

ANALYSIS OF RESPONSES

Please consider the following as a general overview of opinions provided to us by obed participants nationwide. There may be errors in mathematical calculations but proofreading did not reveal many and those have been corrected. Apologies for any that went undetected.

Heaviest response was from Quebec followed by British Columbia and Alberta.

There is a summary following each question wherein a general percentile breakdown based on geographic areas (Atlantic, Ontario, Quebec, Prairies and British Columbia) has been calculated. It will give the reader with a quick overview of opinion in each area and will allow one to compare results.

Where there appeared to be a fairly even division of opinions, percentages were provided for each category (yes, no, other). Where it was obvious that the heaviest response was in only one category (i.e. yes vs no), the percentage of total responses was provide for either the "yes" or "no" category only. Percentiles were rounded to the nearest whole number where applicable. Suggestions appearing in "Other" were not factored into the "yes/no" comparison.

This analysis along with its companion reports has bee provided to all council members.

The Exercises & Classes subcommittee will review the results and ultimately forward recommendations to the council as a whole. Following council's review & approval of any/all proposed rule changes, the approved proposed changes will be submitted to the board of directors for their consideration and possible approval.

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GRAND TOTALS / BREAKDOWN (YES/NO/OTHER) PERCENTILES

1 PUBLISHING RULE CHANGES FOR COMMENT

Do you feel proposed future changes to Obedience Trial Rules should be published for comment in *Dogs In Canada*? (Historically, a small percentage respond.)

TOTAL RESPONSES= 320

BREAKDOWN: YES= 218 / NO= 28 / OTHER= 74

PERCENTAGE: YES= 68%

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN

ATLANTIC (zones 1 & 2)

Responses: Yes - 29 No – 6 Other – 0

Percentage of total responses: Yes – 8% No – 2% Other – 0%

QUEBEC (zone 3)

Responses: Yes – 17 No – 0 Other – 61 (Town Hall favoured)

Percentage of total responses: Yes – 5% No – 0% Other – 19%

ONTARIO (zones 4,5,6 & 7)

Responses: Yes - 37 No - 7 Other - 7

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 12% No – 2% Other – 2%

PRAIRIES (zones 8,9 & 10)

Responses: Yes - 79 No - 10 Other – 0

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 18% No - 3% Other – 0%

BRITISH COLUMBIA (zones 11 & 12)

Responses: Yes - 58 No - 5 Other – 6

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 18% No - 1% Other – 1.5%

2 STAND FOR EXAMINATION

In the Novice Classes, the Stand for Examination is currently performed on leash. Would you prefer this exercise to be performed off leash? Why?

TOTAL RESPONSES= 328

BREAKDOWN: YES= 86 / NO= 198 / OTHER= 44

PERCENTAGE: No= 60%

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN:

ATLANTIC (zones 1 & 2)

Responses: Yes – 8 No – 15 Other – 1

Percentage of total responses: Yes – 3% No – 5% Other – .3%

QUEBEC (zone 3)

Responses: Yes – 12 No – 66 Other – 0

Percentage of total responses: Yes – 4% No – 20% Other – 0%

ONTARIO (zones 4,5,6 & 7)

Responses: Yes - 24 No - 21 Other - 10

Percentage of total responses: Yes – 7% No – 6% (yes vs no = 1% margin) Other – 3%

PRAIRIES (zones 8, 9 & 10)

Responses: Yes - 22 No - 58 Other – 18

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 6% No – 18% Other – 5%

BRITISH COLUMBIA (zones 11 & 12)

Responses: Yes - 20 No - 38 Other - 15

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 6% No - 12% Other - 5%

3. GROUP STAY EXERCISES

A. In January 2005 the long down exercise in the Open Class was reduced from five minutes to three minutes. Do you approve of this change? Why?

