

# GUPPY, TADPOLE, FROG TEST

At Paws N Claws, after a morning of working on different water activities, we will have a series of fun exercises for you to try in the afternoon. The Guppy test has three levels of accomplishment- Guppy, Tadpole and Frog. No experience is necessary and you will receive a certificate for the level that you and your dog accomplish successfully. Each level has four exercises that must be completed to move to the next level. Each participant will have the opportunity to fail one exercise and still continue. When a second exercise is failed, the test is over and the dog achieves the certificate for the last completed level. We hope that this will give everyone a chance at some success, while keeping things moving along for the judges, stewards and other participants. The exercises are listed below:

1. Enter the water (All 4 feet must be in the water)
2. Nose in the water (Treats are ok)
3. Swim to handler (Judge holds dog 4 ft from water, handler calls dog from swimming depth- it is ok to touch dog)
4. Wade to a stranger (Handler with dog wades out to calling stranger- about 8-10 ft- encouragement ok)

## **Successful completion of these four exercises achieves Guppy status**

5. Wade or swim to steward calling from boat/dock (Handler can go with dog to steward- treats can be used)
6. Wading retrieve (Dog and handler stand at wading depth, article is tossed in front of dog- dog must pick up article and turn to handler- early drop ok)
7. Swim to stranger approx.. 10-15 feet (Treats & encouragement ok)
8. Swim to retrieve tossed bumper (Article is tossed beyond swimming depth at least 5 ft. Exercise is done when bumper is in dog's mouth)

## **Successful completion of these four exercises achieves Tadpole status**

9. Swim with handler (From dog's swimming depth, dog and handler swim side by side approx. 10 ft- it is ok to touch dog)
10. Underwater retrieve (Dog must retrieve article completely submerged- reasonable repeated attempts ok- judge will set time limit)
11. Tow an article along the shore 5 ft (At wading depth, handler gives dog rope to tow floating life ring 5 feet)
12. Take rope to stranger (Handler gives dog rope on shore, dog takes it to stranger at wading depth- encouragement ok, but dog should lead)

## **Successful completion of these four exercises achieves Frog status**