

# HELPER EVALUATION WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Helper Name: \_\_\_\_\_ USA Helper Book # \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teaching Helper(s): \_\_\_\_\_

*Helper Evaluation Written Exam will include twenty or more questions that will be changed periodically by the National Helper Committee.*

**1. The correct arm to be used during a trial is**

- a. the arm that you have trained with
- b. an soft arm
- c. an arm with a bite bar
- d. only a new arm and cover

**2. In a trial only helpers that are right handed (sleeve on the left arm) may do helper work.**

True                  False

**3. What type of stick or whip may be used in a trial?**

- a. any whip
- b. a rattan / reed stick
- c. a soft padded stick
- d. the helpers choice

**4. If the dog does not stay in the blind it is OK for the helper to make slight attraction / noise to help the dog in a trial.**

True                  False

**5. When the helper is called out of the blind he/she should**

- a. walk out to the escape position, keeping an eye on the dog
- b. walk out to the escape position with his back to the dog
- c. walk out to the escape position and move the arms and stick in a excited manner

**6. If the dog attempts to grip the helper somewhere other than the sleeve it is OK for the helper to defend himself using the sleeve**

True                  False

**7. On trial day the helper's job is to**

- a. help the handler and dog by providing safe and consistent work
- b. help the club by working the dogs in the trial
- c. help the judge, evaluate the dog by providing safe and consistent work

**8. A trial helper should always do he/her best to safely and consistently and with good sportsmanship work all dogs in a trial**

True                  False

**9. A protection Jacket is required to do helper work in all USA Trials**

True                  False

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10. In what level(s) does the helper run out of the blind for the long grip?  
a. SchH 1   b. SchH 2   c. SchH 3
11. The position for the sleeve in an attack position is 90 degrees.  
True      False
12. The angle of the sleeve arm on the lock up for the out should be:  
a. slightly higher than the attack position  
b. slightly less than attack position.  
c. straight up and down (180 degrees)
13. The stick should be in clear sight of the dog at all times.  
True      False
14. On the escape grip, the helper should:  
a. run slow so that all dogs can make the grip  
b. run quickly in an effort to escape while giving the dog a clear target for the grip  
c. hide the sleeve from the dog's view in an effort to prevent them from gripping
15. It is permissible at the beginning of the escape for the helper:  
a. to pump the sleeve one time to get moving quickly into their running speed.  
b. to pump the sleeve many times in an effort to attract the dog.  
c. to flinch or scuff their feet prior to taking off on the escape.
16. During the escape exercise the helper should make a strong threat by using the stick.  
True      False
17. On the reattack the helper should lock up in the out position immediately after the second stick hit.  
True      False
18. During the rear transport the stick and sleeve should be visible to the dog at all times.  
True      False
19. On the attack of the handler out of the back transport, the helper should turn into the dog with his sleeve side leading the move into the handler and dog's path.  
True      False
20. Name at least two USA members whose influence and dedicated work on the USA Trial Helper Program made it a reality.
1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
21. Bonus Question – How many teeth should an adult German Shepherd Dog have?

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*Below are the Classifications for Helpers and the associated requirements to attain the Classification are described below. The Classifications must be advanced through sequentially except Teaching Helper, whose requirements are described in detail in Helper Program. Read the below and then sign your Written Examination*

**Entry Level** – The Entry Level Classification is for all Helpers that have been issued a Trial Helper Record Book and do not meet the requirements for the remaining Classifications. Entry Level Helpers shall attain Basic Level Classification before being permitted to participate as a Trial Helper in an Event.

**Basic Level** – The Basic Level Classification is for Helpers that have attended at least one (1) Helper Seminar, successfully passed the Written Examination and have received a Grade of Pass on all the Exercises during their Helper Evaluation.

**Club Level** – The Club Level Classification is for Helpers that have met the following requirements.

- Participated in at least one (1) Helper Seminar.
- Received a Grade of Pass on all the Exercises during their Helper Evaluation.
- Performed Trial helperwork in at least:
  - one (1) Club Trial working at least twelve (12) dogs (SchH/VPG 1 to 3, IPO 1 to 3, DPO 1 and 2, or SchH A) with a minimum Rating of Good from the Judge; or
  - two (2) Club Trials working at least six (6) dogs (SchH/VPG 1 to 3, IPO 1 to 3, DPO 1 and 2, or SchH A) with minimum Ratings of Very Good or Excellent from two (2) different Judges.
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**Regional Level** - The Regional Level Classification is for Helpers that have met the following requirements.

- Participated in at least two (2) Helper Seminars.
- Received a Grade of Pass on all the Exercises during their Helper Evaluation.
- Performed Trial helperwork in at least ten (10) Club Trials, or six (6) Club Trials and one (1) Regional SchH Championship, with minimum Ratings of Good from the Judges.
- Worked at least forty (40) dogs (SchH/VPG 1 to 3, IPO 1 to 3, DPO 1 and 2, or SchH A) in Trials.

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**National Level** - The National Level Classification is for Helpers that have met the following requirements.

- Participated in at least three (3) Helper Seminars.
- Received a Grade of Pass on all the Exercises during their Helper Evaluation.
- Performed Trial helperwork in at least fifteen (15) Club Trials and two (2) Regional SchH Championship, or twelve (12) Club Trials, one (1) Regional SchH Championship and one (1) National SchH Championship, with minimum Ratings of Good from the Judges.
- Worked at least eighty (80) dogs (SchH/VPG 1 to 3, IPO 1 to 3, DPO 1 and 2, or SchH A) in Trials.

**Teaching Helper** - The Teaching Helper Classification is for Helpers that have met the requirements described in Helper Program.

*Note: For the purpose of meeting the requirements described above, SchH 1 through 3 from the “Old Helper Book” (Section 13.5) are equivalent to SchH/VPG titles.*

## Helper Utilization

*Helpers who have attained a Classification may perform the duties of a Helper in an Event as presented below.*

### Helper Utilization Matrix

Event Type	Helper Classification					
	Entry	Basic	Club	Regional	National	Teaching
Club	-	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted
Regional	-	-	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted
National	-	-	-	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted

*I have read the foregoing, I understand it, and testify that I meet the requirements for the classification I am requested to be evaluated for.*

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Name (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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USA Teaching Helper

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Signature and Date