-  Recovers quickly from unexpected distractions (e.g., dropped items, loud noise)

Notes

Handler Control & Communication











-  Responds reliably to basic cues: sit, down, stay, come, leave it, heel
-  Walks politely on a loose leash — no pulling, weaving, or lagging
-  Maintains position when the handler stops or changes direction
-  Follows cues without force, harsh correction, or repeated commands
-  Demonstrates a reliable emergency recall (comes immediately when called)

Notes



Public Access Skills

-  Enters and exits buildings calmly and safely
-  Navigates narrow aisles, doorways, and obstacles without blocking or crowding
-  Rides elevators, escalators, or stairs without fear or resistance (as appropriate)
-  Can perform a controlled "under" command—tucks neatly under a table or chair
-  Lies quietly for an extended time in public (e.g., restaurant, waiting room)
-  Waits calmly at doors, entering and exiting only on cue
-  Loads and unloads from vehicles or public transit safely and under control
-  Tolerates tight spaces, unexpected contact, or jostling from crowds



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Behavior Around the Public



Remains neutral around children, strangers, and people using mobility aids



Does not bark, growl, whine, or make other noises unnecessarily



Ignores food and dropped items in public



Does not seek out or react to other animals or dogs

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Public Access Test Result



Public Access Test passed

If not passed, what areas need improvement

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