

**HALT - Stand - Leave - Exam.** Two exercise signs, numbers 31 and 32, are needed for this exercise. The handler halts and the dog sits at heel. The handler then cues the dog to stand. The handler may NOT touch the dog to help it stand but may gently touch the dog to stabilize or position it once it is standing. Handler then cues the dog to wait/stay, then leaves, walks 6 feet (1.83 m) away, and turns to face the dog.

The judge, starting from beside the handler, and working an arm's length away from the dog, circles the dog and returns to the handler's side before moving away. After the judge has returned to the handler's side, the handler returns to heel position by passing behind the dog and moving up into heel **position as the judge moves away**

Deductions: Displays of aggression or extreme shyness shall be scored as NQ-IP. Moving slightly during exam will result in a 1-2 point deduction. Failure of the dog to stand or to remain standing until given the cue to heel forward, or turning in a circle to follow the handler shall result in an NQ-IP.

**Return & Forward From Stand.** The exercise sign number 32 is placed so that it can be observed by the handler after she/he has moved away and turned to face the dog. (Exercise 31).

'**After the judge has returned to the handler's side, the handler returns to heel position** by walking to the left of the dog, going around and behind the dog and moving into the heel position. **During this time the judge moves away from the team** The handler then cues the dog to heel and moves forward without instruction from the Judge toward the next exercise station.

Deductions: Slight movement of the dog's feet will be a minor deduction (1 - 2 points). Failure of the dog to Stand or to remain standing until given the cue to heel forward or turning in a circle to follow the handler shall result in an NQ-IP.