

BH – Traffic Test – short list

NOTE: You should download the full regulations from FCI and become familiar with the IPO regulations.

Once the dog paces the BH Obedience part of the test, he is now ready for the Traffic part of the test. The judge may add or change any part of the test as they see fit. All the following exercises are performed with the dog on a loose leash.

1. Encounter with a group of people

At the judge's cue the handler and the dog on a leash walk a designated area. The dog is to walk on the left side of the handler on a loose leash and be indifferent to the pedestrians and traffic.

A passing pedestrian will cut off the handler and dog team, and the dog must remain neutral and not influenced by the passing pedestrian.

The handler and dog team will meet a group of a minimum 6 people, one person is to address the handler shake their hand. The dog is to receive a "sit" or "down" command from the handler and remain calm during the conversation.

2. Encounter with bicyclist

The handler and dog team continue on their walk and are passed by a bicyclist from behind, who then rings his bicycle's bell. After a good distance the bicyclist turns and approaches the handler and dog team, and rings his bicycle's bell as he passes by. The dog must be between the bicyclist and the handler.

3. Encounter with cars

The handler and dog team pass several cars as they continue their walk. One of the car engines will be started. Another car will shut a car door. As the handler and dog team continue walking a car will pull next to them, will lower the window and ask the handler a question. The dog is to either "sit" or "down" at the command of the handler. The dog is to remain neutral and calm towards the cars and all traffic noises.

4. Encounter with joggers or inline skaters

The handler and dog team continue their walk and are passed by 2 running joggers, without slowing down. After the joggers are at a distance, another jogger runs towards the handler and dog team without slowing down. The dog doesn't have to maintain

proper heel position, but may not interfere with the passing joggers. It is permitted to place the dog on a sit or down position.

It is permissible to substitute inline skaters for joggers and perform the above procedure.

5. Encounter with other dogs

In passing or encountering another handler and dog team, the dog is to remain neutral. The handler may give the command "Heel" or may place the dog on a "sit" or "down".

6. Behavior of a tethered dog towards other animals when left alone

At the direction of the judge, the handler and dog team walk a little distance and the handler stops and at the order of the judge, the handler tethers the dog with the leash to a fence. The handler then goes out of site of the dog.

The dog may stand, sit or down.

With the handler out of site, a passing pedestrian walks past with his on leashed dog at a side distance of 5 paces.

The tethered dog is to remain calm and must let the other handler and dog team pass without showing any aggression, pulling strongly on the leash or barking towards the other team.

At the direction of the judge, the handler may come and pick up his dog.