TOTAL RESPONSES= 318

BREAKDOWN: YES= 254 / NO= 39 / OTHER= 25

PERCENTAGE: Yes= 79%

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN

ATLANTIC (zones 1 & 2)

Responses: Yes - 10 No - 2 Other - 2

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 3% No - .6% Other - .6%

QUEBEC (zone 3)

Responses: Yes - 70 No - 8 Other - 0

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 22% No - 3% Other - 0%

ONTARIO (zones 4,5,6 & 7)

Responses: Yes - 47 No - 6 Other - 1

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 15% No - 2% Other - .3%

PRAIRIES (zones 8,9 & 10)

Responses: Yes - 74 No - 12 Other - 10

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 23% No - 4% Other - 3%

BRITISH COLUMBIA (zones 11 & 12)

Responses: Yes - 53 No - 11 Other - 12

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 16% No - 3% Other - 4%

B. Would you prefer that dogs do group stays with their leash attached to their collar? Why?

TOTAL RESPONSES= 311

BREAKDOWN: YES= 100 / NO= 124 / OTHER= 87

PERCENTAGE: Yes= 32%; No= 39%; Other= 27%

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN

ATLANTIC (zones 1 & 2)

Responses: Yes - 5 No - 8 Other - 1

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 2% No - 3% Other - .3%

QUEBEC (zone 3)

Responses: Yes - 0 No - 15 Other - 63

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 0% No - 5% Other - 20%

ONTARIO (zones 4,5,6 & 7)

Responses: Yes - 18 No - 32 Other - 2

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 6% No - 10% Other - .6%

PRAIRIES (zones 8,9 & 10)

Responses: Yes - 41 No - 40 Other - 10

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 13% No - 13% Other - 3%

BRITISH COLUMBIA (zones 11 & 12)

Responses: Yes - 36 No - 29 Other - 11

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 12% No - 9% Other - 4%

C. What is your opinion of a handler/dog team being automatically excused from the group exercises if a non-qualifying score is received for one or more of the individual exercises? Why?"

TOTAL RESPONSES= 301

BREAKDOWN: YES= 101 / NO= 176 / OTHER=24

PERCENTAGE: Yes= 34%; No= 58%; Other= 8%

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN

ATLANTIC (zones 1 & 2)

Responses: Yes - 2 No - 10 Other - 2

Percentage of total responses: Yes - .6% No - 3% Other - .6%

QUEBEC (zone 3)

Responses: Yes – 55 No – 23 Other – 0

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 18% No – 8% Other – 0%

ONTARIO (zones 4,5,6 & 7)

Responses: Yes - 4 No - 39 Other - 3

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 1% No – 13% Other – .9%

PRAIRIES (zones 8,9 & 10)

Responses: Yes -24 No - 51 Other – 17

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 8% No – 17% Other – 6%

BRITISH COLUMBIA (zones 11 & 12)

Responses: Yes - 16 No - 53 Other - 2%

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 5% No - 18% Other – .7%

D. Would you like dogs failing the group sit exercise to be automatically excused from the remaining group down exercise?

TOTAL RESPONSES= 306

BREAKDOWN: YES= 144 / NO= 133 / OTHER= 29

PERCENTAGE: Yes= 47%; No= 43 %; Other= 10%

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN

ATLANTIC (zones 1 & 2)

Responses: Yes - 4 No – 9 Other – 3

Percentage of total responses: Yes – 1% No – 3% Other – .6%

QUEBEC (zone 3)

Responses: Yes – 71 No – 6 Other – 0

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 23% No – 2% Other – 0%

ONTARIO (zones 4,5,6 & 7)

Responses: Yes - 21 No - 27 Other - 3

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 7% No – 9% Other – .9%

PRAIRIES (zones 8,9 & 10)

Responses: Yes - 28 No - 48 Other - 13

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 9% No - 16% Other - 4%

BRITISH COLUMBIA (zones 11 & 12)

Responses: Yes - 21 No - 43 Other - 29

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 7% No - 14% Other - 4%

E. Would you prefer that handlers remain in the ring in Open classes as in Novice?

TOTAL RESPONSES= 309

BREAKDOWN: YES= 88 / NO= 208 / OTHER= 10

PERCENTAGE: No= 67%

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN

ATLANTIC (zones 1 & 2)

