

Guidelines for completing your Practical Dog Training session via zoom for your Assessment

### **Practical Dog Training Session Criteria**

- Your session should be 20 minutes in duration
- This session should focus on your practical training skills
- The 20-minute session should consist of a brief consultation (approx. 1 min), practical training (Approx 16 mins) and some follow up questions relating to the exercise you have been asked to teach (Approx 3mins)
- You will be required to teach one of the 12 exercises listed below; the assessor will tell you at the beginning of the session what exercise you will be teaching.
- Coach the dog in front of you, it may, or may not, be the case the dog has done this exercise before to varying degrees. Identify the dog's level and build criteria appropriately from here.
- You will need to be aware of and manage your own time during your assessment
- The session will be recorded for our verification purposes, these will be deleted after 6 weeks
- You will need to coach the assessor during the practical training element. The assessor will be prepared with a dog and treats or toys so they can do so
- For the most up to date information on the marking criteria please see PDFs for each section <https://www.imdt.uk.com/imdt-membership>

### **Preparing for your Practical Training session**

- Revise and practise coaching each of the listed exercises below that you may be asked to coach during your session. You will only be asked to coach one of these exercises.
- Create a complete training kit suitable for all the exercises to take to the session so you can give visual instructions to the assessor when coaching.
- Write down what basic information you may need to ask about the assessor and their dog before commencing a practical training session. For example, dog and owner, age, medical issues etc Gather any information that is important to know before commencing a training session and may affect the techniques you choose to coach.
- You are welcome to bring a progress sheet to the session to take notes and record and measure progress.

### **This is an outline of the marking criteria for the 1 to 1 Adult dog consultation and follow up report**

1. Brief Consultation .../3
2. Management and safety during the session .../2
3. Communication skills .../8
4. Practical Training .../31
5. Follow up Questions .../6

Total .../50 x 2 = ...../100

### **You will be asked to coach one of these exercises in your Practical Training Session,**

1. Emergency stop
2. Mat target
3. Send around

4. Down
5. Middle
6. Chin rest
7. Nose to hand touch
8. Twist/spin
9. Recall
10. Loose lead walking
11. Muzzle Training
12. Retrieve

**IMDT courses that are relevant to this section**

[The Recallers Masterclass](#)

[The Looselead Masterclass](#)

[The 4 day Practical Instructor Course](#)

[The Practical skills Bundle – Practising your training skills](#)