

#### 4. CSAU exercises

The goal of this test is to demonstrate that the dog is clear headed, sociable and that the owner can control his animal. That's what the judge will be looking for when evaluating the dog.

#### *Stability and sociability exercise, with or without the handler.*

Here's what the judge will be looking for:

The dog has no reaction, does not panic or goes into self-defense when it is being held on leash by a stranger. This applies whether or not the owner is next to his dog.

The dog must accept being petted by a strange person, in the presence of its owner. The ear/thigh tattoo or microchip will be checked.

The dog cannot have a bad reaction to noises, other than being surprised (with or without its handler). The noise cannot be within 5 meters of the dog. The use of gunshots is forbidden.

The dog will have to behave when another dog walks close to him. (1 to 2 meters between the two dogs).

If the dog shows excessive aggressiveness or shyness or if the judge cannot control the dog's ID (tattoo, microchip), the dog will be failed.

#### **Obedience exercises**

##### Walk on leash exercise

The dog has to walk on leash with its owner without pulling, however, some light and occasional pulling may be tolerated. The team (dog/owner) must walk through a group of non-threatening persons, on a loose leash.

##### Stay still while the owner is out of sight

The owner must be able to leave his dog in a spot chosen by the judge, and in the position of his choice. The owner must then hide from his dog and then come back 30 seconds later. If the dog moves within 2 meters during the absence of the owner, it is not considered a fault.

#### Coming when called

The dog must stay still in a position chosen by his handler and about 20 meters from his handler. The dog must then come when called and within 15 seconds. The dog must be within 2 meters from his handler.

\*\*\*If the dog is unable to execute one of the obedience exercises, it will not necessarily fail.

If this dog shows great temperament, sociability and **under any circumstances, his owner CAN control him**, it will not fail.

If the dog does not execute one of the obedience exercises correctly, the judge can decide to give it a lesser rating (ex.: Good or Very Good, instead of Excellent).

If the dog fails his CSAU, it can be shown again eventually.