Responses: Yes - 4 No - 12 Other - 0

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 1% No - 4% Other - 0%

QUEBEC (zone 3)

Responses: Yes - 13 No - 65 Other - 0

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 4% No - 21% Other - 0%

ONTARIO (zones 4,5,6 & 7)

Responses: Yes - 19 No - 32 Other - 1

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 6% No - 10% Other - .3%

PRAIRIES (zones 8,9 & 10)

Responses: Yes - 34 No - 55 Other - 1

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 11% No - 18% Other - .3%

BRITISH COLUMBIA (zones 11 & 12)

Responses: Yes - 19 No - 48 Other - 8

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 6% No - 16% Other - 3%

E. Would you like the Long Sit & Down exercises in Open classes replaced with different stay exercises which do not require a line of dogs?

TOTAL RESPONSES= 302
BREAKDOWN: YES= 94 / NO= 171 / OTHER= 37
PERCENTAGE: Yes= 31%; No= 56%; Other= 12%

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN

ATLANTIC (zones 1 & 2)
Responses: Yes - 3 No - 11 Other - 2
Percentage of total responses: Yes - .9% No - 4% Other - .6%

QUEBEC (zone 3)
Responses: Yes - 5 No - 73 Other - 0
Percentage of total responses: Yes - .2% No - 24% Other - 0%

ONTARIO (zones 4,5,6 & 7)
Responses: Yes - 24 No - 25 Other -
Percentage of total responses: Yes - 8% No - 8% Other - 2%

PRAIRIES (zones 8,9 & 10)
Responses: Yes - 40 No - 27 Other - 17
Percentage of total responses: Yes - 13% No - 9% Other - 6%

BRITISH COLUMBIA (zones 11 & 12)
Responses: Yes - 23 No - 35 Other - 13
Percentage of total responses: Yes - 8% No - 12% Other - 4%

G. Is there an exercise(s) you would suggest to replace Open long sit and/or down exercises? SEE ZONE RESPONSE REPORTS – No breakdown provided herein

4. CATALOGUE ORDER ACCORDING TO SIZE

According to rule 6.1.2 (e) Entries in each class may be arranged according to the size of the dogs. Would you like to see that rule changed to – must be arranged according to size?

TOTAL RESPONSES= 325
BREAKDOWN: YES= 205 / NO= 92 / OTHER= 28

PERCENTAGE: Yes= 63%; No= 28%; Other= 9%

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN

ATLANTIC (zones 1 & 2)

Responses: Yes - 25 No - 1 Other - 1

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 8% No - 4% Other - .3%

QUEBEC (zone 3)

Responses: Yes - 70 No - 8 Other - 0

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 22% No - 3% Other - 0%

ONTARIO (zones 4,5,6 & 7)

Responses: Yes - 8 No - 27 Other - 11

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 3% No - 9% Other - 4%

PRAIRIES (zones 8,9 & 10)

Responses: Yes - 47 No - 17 Other - 16

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 15% No - 5% Other - 5%

BRITISH COLUMBIA (zones 11 & 12)

Responses: Yes - 21 No - 33 Other - 18

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 7% No - 11% Other - 6%

5. PRE NOVICE AND NOVICE INTERMEDIATE CLASSES

A. Do you feel the addition of the Pre-Novice and Novice Intermediate classes are helping increase obedience entries?

TOTAL RESPONSES= 312

BREAKDOWN: YES= 170 / NO= 97/ OTHER= 45

PERCENTAGE: Yes= 54%; No= 31%; Other= 14%

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN

ATLANTIC (zones 1 & 2)

Responses: Yes - 25 No - 12 Other - 1

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 8% No - 4% Other - .3%

QUEBEC (zone 3)

