



Sunshine
ON A LEASH

What Can I Expect During a Pet Partners Evaluation?

You and your pet will be observed going through a series of exercises that simulate a range of situations you might encounter while visiting. Your pet should have basic obedience skills, but does **not** need to have a strong obedience background. The combination of how well both of you interact with people and how well both of you work together as a team is taken into consideration.

Points To Keep In Mind:

- ❖ You should be dressed and your pet should be groomed as if you were going on a visit.
- ❖ You and your pet must be healthy on the day of the test.
- ❖ This test simulates a visit. You should role play with the testers as if they were clients at a facility.
- ❖ We want you to talk to and encourage your pet throughout the test.
- ❖ Instructions will be given before each exercise. Feel free to ask questions if you don't understand what's expected.
- ❖ Cats can be carried throughout the evaluation or walked on a leash at the handler's discretion.
- ❖ Very small dogs can be carried for most, but not all of the evaluation.
- ❖ How you present your cat or very small dog (i.e. carried, in a basket, etc.) during the evaluation is how you must present your animal when visiting.
- ❖ You will be expected to have provided proof of vaccinations, including rabies and bordetella.
- ❖ You will be expected to bring a brush or comb, a towel or blanket (if your pet will be carried), and a treat if your pet has special dietary needs.
- ❖ During the test, you will briefly encounter a "neutral" dog. Be assured that this dog has been thoroughly screened to be people & animal friendly.
- ❖ The test will be stopped if we see signs of aggression or extreme fear in your pet.
- ❖ The test will be stopped if we see inappropriate conduct on the part of the handler.
- ❖ Try to relax – your pet can tell if you're nervous!

Your Pet Needs To:

- ❖ Stay politely by your side while you talk to a friendly stranger who will pet him.
- ❖ Can walk with you on a loose leash through a crowd of people.
- ❖ Is not overly startled by medical equipment or loud noises.
- ❖ Can sit, down, stay and come when called.
- ❖ Will stay politely by your side when you meet an unknown dog & handler.
- ❖ Will allow the tester to examine his whole body, including the teeth.
- ❖ Is not overly stressed by being petted exuberantly or clumsily.
- ❖ Is not overly stressed by people who stagger & speak strangely or by people yelling.
- ❖ Enjoys interacting with a crowd of several people.
- ❖ Will leave a toy alone when asked to by the handler.
- ❖ Can take a treat nicely.