

Is my dog ready for Family Dog 4 (FD4) or Foundation Skills for Agility 1 (FSFA1)?

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| 1. My dog can move into heel (sit at handler's left side) position with a verbal cue (minimal visual cue if needed) and no lure. My dog can move into a sit position at my right side using verbal and/or hand signals without a lure. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. My dog can execute a sit or down on either the left or right side of my body using verbal and/or hand cues. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. My dog will move away from me to a target (dog bed, mark bucket, platform, etc.) when cued from six feet away. He will remain there until released or cued to do another behavior, even if I move away from him. Teams who wish to take Foundation Skills for Agility must be able to do this using the mark bucket and "mark" position (dog's two front feet on the mark bucket, rear legs in a stand). | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. My dog can perform a sit or down for a 3-minute duration under significant distractions (e.g., toys, people, dogs, noisemakers, moving objects, etc. within six feet). My dog can maintain a sit or down while I disengage (back facing the dog) and walk away at a normal pace up to six feet away. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. My dog will perform a sit or down while facing me from two feet away using a verbal cue only (no hand signals needed). | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. My dog will wait and remain at a threshold (door, etc.) with only a verbal cue even if I am moving. When released the dog moves toward me. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. My dog can walk next to me for a distance of 100 feet with the leash dragging or draped over my shoulder under moderate distraction (e.g. people, dogs, novel objects, etc. moving within 10 feet) without using visible treats or toys. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. My dog will recall (come, here, etc.) to me from 40 feet when two or more dogs are recalled simultaneously 10 feet away or when there are toys or food along the dog's path. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. My dog will disregard (leave it) an item of interest upon verbal cue with a loose leash and without physical interference (leash pulling, body block, etc.). | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. My dog is mostly quiet in a crate in class. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. My dog can refocus (and maintain focus) on me under considerable distraction in class or out in the real world. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

*If you answered "yes" to at least 8 of these statements, you are likely ready for **Family Dog 4**. Skills 1-4 and 10-11 as well as passage of Family Dog 3 are required for **Foundation Skills for Agility 1**.*