Responses: Yes – 70 No – 8 Other – 0

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 22% No – 3% Other – 0%

ONTARIO (zones 4,5,6 & 7)

Responses: Yes - 8 No - 27 Other - 4

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 3% No – 9% Other – 4%

PRAIRIES (zones 8,9 & 10)

Responses: Yes - 47 No - 17 Other – 16

Percentage of total responses: Yes – 15% No - 5% Other – 5%

BRITISH COLUMBIA (zones 11 & 12)

Responses: Yes - 21 No - 33 Other - 18

Percentage of total responses: Yes – 7% No – 11% Other – 6%

- B. **Pre Novice – What do you like/dislike about this class?**
SEE ZONE RESPONSE REPORTS – No breakdown provided herein
- C. **Novice Intermediate – What do you like/dislike about this class?**
SEE ZONE RESPONSE REPORTS – No breakdown provided herein

6. POST ENTRIES

Would you like to be allowed to post enter a trial(s) -- i.e. enter on the day up to one hour before the trial starts provided space is available?

TOTAL RESPONSES= 293
BREAKDOWN: YES= 188 / NO= 87/ OTHER= 18
PERCENTAGE: Yes= 64%

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN

ATLANTIC (zones 1 & 2)

Responses: Yes - 8 No – 7 Other – 1

Percentage of total responses: Yes – 3% No – 2% Other – .3%

QUEBEC (zone 3)

Responses: Yes – 72 (See Obed Rep rpt) No – 5 Other – 0

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 25% No – 2% Other – 0%

ONTARIO (zones 4,5,6 & 7)

Responses: Yes - 34 No - 13 Other - 5

Percentage of total responses: Yes – 12% No – 4% Other – 2%

PRAIRIES (zones 8,9 & 10)

Responses: Yes - 40 No - 32 Other – 4

Percentage of total responses: Yes – 14% No -11% Other – 1%

BRITISH COLUMBIA (zones 11 & 12)

Responses: Yes - 35 No - 31 Other – 8

Percentage of total responses: Yes – 12% No – 11% Other – 3%

7. EXCUSALS

A What is your opinion of a handler/dog having the option of voluntarily excusing themselves from the group stays if a non qualifying score is received during the individuals? Why?

TOTAL RESPONSES= 296

BREAKDOWN: YES= 190 / NO= 94 / OTHER= 12

PERCENTAGE: Yes= 64%

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN

ATLANTIC (zones 1 & 2)

Responses: Yes - 4 No – 10 Other – 1

Percentage of total responses: Yes – 1% No – 3% Other – .3%

QUEBEC (zone 3)

Responses: Yes – 51 No – 27 Other – 0

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 17% No – 9% Other – 0%

ONTARIO (zones 4,5,6 & 7)

Responses: Yes - 39 No - 12 Other - 2

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 13% No – 4% Other – .6%

PRAIRIES (zones 8,9 & 10)

Responses: Yes - 48 No - 26 Other – 5

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 16% No - 9% Other – 2%

BRITISH COLUMBIA (zones 11 & 12)

Responses: Yes - 49 No - 20 Other - 4

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 17% No - 7% Other - 1%

B What is your opinion of a handler having the option of requesting excusal immediately following ANY failed exercise? Why?

TOTAL RESPONSES= 295

BREAKDOWN: YES= 118 / NO= 160 / OTHER= 17

PERCENTAGE: Yes= 40%; No= 54%, Other= 6%

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN

ATLANTIC (zones 1 & 2)

Responses: Yes - 6 No - 8 Other - 0

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 2% No - 3% Other - 0%

QUEBEC (zone 3)

Responses: Yes - 5 No - 73 Other - 0

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 2% No - 25% Other - 0%

ONTARIO (zones 4,5,6 & 7)

Responses: Yes - 32 No - 15 Other - 1

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 11% No - 5% Other - .3%

PRAIRIES (zones 8,9 & 10)

Responses: Yes - 41 No - 33 Other - 9

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 14% No - 11% Other - 3%

BRITISH COLUMBIA (zones 11 & 12)

