

## Obedience

Child should be at the line ready to go with the dog in the heel/sit position. This exercise is worked in an L shaped pattern. Fast & slow are not always in this order.

**Judge:** "Forward"

**Child:** Heels the dog forward

When the child gets ½ way down –

**Judge:** "Halt"

**Child stops:** Dog sits in the heel/sit position

**Judge:** "Forward"

**Child:** Heels the dog forward

**Judge:** Left Turn

**Child:** Makes the appropriate turn

After the turn-

**Judge:** "Fast"

**Child:** Picks up the pace

**Judge:** "Normal"

**Child:** Returns to a normal pace

**Judge:** "About Turn"

**Child:** Makes a U turn/dog on outside of the turn

½ way down -

**Judge:** "Halt"

**Child stops:** Dog sits in the heel/sit position

**Judge:** "Forward"

**Child:** Heels the dog forward

**Judge:** "Right Turn"

**Child:** Makes the appropriate turn

After the turn –

**Judge:** "Slow"

**Child:** slows pace

**Judge:** Normal"

**Child:** returns to normal pace

**Judge:** "About Turn"

**Child:** makes a U turn/dog on the outside of turn

½ way down –

**Judge:** "Halt"

**Child stops:** Dog sits in the heel/sit position

**Judge:** "Exercise Finished"

**Child:** Heels out 2 steps and praises the dog

**Tips:** Child leads off with the left foot each time they want the dog move with them.

**Pulling dog** – When practicing heeling - suggest that every time the dog is pulling they turn & go the opposite way. This helps the dog pay attention to the handler. The handler needs to learn to stay in the correct position. The dog may not always be in the correct position but when the child moves it confuses the dog. They should be able to correct the dog while standing in the correct position.