Responses: Yes - 35 No - 29 Other - 7

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 12% No - 11% Other - 2%

8. OPEN/UTILITY ORDER OF EXERCISES

- A. Would you be in favor of having a number of different orders of exercises available in Open B for the judge to choose from randomly at the beginning of the trial? All dogs would perform the exercises in the same order for that trial.**

TOTAL RESPONSES= 293
BREAKDOWN: YES= 207 / NO= 67 / OTHER= 21
PERCENTAGE: Yes = 70%

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN

ATLANTIC (zones 1 & 2)
Responses: Yes - 8 No - 6 Other - 2
Percentage of total responses: Yes - 3% No - 2% Other - .6%

QUEBEC (zone 3)
Responses: Yes - 64 (See rpt) No - 14 Other - 0
Percentage of total responses: Yes - 22% No - 5% Other -

ONTARIO (zones 4,5,6 & 7)
Responses: Yes - 41 No - 10 Other - 0
Percentage of total responses: Yes - 14% No - 3% Other - 0%

PRAIRIES (zones 8, 9 & 10)
Responses: Yes - 49 No - 20 Other - 9
Percentage of total responses: Yes - 17% No - 7% Other - 3%

BRITISH COLUMBIA (zones 11 & 12)
Responses: Yes - 47 No - 17 Other - 10
Percentage of total responses: Yes - 16% No - 6% Other - 3%

- B. Would you be in favor of having a number of different orders of exercises available in Utility for the judge to choose from randomly at the beginning of the trial? All dogs would perform the exercises in the same order for that trial.**

TOTAL RESPONSES= 288
BREAKDOWN: YES= 196 / NO= 58 / OTHER= 34
PERCENTAGE: Yes= 68%

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN

ATLANTIC (zones 1 & 2)

Responses: Yes - 8 No - 6 Other - 2
Percentage of total responses: Yes - 3% No - 2% Other - .6%

QUEBEC (zone 3)

Responses: Yes - 73 No - 5 Other - 0
Percentage of total responses: Yes - 25% No - 2% Other -

ONTARIO (zones 4,5,6 & 7)

Responses: Yes - 41 No - 8 Other - 0
Percentage of total responses: Yes - 14% No - 3% Other - 0%

PRAIRIES (zones 8,9 & 10)

Responses: Yes - 37 No - 21 Other - 17
Percentage of total responses: Yes - 13% No - 7% Other - 6%

BRITISH COLUMBIA (zones 11 & 12)

Responses: Yes - 39 No - 18 Other - 15
Percentage of total responses: Yes - 14% No - 6% Other - 5%

C. Would you be in favor of splitting the utility classes into Utility A and Utility B?

TOTAL RESPONSES= 286
BREAKDOWN: YES= 188 / NO= 64 / OTHER= 34
PERCENTAGE: Yes= 65%

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN

ATLANTIC (zones 1 & 2)

Responses: Yes - 4 No - 9 Other - 1
Percentage of total responses: Yes - 1% No - 3% Other - .3%

QUEBEC (zone 3)

Responses: Yes - 78 No - 0 Other - 0
Percentage of total responses: Yes - 27% No - 0% Other - 0%

ONTARIO (zones 4,5,6 & 7)

Responses: Yes - 33 No - 9 Other - 8

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 12% No - 2% Other - 3%

PRAIRIES (zones 8,9 & 10)

Responses: Yes - 39 No - 25 Other - 11

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 14% No - 9% Other - 4%

BRITISH COLUMBIA (zones 11 & 12)

Responses: Yes - 35 No - 22 Other - 14

Percentage of total responses: Yes - 12% No - 8% Other - 5%

9. GUIDELINES FOR OBEDIENCE JUDGES

SEE ZONE RESPONSE REPORTS – No breakdown provided herein

10. SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER CHANGES

SEE ZONE RESPONSE REPORTS – No breakdown provided herein